

# St Martin's CE Newsletter

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## Matthew 5:16

As we come to the end of a busy term, it is clear that the hard work taking place across our school is paying off. The commitment, professionalism and determination shown by staff, alongside the effort and resilience of our pupils, are making a real difference. We are seeing positive improvements in learning, behaviour and attitudes, which reflect the high expectations we continue to set for ourselves and each other.

I would like to thank staff for their continued dedication and willingness to go the extra mile, often behind the scenes, to ensure our pupils receive the very best education and support. I am also grateful to parents and carers for their ongoing partnership and encouragement at home, which plays such an important role in our shared success.

While there is still more work to do, the progress we are making together is encouraging. By continuing to work collaboratively and maintain our focus, I am confident we will build on this momentum and achieve even more in the term ahead.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Class	Attendance
NBM am	82.8%
NBM pm	100%
NBM All Day	94.7%
RAM	83%
1LH	80.7%
2EH	96%
3DJ	90.4%
4ZT	87.5%
5SD	69.5%
SHJ	96.5%
6CB	88.8%
6SW	84.1%
Whole School	90.97%

*Inspired by Martin of Tours, our Christian school warmly embraces all. We see our children as courageous advocates, shaping communities now and for the future. Guided by compassion, trust, prayer and a spirit of generosity, our children flourish and shine as beacons of light, making a positive impact on society.*



### School Notices:

We've got an exciting way for you to support St Martin's and it won't cost you a single penny extra!

Here's how it works: Every time you shop online whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking a holiday 8,000+ retailers like Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, ASOS, Booking.com and many more will donate to us for FREE through easyfundraising! Yep, you heard that right raise money just by shopping like usual!

For the month of October, for everyone who joins via the easyfundraising App, we'll get a £2 bonus for each new supporter! Plus, when more than 10 sign up, we'll unlock more bonus funding! It's quick, it's easy, and it's FREE get the App now at and choose to support St Martin's CE Primary West Drayton once installed <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/> Thanks for your continued support.

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These children have all been awarded for showing the school values or 'Shining Brightly' this week—how can you show the school values and let your light shine?

Class	Beacon of the Week	Value Award for the week
Nursery	Jaden	Daisy
Reception	Zivai	Whole Class
1LH	Rasmika	Whole Class
2EH	Toso	Whole Class
3DJ	Whole Class	Archie
4ZT	Oliver	Noah
5HJ	Helin	Belal
5SD	Bella-Mae	Whole Class
6CB	Eri	Wilson
6SW	Alianza	Harvey

Click on the link for the latest updates at St. Martin's Church

<http://www.stmartinwestdrayton.org.uk>

*'To enable spiritual growth and show the love of God to everyone'*

**Question for thought:**

***If a tree falls in the forest and there is nobody around, does it make a sound?***

**As a family, you can discuss the above question...what do you think?**

If you have any safeguarding concerns please ask to speak to one of the following adults: Mr Rowden (Deputy Head, Designated Safeguarding lead), Mrs Coates (Headteacher), Miss Baxter (KS2 Lead) or Miss Higgins (Assistant Headteacher, SENDCo).

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had at St Martins this week.

At the beginning of the week, Years 1 and 2 blew parents away with their outstanding performance of the birth of Jesus in their Nativity. It was lovely to see all of the children showing our school value of courage, to perform in front of the parents.

On Thursday, it was KS2's turn to perform their carol concert to parents using their angelic voices, to present the birth of Jesus. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces in the audience whilst we were performing and hope you all enjoyed it.

The Lighthouse have been making snow globes and Christmas bells.

Reception and Nursery have been enjoying sharing stories and songs with their parents.

Year 1 and 2 have been practising the Nativity performance

Year 3 and year 4 have been practising their 6, 7 times tables.

Year 5 have been building structures from spaghetti, to see which one could hold the most

And finally year 6 were practising the 12 days of Christmas to share with everyone as a surprise to our school community.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Diary Dates	
19.12	End of Term—School closes @ 14:00
05.01.26	School closed to pupils
06.01.26	School reopens at 08:35
22.01.26	Library Assembly
27.01.26	Panto for all children
04.02.26	Young Voices Choir visit
06.02.26	St. Martins' got Talent
13.02.26	School closes at 15:20 for half term
23.02.26	School closed to pupils

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**What a wonderfully busy week: Nativity performances, Craft Afternoons, Carol Concerts!**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the continuing support of the school. It has been a joy to watch the children perform with all their heart and seeing how wonderfully they have done.**

**Next term starts on Tuesday 6th January, bright and early at 08:35.**

**We hope you have a fantastic break and come back feeling refreshed and rejuvenated, ready for the term ahead.**



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## PARENT EVENT

We're planning a new-style parent event for early 2026 and would love your input! Your feedback will help us create a more focused, accessible, and engaging experience, with themed sessions, Q&A opportunities, and practical information on SEND, education, social care, and more. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your views.

Parent Conference



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## CHRISTMAS FUN DAYS



**PRO SOCCER COACHING**

**VENUE**  
SWARLEYS SCHOOL, CLIFTON GARDENS,  
UXBRIDGE, UB10 0EJ

**DATES**  
MONDAY 22nd – TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

**TIME**  
9AM-3PM

**AGE**  
4-12 YEARS

**PRICES**  
£40 FOR 2 FUN FILLED DAY  
+£25 SIBLING FOR 2 DAYS

**DAILY RATE: £25**  
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**EACH CHILD RECIEVES  
A MEDAL.**

**EXTRA MEDALS AND  
TROPHIES TO BE  
WON THROUGHOUT!**

**HAF**  
HAF Places Available

## PRO SOCCER COACHING

**EVENING  
DEVELOPMENT  
COURSE  
AT  
BARNHILL SCHOOL  
HAYES**

**VENUE:** YEADING LANE , UB4 9LE

**WHEN:** EVERY MONDAY (EXL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

**REC-YEAR 1 : 6pm-7pm**    **YEAR 2-YEAR 3 : 6pm-7pm**  
**YEAR 4-YEAR 5: 7pm-8pm**    **YEAR 6-YEAR 7: 7pm-8pm**

**MEMBERSHIP PRICES**  
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**EVENING  
DEVELOPMENT  
COURSE  
AT  
SWAKELEYS  
SCHOOL  
UXBRIDGE**

**VENUE:** Clifton Gardens, UB10 0EJ

**WHEN:** EVERY THURSDAY (EXL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

**REC-YEAR 1 : 6pm-7pm**    **YEAR 2-YEAR 3 : 6pm-7pm**  
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**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2026 Information**

In this fantastic 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

- **Dates:** Mon 16-Fri 20 Feb 2026 (5 days)
- **Open to Children:** Ages 5-12 Years (only)
- **Venues:** Across London (look right>)
- **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs).

Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

- **Day Places:** Limited day-places available to book online

**Early Bird and Multi-Book DISCOUNT!**

**VENUES Serving**

**NW London**

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- Harrow
- Hillingdon
- Westminster

**NE London**

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- Haringey
- Islington
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

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we also do  
**THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!**

**Science Whizz! - New for 2026**

<p><b>Day 1&gt; Science Mix!</b> Rainbow Paper! Balancing Robot! Balloon Zoom! <b>Day 2&gt; Science Fun!</b> Crystal Letters! Static Shock! Dino Discovery! <b>Day 3&gt; Science Blast!</b> Super Slime! Whole Earth! Food Chain Cup Stack!</p>	<p><b>Day 4&gt; Science Slam!</b> In a Spin! Hummingbird Spinner! Chromatography Bouquets! <b>Day 5&gt; Science Wham!</b> Rain, Rain Go Away! MR FABI! Flying Fish!</p>
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and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!

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**next gen** Hillingdon's Youth Offer **A Next Gen Christmas**

**Monday 29th December**  
Harlington Young People's Centre  
Juniors (School Years 4-6) 10:15am - 12:45pm  
Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:15pm - 3:45pm  
The Wren Centre Ruislip  
Inters (School Years 7-9) 4:00pm - 6:30pm

**Tuesday 30th December**  
Harlington Young Peoples Centre  
Juniors (School Years 4-6) 10:15am - 12:45pm  
Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:15pm - 3:45pm

**Wednesday 31st December**  
Ruislip Young People's Centre  
Inters (School Years 7-9) 12:00pm - 2:30pm

**Friday 2nd January**  
St. Margarets Church Uxbridge  
Inters & Seniors (School Years 7+) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Harlington Young People's Centre  
Juniors (School Years 4-6) 1:15pm - 3:45pm  
Seniors (School Years 10+) 4:15pm - 6:45pm

Ruislip Young People's Centre  
Juniors (School Years 4 - 6) 4:00pm-6:30pm  
Seniors (School years 10+) 7:00pm-9:30pm

**All sessions are drop-in - no need to book**  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/universal-programmes](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/universal-programmes)

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School Friend Club @ St. Martin's

**Promo code: AutumnMember2025**

Valid July 30th 2025—October 24th 2025

Annual Family Registration Fee: £25.00

Session times/rates: 15:15—18:00

£12.25 per day, siblings £11.75 (snacks included)

- Convenient booking online or over the phone
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- Totally flexible, to suit your needs
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