



ST MARTIN'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter



WHINLESS DOWN
ACADEMY TRUST

5th September 2025

WELCOME BACK!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families. Pupils in Year R, Dover Class, have settled beautifully this week, impressing us all and no doubt making their families feel very proud!

To all of our existing families, welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer. Your children have provided excellent role models to our new starters this week - what a positive start to the year! I look forward to working closely with you all this year.

Mrs Thompson, Headteacher

HOME LEARNING










Next Friday, for children in Years 1-6 will be sending out Curriculum Newsletters and Home Learning. In the meantime, please remember to read, practice number bonds and times tables. From term 2, we are looking to change our approach to home learning - please keep an eye out for an opportunity to have a sneak peek at our revised structure later this term.

For those children in Dover Class, please keep an eye out on the Evidence Me app for ways you can engage in learning at home as the term progresses.



PE DAYS

-  Dover (YR): Fridays
-  Deal (Y1): Fridays
-  Dymchurch (Y2): Thursdays
-  Broastairs (Y3): Mondays
-  Walmer (Y4): Thursdays
-  Folkestone (Y5): Mondays
-  Margate (Y6): Fridays

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Please note, teachers check emails daily but not during teaching time or outside of their working hours. Urgent enquiries should always be made via the office.



COMING UP

Photos – Braiswick will be in to take individual pupil photos next week. There will also be an opportunity between 8:30–9am for parents to bring siblings into the hall for sibling photos. These will be done on a ‘first come first served’ basis, however, we usually manage to fit everyone in! Please line up using the zig-zag slope at the rear of the hall no earlier than 8:20am.

Meet the Teacher – We are planning to run our Meet the Teacher session soon. This is a short, informal opportunity for you to introduce yourself to your child’s new teacher and see their classroom. Children will be dismissed to you as usual and then our doors will remain open.

Coffee Morning – Juliet would love to welcome our parents to her coffee morning on Monday 8th September from 8:45–9:45am in the Eaves Room. Following this, coffee mornings will be held monthly, on the first Monday of the month.



DOUBLE UP

Double Up house points are back! This term’s focus is on respectful play during break and lunch times.



Happy Hippo



Courageous Cat



Responsible Rabbit



Motivated Monkey



Respectful Rhino



DIARY DATES:

- 08.09.25 Coffee Morning
- 10.09.25 Braiswick Individual Photos
- 11.09.25 Kent Test for Year 6
- TBC 18.09.25 Y4 Trip to Roman Painted House
- TBC 22.09.25 Meet the Teacher, 3:15–3:45pm
- TBC 26.09.25 Y3 Trip to The Warren

- 20.10.25–24.10.25 Half Term

- 27.10.09 Term 2 Starts
- 27.10.25 Flu Immunisations
- 03.11.25 Y6 Trip to Hawthorne Trenches
- TBC 10.11.25 Y6 Trip to the Cenotaph
- 12.11.25–13.11.25 Parent Consultations
- 04.12.25 9:15am KS1 Nativity
- 05.12.25 2:15pm KS1 Nativity
- 08.12.25 2:15pm EYFS Nativity
- 09.12.25 9:15am EYFS Nativity
- 12.12.25 3:30pm Christmas Fair
- 16.12.25 9:15am Y3/4 Christingle
- 17.12.25 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 18.12.25 Christmas Party Day
- 18.12.25 Term 2 Ends
- 19.12.25 Staff Development Day

Further Term dates can be found on our school website here: [Term Dates](#)

TOYS

Please be reminded that pupils should not bring into school any toys from home (unless agreed under special circumstances). This is to avoid items being lost or damaged.

Learning to Dream, Learning to Believe, Able to Succeed