



ST MARTIN'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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ACADEMY TRUST

## 12th September 2025

### A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank all parents and families who showed such kindness and concern for our local community yesterday, when a property opposite the school experienced a significant house fire.

We are all very grateful that no one was hurt, however our thoughts remain with the family that will have been affected by this event in many other ways. The incident served as a reminder of the importance of careful parking outside the school. Watching the fire engines carefully squeeze through the narrow gaps along Markland Road reminded us of how crucial it is that cars are parked responsibly on our road - we are also grateful that this was the case at the time of the fire, meaning the fire service could focus on getting to the property quickly and carrying out the excellent work that they provide as a service without delay.

Mrs Thompson, Headteacher



### WRAP AROUND CARE

As you may know, since last Spring we have been exploring options for extending our after school club offer across our trust. I am pleased to communicate that a company called 'TW Clubs' are now working with the trust to get a club up and running. They are currently going through the motions of setting everything up ready for this and we are hopeful that this will be up and running at some point during Term 2. As soon as we know more, we will provide further updates to parents.

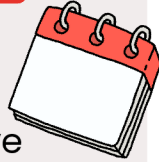
### ONLINE SAFETY

Have you seen the September Online Safety Newsletter? This was sent out last week and is also available on our school website under the Safeguarding page. [Click here](#) to view this.

Read useful information and advice about Roblox, Coverstar, AI and grooming in the September addition.



## 'TBC' DATES



You may have noticed that in our Diary Dates section, we have started to include some 'TBC' dates. These are provisional dates for events that are upcoming. Once dates are confirmed, we will remove the 'TBC'. We have also published dates further ahead than we usually do, such as dates and times for our Christmas nativities. Sometimes things come up that mean our event dates need to change, but more frequently, they go ahead as planned. We're trialing this approach, publishing event dates with greater notice, to see if this works better for our families. Got a view on this? We'd love to hear your feedback - please catch us on the gate or pop an email over if you want to share your opinions!

## 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.



## DIARY DATES:

- 18.09.25 Y4 Trip to Roman Painted House
- 22.09.25 Meet the Teacher, 3:15-3:45pm
- 26.09.25 Y3 Trip to The Warren
- 06.10.25 Coffee Morning
- TBC 08.10.25 Harvest Festivals: 2pm for Y4, 5, 6 and 2:30pm for YR, 1, 2, 3 at St Martin's Church
- 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
- 03.11.25 Coffee Morning
- TBC 10.11.25 Y6 Trip to the Cenotaph
- 12.11.25-13.11.25 Parent Consultations
- 01.12.25 Coffee Morning
- 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](#)

## HOME LEARNING AND CURRICULUM LETTERS

Coming out today for Years 1-6, are the term 1 Curriculum Letters and Home Learning grids. These will also be available throughout the term on your child's Class Page of our website. Should you have any trouble locating these, please let us know. Year R continue to receive information via the Evidence Me app.



Learning to **Dream**, Learning to **Believe**, Able to **Succeed**