



ST MARTIN'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter



WHINLESS DOWN
ACADEMY TRUST

19th September 2025

CHANGES TO SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year, we're trialling a new approach to our School Council. Instead of electing a single class representative to attend meetings throughout the year, we're introducing a Direct Democracy model through our new initiative: 'Let's Talk'.

Let's Talk is an open invitation for pupils to attend a meeting once per term, each focused on a specific theme or topic. This approach gives all pupils—especially those who feel passionate about certain issues—the chance to have their voices heard directly.

We introduced the idea during Monday's assembly, and many children were excited and eager to take part.

We are also considering offering Let's Talk sessions for parents, providing an opportunity for you to share your views and be involved in shaping school life. Watch this space!

Mrs Thompson, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE



Dover Class %



Folkestone Class %



Dymchurch Class %



LET'S TALK

ABOUT

CHARITIES



Have your say!



Wednesday 24th September

12:40pm



Margate Classroom

Don't Miss It!



UNIFORM

The children look fantastic in their uniforms - it's great to see everyone looking so smart and ready to learn!

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled to help us return lost items quickly.

A quick reminder: black school shoes or plain black trainers should be worn.

Thank you for helping us keep our school smart and tidy!

YOUNG CARERS

Could your child be a young carer?

We are again updating our records to identify pupils who may be young carers, so we can offer them the right support. A young carer is anyone under 18 who helps care for a family member with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or addiction. This can include physical care, household tasks, or emotional support.

If you believe your child may be a young carer, please email the school office with the subject line 'Young Carer', so our pastoral team can update our records and provide appropriate support.



DIARY DATES:

New or changed dates are in blue.

22.09.25 Meet the Teacher, 3:15-3:45pm

26.09.25 Y3 Trip to The Warren

06.10.25 Coffee Morning

13.10.25 Harvest Festivals: 2pm for Y4, 5, 6 and 2:30pm for YR, 1, 2, 3 at St Martin's Church

TBC 17.10.25 Y5 Betteshanger Trip

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

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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](#)

UPDATING INFORMATION

As we start a new academic year, often details such as addresses, phone numbers and arrangement for adults collecting children will have changed. Please let our school office know of any changes so that we can ensure our records are up to date.



Happy Hippo



Courageous Cat



Responsible Rabbit



Motivated Monkey



Respectful Rhino

Learning to Dream, Learning to Believe, Able to Succeed