



ST MARTIN'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter



WHINLESS DOWN
ACADEMY TRUST

10th October 2025

GET CAUGHT READING!

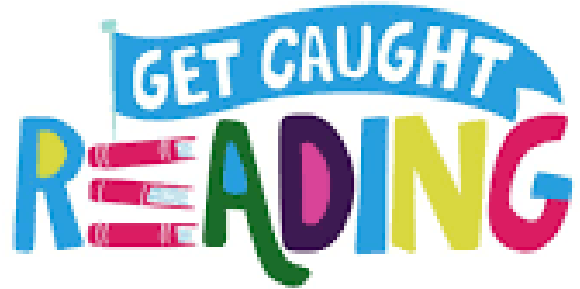
At St Martin's, we believe that reading is not just a skill – it's an adventure! We want to inspire all our children to read for pleasure and discover the joy that books can bring. To celebrate this, we're launching our **Get Caught Reading** challenge! We're inviting parents to take photos of their children reading in the most unusual or creative places they can think of – whether at the beach, in the bath, or in a homemade reading den! Whose will be the most unusual? Send your photos to us at getcaughtreading@stmartins.kent.sch.uk no later than Monday 27th October – we can't wait to see where you get caught reading!



ONLINE SAFETY

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

Read information about YouTube, WhatsApp and the impact of AI on Mental Health.



ATTENDANCE



Dymchurch Class 98.9%



Broadstairs Class 98.2%



Deal Class 97.4%



DIARY DATES:

New or changed dates are in blue.

13.10.25 Harvest Festivals: 9:15am for Y4, 5, 6 and 9:45m for YR, 1, 2, 3 at St Martin's Church

13.10.25 Y1 Trip to Dover Beach

14.10.25 Year 3 Learning Landing

17.10.25 Y5 Betteshanger Trip

20.10.25–24.10.25 Half Term

27.10.25 Term 2 Starts

27.10.25 Flu Immunisations

03.11.25 Y6 Trip to Hawthorne Trenches

03.11.25 Coffee Morning

TBC 06.11.25 Year 2 Trip to Turner Gallery

TBC 10.11.25 Y6 Trip to the Cenotaph

12.11.25–13.11.25 Parent Consultations

01.12.25 Coffee Morning

14.11.25 Children in Need Day

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](#)

YEAR 3 – RELOCATION OF LEARNING LANDING

Broadstairs Class's Learning Landing will now be held in the Year 3 Classroom at 14:30 on Tuesday 14th October. Feel free to drop in to read your child's poetry and look through their books.

Entrance from the Markland Road gate only.

Book your **FREE** workshops now

PARENT SEND INFORMATION DAY

- Get help and advice
- Learn ways to support your child
- Talk to people from schools, health, and charities

Book here



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16th October 2025 10am - 4pm

Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF



TODDLER GROUP

Do you have a child aged 0–4 years? We'd love to welcome you to the Whinless Down Academy Trust's Toddler Group, held every Thursday morning from 9:00–10:30am at Priory Fields School.

Each week features a different theme, giving little ones the chance to explore a variety of fun toys and activities. Meanwhile, parents and carers can relax with a hot drink and enjoy a friendly chat.

Juliet attends every week, so you'll always see a familiar, welcoming face!

We hope to see you there soon!



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