



ST MARTIN'S  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter



WHINLESS DOWN  
ACADEMY TRUST

## 15th May 2026

### WELL DONE, YEAR 6

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for approaching their KS2 SATs tests this week with such a positive attitude.

We have been incredibly proud of the way they have shown our school values throughout the week, demonstrating courage, respect and motivation in everything they do.

Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 6!

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last week, Year 4 went to the National History Museum in London. They loved looking around at all the exhibits and enjoyed experiencing what an earthquake could feel like. They also had fun at the Lego workshop, creating different structures that could help the oceans stay clean and allow the animal's habitats not to be endangered.



### FOOTBALL

As per the letter sent out earlier today, please remember that **football is not permitted on the playground before or after school, including with balls brought from home.**

As these times are unsupervised, this is an important safety measure.

Thank you for supporting us by reminding children not to bring footballs into school and helping to keep everyone safe.



Don't forget next Friday (22nd May) is tag day – in return, please bring sweets for our summer fair's sweet tombola (no chocolate please as this tends to melt!)



## YEAR 5 PARENTS - KENT TEST REGISTRATION

If you would like your child in Year 5 to sit the Kent Test for consideration for placement at a grammar school, you need to register them for the test online.

Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 and close on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

Please click the link below for more information and to apply your child for the test:

[Register for the Kent Test – Kent County Council](#)

**If your child has an SEND**, please ensure that you speak to Mrs Cador, our school SENCO, if you are considering applying your child for the test. This will allow us to make a request for any special arrangements that your child may need during the tests.

You should have already received communication earlier this week about the Dover Grammar School for Boys' entrance test and how to apply for this. We will continue to forward on any further information from local secondary schools.

## DIARY DATES:

New or changed dates are in blue.

- 19.05.26 10:30am – NELFT Parent Workshop – Understanding Neurodiversity (Virtual)
- 22.05.26 TAG DAY – sweet tombola/ raffle donations
- 22.05.26 End of Term 5
- 01.06.26 Term 6 Starts
- 01.06.26 TAG DAY – Bring a Bottle/raffle donations
- 01.06.26 – Kent Test registration opens (for Y5 parents)
- 02.06.26 Y6 Trip to Joss Bay
- 05.06.26 – 12:45–3:30pm Parent Picnic and Summer Fair
- 10.06.26 10:30am– NELFT Parent Workshop – Moving to Secondary School (Virtual)
- 11.06.26 1:30pm– KS2 Sports Day at Vale View
- 12.06.26 – 2:45pm Read Alongside Afternoon Tea
- 15.06.26 1:30pm – EYFS/KS1 Sports Day at Vale View
- 23.06.26 10:30am– NELFT Parent Workshop – Starting Primary School (Virtual)
- 24.06.26–26.06.26 – Y6 Trip to Kingswood
- 01.07.26 – Kent Test registration closes (for Y5 parents)
- 02.07.26 – Y6 Transition Day
- 06.07.26 5:30pm– NELFT Parent Workshop – Moving to Secondary School (Virtual)
- 07.07.26 6pm Y6 Play Performance
- 13.07.26 5:30–7pm Y6 Leavers' Disco
- 15.07.26 Parent Drop In Consultations
- 17.07.26 9:15am Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Further Term dates can be found here:

[Term Dates](#)

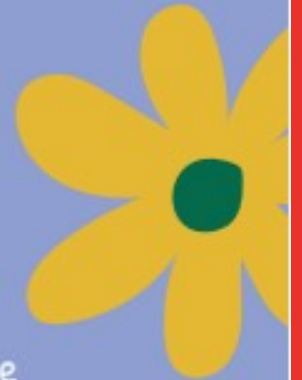


Learning to Dream, Learning to Believe, Able to Succeed

# KENT ART COMPETITION

THE  
KENT COUNTY SHOW  
With Trail Blazers

FOR AGES 4-11



Create a piece of art inspired by farming or the countryside and have your artwork on display at the Kent County Show, 3-5 July 2026.

EVERY ENTRANT will receive one free child and one free adult ticket to The Kent County Show at Detling Showground.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Win a Trail Blazers Fishing Party or Forest Adventure Experience for you and 9 friends

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Receive a one to one fishing lesson and a two day fishing pass at a Trail Blazers Lake

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Win a family ticket to Biddenden Tractorfest for two adults and two children for the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> August



ENTER BY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO BE IN WITH YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Interested in entering? Please speak to the office to request an entry form.