



ST MARTIN'S
SCHOOL

Newsletter



WHINLESS DOWN
ACADEMY TRUST

12th June 2026

THE BIG FUTURE!

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched an initiative called, 'The Big Future', to hear from all children across England on what they think is important!

Children are being asked to imagine that they could create a world designed for children and young people and what this might look like. They are being asked to consider what may make their local area better and what the government can do to make their lives better.

As part of this initiative, schools like ours have been encouraged to speak to children about the project and provide opportunity for them to take part in a survey with their responses. We will be introducing this to children in our assembly on Monday morning, and children will be given a chance across the week to respond to the survey. Children do not have to answer any questions that they do not want to.

Find out more on the Children's Commissioners' website, here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>



Responsible Rabbit says:
"Have your say, do your bit,
and help shape our future.
That's democracy in
action!"

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

A gentle reminder to parents to please ensure that children bring a healthy lunchbox to school. To support healthy eating, we ask that lunchboxes do not contain chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy drinks. Thank you for your support in helping our children make healthy choices and develop positive eating habits.



PE KITS - SPORTS DAYS

Please can children come to school **wearing their PE kits for sports days**. Children are welcome to wear a **plain** t-shirt in their house colour if they would like to!

Don't forget to bring in sun cream, hats and water bottles too!

As most children are collected from Vale View after sports day, bookbags can either be left at home on Monday or stay overnight at school. Lunchboxes will be brought up to Vale View with children, unless they are booked for an after school club.



PURCELL MUSIC - YEAR 5

Last week, Year 5 were visited by students from the Purcell School for Young Musicians, Britain's oldest music school and one of the world's leading centres for musical education. They were first introduced to the Purcell students, the instruments they played and the different genres of music they enjoyed playing. Our children were enthralled as the students played known pop songs through to George Gershwin and classical pieces. Their reaction to the music and the young people playing was a joy to watch. Following this, children spent time with individual Purcell students taking part in composition, music through drama and rhythm making, before performing what they had produced back to everyone. We hope all of those who attended the final performance enjoyed this.



ATTENDANCE



Walmer Class



Folkestone Class



Dymchurch Class



Happy Hippo



Courageous Cat



Responsible Rabbit



Motivated Monkey



Respectful Rhino

Learning to Dream, Learning to Believe, Able to Succeed

DIARY DATES:

New or changed dates are in blue.

- 15.06.26 1:30pm - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day at Vale View
- 16.06.26 YR Trip to Walmer Castle
- 19.06.26 Y1 trip to Felderland Farm
- 23.06.26 10:30am- NELFT Parent Workshop - Starting Primary School (Virtual)
- 24.06.26 No Y4 swimming this week
- 24.06.26 Yoga workshops for children
- 24.06.26-26.06.26 - Y6 Trip to Kingswood
- 29.06.26 Y6 Transition event based at Priory Fields
- 30.06.26 Whole School Transition Afternoon with next year's teacher
- 01.07.26 - Kent Test registration closes (for Y5 parents)
- 02.07.26 - Y6 Transition Day/ Whole School Transition Day
- 06.07.26 Y5 trip to the lunchtime concert at Charlton Church
- 06.07.26 5:30pm- NELFT Parent Workshop - Moving to Secondary School (Virtual)
- 07.07.26 1:30pm - KS2 Sports Day at Vale View
- 07.07.26 6pm Y6 Play Performance
- 10.07.26 Reports home to parents
- 13.07.26 5:30-7pm Y6 Leavers' Disco
- 14.07.26 and 16.07.26 Back up dates for Sports Day
- 15.07.26 Parent Drop In Consultations
- 17.07.26 9:15am Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents

Further Term dates can be found here:

[Term Dates](#)

We are thrilled to announce that our summer fair raised over £1000 for our school and its pupils! Thank you to everybody for attending and for your generous contributions of raffle prizes, bottles, sweets and money spent at the fair!

