

2ND OCTOBER 2026

RECOGNITION AWARDS

We are delighted to share that St Martin's School, alongside our other Trust schools, have recently been awarded two important marks of recognition for the work we are doing to support our pupils and provide both a safe and enriching school environment.



Music Mark of Recognition

We have been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition in recognition of our commitment to music-making and musical development across the school. The award celebrates schools that engage positively with the Kent & Medway Music Hub and demonstrate a commitment to providing opportunities for pupils to develop their musical skills and enjoyment of music.



Safety Mark – Platinum Award

We are also incredibly proud to have achieved the Safety Mark Platinum Award – the highest level available! This recognises the work we do across our schools to maintain high standards of safety and ensure that our pupils have a secure environment in which to learn, play and thrive.

Both awards reflect the hard work and commitment of our staff and the many ways in which we strive to provide the very best experiences and opportunities for our children.



TOP 5 PLATFORMS AND APPS LINKED TO ONLINE CHILD ABUSE

The NSPCC has published new Childline data highlighting the online platforms most frequently mentioned by children seeking support about **significant** online harm.

Between April 2025 and March 2026, **Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Discord** and **WhatsApp** were the five platforms mentioned most often, appearing in almost 900 Childline counselling sessions.

We urge parents and carers to [read the NSPCC's full article and advice for parents](#)

Although shocking, the figures are a useful reminder to keep talking to children about online safety and to check which apps they use, who they communicate with and what safety settings are in place. A regular conversation can help children feel confident about staying safe online and knowing where to turn if something doesn't feel right.

FOLKESTONE CLASS VISIT BETTESHANGER

Folkestone Class had a brilliant time this week visiting Betteshanger for a team building and orienteering day.

The action-packed day included mountain biking, archery, 'the floor is lava' obstacle course and orienteering. Everyone demonstrated our school values of Courageous Cat, giving new experiences a try, and were Respectful Rhinos towards the staff and other visitors at Betteshanger.

Mrs Thomson was very proud of you all!

DIARY DATES:

New or changed dates are in blue.

01.10.26-05.10.26 Book Fair
07.10.26 Harvest Festivals (Y4-6 09:15, YR-3 09:45)
14.10.26-16.10.26 PGL Y6 Residential Trip
16.10.26 Y5 Emotional Explorers Sessions with NELFT start (Details to follow)
19.10.26 - YR -Y6 Flu Vaccinations
20.10.26 YR and Y6 Height and Weight Checks
20.10.26 Y3 Learning Landing in the classroom (entrance via Markland Road gate only) 14:45
21.10.26 Y5 Learning Landing in the hall (entrance via Eaves Road gate only) 14:30
22.10.26 Y6 Learning Landing in the hall (entrance via Eaves Road gate only) 14:50
22.10.26 Y3 Fossil Hunt Trip
23.10.26 End of Term 1
02.11.26 Term 2 Starts
06.11.26 TTRS/Number Dress Up Day
11.11.26 Y6 Cenotaph Trip
11.11.26 and 12.11.26 Parent Consultations
24.11.26 Y6 Trip to Hawthorne Trenches
04.12.26 PM KS1 Nativity (Y1/2)
07.12.26 AM KS1 Nativity (Y1/2)
07.12.26 PM YR Nativity
09.12.26 AM YR Nativity
11.12.26 Christmas Fair 15:30

Further Term dates can be found here:

[Term Dates](#)



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