

NEWSLETTER

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Next Manner of the Week
We use our cutlery correctly.

The Royal Academy of Arts will once again be hosting the 'Young Artists' Summer Show'. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage creatively, offering your child the chance to make and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme, and any artwork of any kind is accepted. Full details will be sent out to parents by email. If your child would like to submit a piece of work, please [complete the permission form](#) attached. Any artwork must be brought to school by Wednesday 26th February along with the permission form. This can be handed to the office, clearly marked for the attention of Mrs Hosken.



World Language Day As sent out via School Comms this week, we would love for any parents/family who speak another language to come into school and share this with the children on **Friday 28th February**, to celebrate International Mother Language Day. When we did this last year, many parents who came in said they found this a really valuable experience, and the children loved it too! To sign up, please [click on this link](#) and let us know by Friday 31st January.



SEND coffee afternoon We have a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) coffee afternoon on Monday 27th January at 2.30pm. Please email inclusionadmin@stmartinsepsom.school if you would like to attend.

REMA workshop postponed We have unfortunately had to postpone the REMA (Race Equality and Minority Achievement) session due to take place on Monday 20th January due to the low number of people signing up. The meeting, which includes the importance of talking in first language, celebrating and sharing your culture and multilingualism, will be moved to March and more details will be sent out nearer the time.

Girls dressing up clothes for Early Years In case you are having a January clear out at home, we would be very grateful for any donations of girls dressing up/fancy dress clothes for Early years children. Thank you in advance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 20th Jan** —Year 6 digital detox commences
- Wed 22nd Jan**—Year 3 Spinnaker RE day
- Thur 23rd Jan**— Young Voices choir concert at O2 arena, 7pm
- Fri 24th Jan**—PTFA meeting, 9am, Room 9 in school, all welcome
- Fri 24th Jan**—Spotlight on Learning assembly, Otter class, 9am, large hall
- Mon 27th Jan**— SEND coffee afternoon, 2.30 -3.15pm, Infant hall
- Mon 27th Jan**—PTFA second-hand uniform sale, 3.10pm, large playground
- Wed 29th Jan**—Year 6 trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Epsom Playhouse, 1.30pm, collection from school @4pm
- Fri 31st Jan**—Spotlight on Learning Assembly Vole class—Infant hall, 9am (rescheduled) Pine class— large hall, 9am

Term dates A reminder that term dates for 2025-26 are now on the school website. [Click here to view.](#)

This week's house points	
Durdans	487
Hylands	335
Maidstone	296
Woodcote	383



Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Oliver** in Pine class, Year 6, for his fantastic effort during our dance sessions when learning a stomp and clap sequence. Well done Oliver!



Cross Country Challenge



The children have now completed their second round of our school cross country challenge, and the results are below. All the children worked so hard to improve their scores and there was a great buzz around the school with children excited to beat their personal best. With 700 miles completed in the first round, it was a tough task to beat!

HOUSE	Round 1	Round 2	TOTAL laps increase
Durdans	855	1452	579
Woodcote	899	1437	538
Maidstone	880	1393	513
Hylands	866	1367	501

Well done to Durdans for increasing their number of laps by 579! Children in **DURDANS** will receive a special non-uniform day on **Friday 24th January** when they will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform with a focus on their sports clothing of choice (for example: clothing they wear for a sport outside of school, their favourite sport or their favourite team).

One boy and one girl from each year group has also been awarded with a special medal for their fantastic effort in the challenge.

Early Years: Henry M and Nadia D

Year 1: Dylan Cand Nerea W

Year 2: Juliana G and Jesse L-G

Year 3: Evan M and Annie B

Year 4: Johnny G and Joanna A

Year 5: Noah E and Chloe B

Year 6: Harris H and Hattie W



Congratulations to all our children for their fantastic effort during this challenge!

Lunchtime Clubs at St Martin's

We hope that the children in years 3-6 enjoyed attending the various clubs on offer at lunchtime this week. Teachers have reported how popular the clubs have been!

A reminder that lunchtime clubs for Years 1 and 2 start on Monday including Cosmic Yoga, Lego, Drawing, Gardening and more.

Early Years children will be invited to join clubs in the Summer term.

School Attendance

Each week in the newsletter we will tell you the school attendance for the previous week and list the classes who had the highest attendance.

7th-10th January 2025

Infant Attendance last week: 95.4%

Highest class was **Fox** with 100%
Well done Fox Class!

Junior attendance last week: 96.2%

Highest class was **Plum** with 100%.
Fantastic!!

Closely followed by **Oak** class
with 99.2%

Lost Property update

We are trying to re-unite some rather lovely winter coats and other accessories with their rightful owners:

Please take a look to see if any of these items belong to your child.....





We have moved the Lost Property box to somewhere warm and dry! It is now located indoors in the area just outside the library. (head through 'the wave' area in the large playground and through the door straight ahead of you.)





PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting is:
 Friday 24th January at 9am
 Venue: 'Room 9' in school (next to library)

Upcoming PTFA Meeting Changes

Following a review of the upcoming PTFA meetings, we would like to share the following updates:

- Morning meetings:

- o Will continue on a Friday
- o Will be moved from 8-9am in the school library to 9-10am in one of the school halls / vacant classrooms.

- Evening meetings:

- o Will take place on a Monday
- o Will be moved from 7:45pm at the Barley Mow pub to 7:30pm in the Junior Hall

We will offer a Teams connection to all meetings and being in a quieter venue we hope will improve the connectivity.

Therefore, please note for the rest of this term:

Current Schedule and Updated Schedule

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible (in person or virtually) at next Friday's meeting as there will be lots of details shared and several items going to vote!

Current schedule	Updated
Fri 17th Jan @ 8am	Fri 24th Jan @ 9am in Room 9
Fri 14th Feb @ 8am	Cancelled due to inset day
Mon 17th Mar @ 7:45pm	Mon 10th Mar @ 7:30pm in Junior Hall

Job vacancy



Aspens


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 St Martins C of E School**

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- Term Time Only! What could you do with all that time off?!
- An opportunity to work with a business that focuses on the development, progression and training of their employees

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If you think this position is for you, please contact Michelle with your CV:
michelle.macdonald@aspens-services.com



This is our 'Parent to Parent section'... where parents can make suggestions

and recommendations to other parents, anything from books to possible summer activities or clubs.

Are you a small business owner or entrepreneur? If so, consider coming to the Small Business Co-LLab's Networking Meetings, run by Charlie Webb, former Chair of the PTFA, and predominantly attended by St Martin's parents.

Our next meeting is free at the **Caballo Lounge in Epsom, 9-11am on Friday 24th**

January. We have a talk by a LinkedIn expert, so if you would like to know more about how to market yourself on LinkedIn, come along or email:

smallbusinesscolab@gmail.com



Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Thomas. Superstar: Nelly
Star of the week: Otis for being a real Thinking Thedrick since the beginning of term. We have been particularly impressed with his dinosaur understanding and his dance skills in PE.

Dormouse- Values Tie: Rory. Superstar: Willow
Star of the week: Ethan has been a real Curious Cully this week, he asked and answered lots of questions to support his learning on our dinosaur theme. Well done Ethan, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Austin. Superstar: Mayson
Star of the week: Jessica has come back this term as a true Thinking Thedrick! She has been applying her knowledge in whole class lessons and continuing her understanding through to during Adventure Time. Mrs Newton and I are extremely proud of her, especially when she asks questions to further her learning.

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Hans-Josef. Superstar: Eva
Star of the week: Suviru has been a real Thinking Thedrick in English. In our cold task, Suviru wrote very neatly, spelt all words correctly, wrote all capital letters and full stops correctly, and even used question marks and exclamation marks. Fantastic work, Suviru!

Mole- Values Tie: Jamie. Superstar: Rosie
Star of the week: This week I have been so impressed with the effort and determination **Luke** has been putting into his work. He now comes into school with the biggest smile on his face and such a positive attitude. Well done Luke, it is lovely to see you enjoying Year 1. Keep it up!

Otter- Values: Havin. Superstar: Betsy
Star of the week: Naz has been a fantastic 'Thinking Thedrick' this week with her maths skills. She has mastered place value to 20, being able to explain her tens and ones and what each number is made up of. Well done, Naz!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Delilah. Superstar: Amelie
Star of the week: I am thrilled to nominate **Esme** for having had a fantastic start to the spring term, showing exceptional engagement during carpet sessions. Additionally, her collaborative spirit as a super table partner has truly shone through. Well done, Esme! Keep up the fantastic work; we are all so proud of you!

Squirrel- Values Tie: Maya. Superstar: Louis
Star of the week: Congratulations to **Asadullah** for being my Star of the Week! His amazing progress in reading has been truly impressive, and he always puts in his best effort. Not to mention, he never fails to put a smile on my face. Keep up the fantastic work, Asadullah!

Vole - Values Tie: Lily. Superstar: Omer
Star of the week: Zeekie has shown perseverance and determination when working on his handwriting week after week. His work is looking neater than ever and so his brilliant effort deserves to be celebrated. He should be very proud. Well done, Zeekie!

Holly- Values Tie: Emily. Superstar: Erin
Star of the week: Hoyeon used pastels and paint to create an amazing volcano picture in art. He used flicking, blowing and dripping techniques to show the volcanic eruption. Well done Hoyeon!

Juniper- Values Tie: Tobi. Superstar: Emily
Star of the week: Well done to **Matthew** for settling in so well to Juniper Class.

Willow- Values Tie: Olivia. Superstar: Charlie
Star of the week: Well done to **Aubrey** for working incredibly hard in our art lesson and producing an excellent piece of artwork inspired by Nick Rowland. Your super listening and creative underwater volcano were very impressive. Well done!

Maple- Values Tie: Isaac. Superstar: Teddy
Star of the week: Monica for her diligence and effort in RE. Your poem was so lovely and heartfelt. Keep it up!

Poplar- Values Tie: Isaac. Superstar: Teddy
Star of the week: Maximus - Excellent attitude to learning, especially in Maths where you make valuable contributions in each lesson.

Plum- Values Tie: Leandra. Superstar: Seb
Star of the week: Katherine for her wonderful invitation to celebrate new life in RE this week. Well done Katherine!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Alan. Superstar: Will
Star of the week: Lettie for an exceptional start to the spring term, displaying an exemplary learning attitude and consistently modelling all of our school values. Well done, Lettie, you are a star! :)

Hazel- Values Tie: Sophia. Superstar: Sophie
Star of the week: Darius, over the past few weeks, has shown his ownership and commitment to his learning. He is asking questions to gain clarity and challenge his own thinking. He has shown good progress in reading, writing and maths. Well done Darius! Keep up this positive attitude towards your learning.

Beech- Values Tie: Alex. Superstar: Ethan
Star of the week: Alarik, well done for starting the term with a conscientious attitude towards your learning. You have contributed enthusiastically in every lesson. Great job!

Chestnut- Values Tie: Lexi. Superstar: Leonardo
Star of the week: Abi for amazing work in algebra in maths.

Oak- Values Tie: Ayse. Superstar: Louis
Star of the week: Darcey for her excellent perseverance throughout our algebra topic.

Pine- Values Tie: Imogen. Superstar: Harry
Star of the week: Ruben for his improved focus and enthusiasm in his maths lessons - specifically when looking at the perimeter of rectangular shapes.



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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions

6 January – 5 March 2025

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