

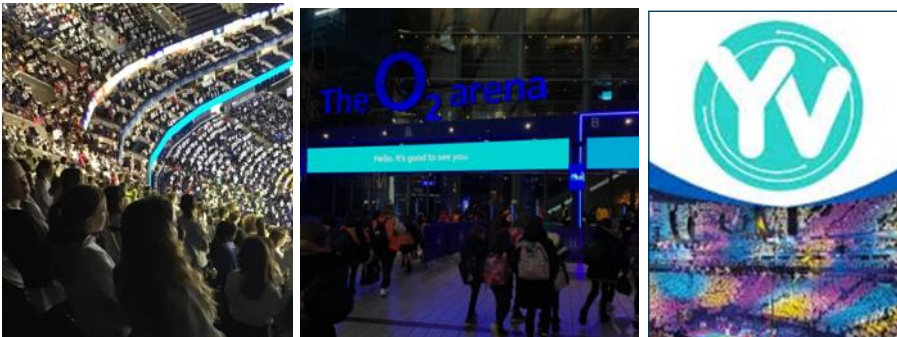
NEWSLETTER

Strive † Aspire † Succeed

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Our St Martin's O2 choir sang their hearts out at the Young Voices concert in the O2 arena in London last night, alongside almost 9,000 other primary school children. Such an incredible experience for them and something to be remembered for a lifetime. A huge well done to everyone involved, the staff who accompanied them and of course, Mrs Kelleher, for her passion and enthusiasm with teaching the songs and encouraging the choir!



PTFA secondhand uniform sale The next secondhand uniform sale is taking place on Monday 27th January, 3.10pm in the Junior playground. Please note that if the weather is not good (the forecast is looking mixed at the moment), then the sale will be in the large hall. A small donation can be given for any items purchased which goes to the PTFA.

World Language Day Thank you very much to the families who have already signed up to visit us on Languages Day. The children really loved the visits last year as they chatted about their experiences for days afterwards. The parents and grandparents who took part said it was great fun. They loved how engaged and enthusiastic the children were to learning new information. It is not too late to sign up and share your language and culture with us on Friday 28th of February. If you are able to come in, [click on this link](#).



Next Manner of the Week

We say 'Good Morning'!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Fri 7th Feb—Spotlight on Learning assembly, Hawthorn class, 9am, large hall

Mon 10th Feb—Early Years Road Safety Show

Wed 12th Feb—Year 5 'Pop-up Planetarium' visit in school

Thur 13th Feb—PTFA 'Love our school—wear red' non-uniform day

Fri 14th Feb—INSET DAY—no children in school

Mon 17th-Fri 21st Feb—Half Term

Mon 24th Feb—Back to school

This week's house points	
Durdans	174
Hylands	173
Maidstone	152
Woodcote	156



Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Ziva** in Fox class, Early Years for her determined attitude and enthusiasm when learning her morning routine dance in her PE lessons. Well done Ziva!



Year 3 RE Day with Spinnaker on Wednesday this week



Year 3 had a great time being junior detectives and finding out about how Jesus changed lives during their RE day with the Spinnaker team on Wednesday.

Thank you to Lisa and the team for all your interesting stories, knowledge, activities and fun.

Year 3 certainly learnt a lot!



St Martin's Schools' Parent Governor Election

We are holding an election to select one parent governor to join the Local Governing Body of St Martin's Schools, Epsom. Every parent and carer with a child registered at St Martin's Schools, Epsom, is entitled to vote. This election is being conducted by 'Choice Voting' and you will have received an email with instructions of how to cast your vote, yesterday at 4pm

We have four nominations for one vacancy and each candidate has written a short statement for you to consider. You have one vote.

The election will run from 4pm on Wednesday 22nd January to 4pm on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

The candidate with the most votes will be elected as governor.

All candidates will be notified of the result in the week commencing Monday 3rd February 2025 and you will be notified of the successful candidate in the following school newsletter and also via the school website.

Many thanks for taking part in the election.

Jaynn Taylor, Chair of the Local Governing Body and Returning Officer



SEND coffee afternoon A reminder that we have a SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) coffee afternoon on **Monday 27th Jan at 2.30pm**. If you would like to attend, please email inclusionadmin@stmartinsepsom.school

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.

13th-17th January 2025

Infant Attendance last week: 96.4%

Highest class was **Fox** and **Mole** with 100%.
Awesome!

Closely followed by Squirrel with 99.3%!



Atty Bear has visited Fox and Mole classrooms.

Junior attendance last week: 96.2%
Highest class was **Beech** with 99%.
Fantastic!!

If your child is absent through illness, please remember to notify the school office on each day of absence, either by phoning or emailing the school office:

01372 846930

office@stmartinsepsom.school



School Matters!





Book Corner

Many thanks to the following families who have donated books. Juliana from Squirrel, Jude from Holly and Effie from Mole. Thanks to Nia who donated some Lego magazines to the library. We are not currently taking further book donations at this time however, if your child has copies of the following magazines, we would be most grateful if they could be donated to the library:

The Week – Junior

National Geographic Kids

Beano

Phoenix magazine

Eco Kids Planet

Whizz Pop Bang (Science magazine for kids)

Aquila

The magazines in the library are very popular and are perfect for a quick read at lunchtime. Some of the children prefer to read a magazine to a chapter book which is great for encouraging literacy and engaging enthusiasm for reading.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility for putting their library books into their bag ahead of their weekly library session. The library books generally have a blue St Martins stamp on the front page.

To help with planning:

EYFS – Wednesday

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Friday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Pine class –Monday, Chestnut class – Wednesday, Oak class – Thursday

Our first mini book review is from Saoirse from Juniper:

White Fox by Jackie Morris



'I think my friends will like it because it teaches valuable lessons. Then there's a bit of wildlife'.

If you want to share a mini book review with your friends, please write two sentences about the book and one about why your friends will like it and bring it along to your next library session, or along to lunchtime in the library.

Happy reading!

Should you have any queries regarding the library or library books please do not hesitate to contact me on librarian@stmartinsepsom.school



PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram



Next PTFA meeting is:

Monday 10th March at 7.30pm
Venue: Junior School

Upcoming PTFA Diary Dates

Monday 27th January: PTFA second-hand uniform sale @ 3:10pm in the junior playground (or large hall, weather depending)

Thursday 13th February: 'Love our School - Wear Red': non-uniform day, £1 donations gratefully received

Friday 7th March: New date! ... PTFA Quiz Night @ 7:15pm, junior hall. If you would like to join the Quiz Night sub-committee, please contact Suzy or Hayley or email: ptfaepsom@gmail.com

100Club

Each year the PTFA runs a private lottery called "the 100 Club" giving you the opportunity to win cash prizes as well as raising funds for the school. !

How it works - £2 per month buys you one ticket, which enters you into the monthly draw. The prize pool is 45% of the money raised each month, with the rest donated to PTFA. A draw takes place on or around the last Friday of each month and if you win, a bank transfer will be made to your account. You can buy tickets online, just click [this link](#) or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please contact: Alan Becken at stmartins100club@gmail.com

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Eva. Superstar: Maya

Star of the week: Noah for being a Thinking Thedrick and enthusiastically contributing to class discussions when innovating The Red Dragon in our Talk for Writing lesson.

Dormouse– Values Tie: Elliot. Superstar: Jack

Star of the week: Arabella has been a very responsible learner this week. She has tried her best with her learning and showed a real can do attitude which has enabled her to make good progress in maths. Well done Arabella, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Jemima. Superstar: Jude

Star of the week: Not only has **Evelyn** been working super hard this week, but she has gone above and beyond in helping her friends and teachers to make sure that everyone around her is happy. Thank you and a big well done!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Lily. Superstar: Jake

Star of the week: Amelie has wowed me this week with her knowledge of the numbers to 20 in maths, being able to tell me quickly how many tens and ones are in each number. Well done, Amelie!

Mole– Values Tie: Isabela. Superstar: Ted

Star of the week: This week **Nareeya** has been trying her absolute hardest not just in the classroom but going above and beyond in her home learning. She created some brilliant graphs using Purple mash and I am so proud of how much responsibility she is taking for her learning. Well done Nareeya, keep it up!

Otter– Values: Rose. Superstar: Grace

Star of the week: Max has had an amazing week this week and has wowed us across the curriculum. He has worked so hard in maths and when working with number lines. Well done for your amazing efforts, Max!

Rabbit– Values Tie: Tomas. Superstar: Callum T

Star of the week: Congratulations to our fantastic Star of the Week **Alice!** Always ready to lend a hand, she helps tidy up and embodies an excellent work ethic. Well done!

Squirrel– Values Tie: Hamish. Superstar: Rose

Star of the week: Since returning from his holidays, **Max** has made a brilliant effort in class. His hard work, especially in maths while learning about money, has been fantastic! Keep up the amazing work—your enthusiasm is truly inspiring. Well done, superstar!

Vole – Values Tie: Grace. Superstar: Orla

Star of the week: An all round excellent learner, **Ymouna** consistently strives to achieve her very best in every lesson. In Vole Class we can always count on her work to be creative, thoughtful and absolutely beautiful. You should be very proud! Well done, Ymouna!

Holly– Values Tie: Abi. Superstar: Ava

Star of the week: Alex for fully participating in the RE day on Wednesday. It was lovely to see his enthusiasm. He answered lots of questions and completed some thoughtful work in the detective booklet. Well done Alex!

Juniper– Values Tie: Annie. Superstar: Alec

Star of the week: James - For improved focus and concentration across all subjects, but particularly noticeable in our hockey lesson—well done James!

Willow– Values Tie: Harrison. Superstar: Sarmad

Star of the week: Well done to **Sophie** for working incredibly hard in our maths lessons during this unit of multiplication and division.

Maple– Values Tie: Monica. Superstar: Hannah

Star of the week: Raffi for working diligently in our recent maths lessons.

Poplar– Values Tie: Emilia. Superstar: Jason

Star of the week: Caleb - You consistently embody our school values, demonstrating kindness, integrity, and a calm, thoughtful nature in everything you do. Thank you for being such a positive and valued member of Poplar Class.

Plum– Values Tie: Laurène. Superstar: Oscar C

Star of the week: George for his suspenseful language in his opening paragraph which certainly made the reader want to read more. Well done George!

Hawthorn– Values Tie: Elijah. Superstar: William

Star of the week: Grace for her admirable passion for learning, fantastic contributions, outstanding work effort to produce some amazing learning outcomes! Well done, Grace!

Hazel- Values Tie: Dhawit. Superstar: Esma

Star of the week: Nia continues to demonstrate ownership and commitment to her learning. She asks relevant and thoughtful questions to gain clarity and challenge her own thinking. Nia is making excellent progress across all areas of the curriculum, especially in reading, writing and maths. Well done Nia!

Beech– Values Tie: Elsie M. Superstar: Florence

Star of the week: Evie, well done for creating and sharing some really thoughtful quotations to add to your newspaper report and for showing a good understanding of relative clauses.

Chestnut—Values Tie: Adrian. Superstar: Luca

Star of the week: Margot for excellent contributions to discussions about Ancient Greek theatre in history.

Oak—Values Tie: Sasha. Superstar: Lyra

Star of the week: Oscar for showing excellent perseverance and efforts in his comprehension paper.

Pine—Values Tie: Teddie. Superstar: Lottie

Star of the week: Flora for her positive and determined attitude towards our Year 6 assessments this week.



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