

NEWSLETTER



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Autumn Issue 11—28th November 2025

As this newsletter is being compiled, preparations are taking place for tonight's PTFA Winter Wonderland. A very dedicated group of parent volunteers have been working hard all day setting up. Hopefully Forest School will be packed out with children and parents later getting into the festive spirit!



Next Manner of the Week

We sit properly at the table.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 1st Dec—Year 5 and 6 'Pop-up and Perform' plus Loud and Proud choir, 3-3.30pm, large hall, parents invited

Tues 2nd Dec—Epsom & Ewell Schools Girl's Football Tournament, selected children, Glyn School playing fields, 1-3.30pm

Fri 5th Dec—Willow Class 'Spotlight on Learning' assembly, 9am, large hall, parents invited

Tues 9th Dec—School Open Afternoon, classes open for parents/carers to come in, 3pm

Mon 8th Dec—Years 3 and 4 'Pop-up and Perform' plus Loud and Proud choir, 3-3.30pm, large hall

Tue 9th Dec—Years 2-6 Christmas Service at St Martin's Church, walking from school at 9am, back @11.30am

Wed 10th Dec—Year 2 'Pop-up and Perform' with Songbirds choir, 3.15pm

Wed 10th Dec—Early Years Christmas Nativity, 2pm, large hall

Thur 11th Dec—Early Years Christmas Nativity, 9.30am, large hall

Thur 11th Dec—Year 1 Christmas Nativity, 2pm, large hall

Thur 11th Dec—'Christmas Jumper Day', (suggested donation of £2) and Christmas lunch

Fri 12th Dec—Year 1 Christmas Nativity, 9.30am, large hall

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December 2025



Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day and we will be celebrating this in school by wearing our Christmas jumpers or a top in 'Christmassy colours' and enjoying our Christmas lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money

for children in the UK and across the world. Please could you kindly bring in a suggested donation of £2.00 in cash or whatever you can afford on this day.

Post Boxes Christmas post boxes will be available in school from **Monday 1st December**. To help get cards to the intended recipient, we ask that the envelope should be labelled with the **name of the child** and **their class**. If a card is for an adult, please put the class that they normally work in on the front of their envelope. We ask that cards should not contain anything else, e.g. sweets. There will be 3 post boxes: one located in EYFS (for children in Fox, Dormouse and Badger), one located in Key Stage 1 (for children in Years 1 and 2) and one located in Key Stage 2 (for children in Years 3 to 6).



Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Freddie** in Holly class for being a superstar when stepping in to run at the cross-country tournament on Wednesday - he ran brilliantly with his team and demonstrated great enthusiasm and perseverance. Well done Freddie!

Cross Country League Race On Wednesday, St Martin's hosted the first ever Epsom and Ewell Borough cross country league race, where over 140 children ran to compete for their school.

It was a fantastic afternoon despite the freezing temperatures and all the children ran with enthusiasm and dedication - we are so proud of them.



The results for each race are below; a final winner will be announced in the summer term after all the league races (please note: year groups will hold trials for these races each half term in their PE lesson and teams are not fixed).

St Martin's are currently in first place overall. Well done to Matthew in Year 4 who finished first in his race after an epic sprint finish (photo left).

Epsom and Ewell Borough Cross Country League Race - Race 1

	Lower Girls (Yr 3 & 4)	Lower Boys (Yr 3 & 4)	Upper Girls (Yr 5 & 6)	Upper Boys (Yr 5 & 6)	TOTAL SCORE
St Martin's	64	42	30	32	168
Danetree	92	93	89	113	387
St Clements	31	60	62	76	229
St Joseph's	47	70	48	43	208
Stamford Green	44	34	40	81	199
Auriol	82	62	65	30	239
Ewell Grove	107	123	81	61	372
Meadow	73	53	116	104	346

Top 3 for each race:

Lower Girls: 1st St Clements, 2nd Stamford Green, 3rd St Joseph's

Lower Boys: 1st Stamford Green, 2nd St Martin's, 3rd Meadow

Upper Girls: 1st St Martin's, 2nd Stamford Green, 3rd St Joseph's

Upper Boys: 1st Auriol, 2nd St Martin's, 3rd St Joseph's

Overall top 3 after race 1:

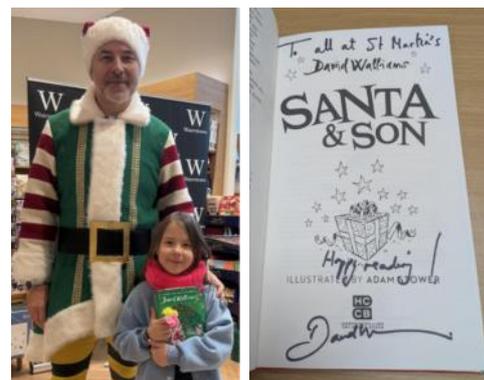
1st Place - St Martin's (168), 2nd place - Stamford Green (199), 3rd place - St Joseph's (208)

Football Match Report Our teams faced Auriol School this week in two exciting fixtures. The girls' team put in a fantastic performance, taking a well-deserved 2-0 victory after showing great teamwork, passing and composure throughout the match.

The boys' team worked hard in a challenging game that ended in a 6-2 defeat. After a slow start, they grew into the match and created plenty of chances. Their second-half display was particularly impressive, showing real fight, determination, and resilience. Well done to all our players for representing the school so brilliantly!

Book Corner

This week's news from the Book Corner: A huge thank you to Alisa from Holly class and family who have donated a signed copy of the new David Walliams book Santa and Son. Pictured below is Alisa with David Walliams at the book signing. Alisa even got the book dedicated to our school! This is a very welcome addition to our library.



We are now reading Santa and Son for our year 3 shared book in the library as we approach Christmas.

There has been an excited buzz around the new books that have been coming into the library from the Book Fair. Many of our graphic novels have been eagerly borrowed. So that we can circulate the books around all year groups I have requested that new books are returned after one week. Even more incentive to stay in the warm and read a good book in the cool, winter evenings.

Thank you to Jessie from Hawthorn, Sloane from Hedgehog and Finley from Hazel class for their donations of books to the library. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding the library at:

librarian@stmartinsepsom.school

Attendance

Attendance last week:

17th - 21st November 2025

Infant Attendance: **91.7%**

Highest class was **Dormouse** with **98.3%**

Well done!

Junior attendance: **95.5%**

Highest class was **Hawthorn** with **99%**. Great!

Well-being parent drop-in coffee morning On Monday 15th December there is a drop-in coffee morning in the 'Happy Shack' room between 8:50am and 9:30am. We will have guest professionals **Beki and Gemma from the Surrey Wellbeing Team** who will be leading this and sharing their advice. All parents/carers invited to drop-in. Come to the office and you will be directed to the Happy Shack.



Helpers needed to walk to Christmas Church Service - Morning of Tuesday 9th December As sent out by email this week, we require a number of helpers to accompany the children on the walk to and from St Martin's church for our Christmas Service. We ask that non-school age children do not attend. We will be leaving school shortly after 9am and returning

close to 11.30am. Only those helping to walk to and from the church are invited to join the children in church during the service. If you sign up to walk, please presume that you will be needed!

[Walking to Church: Christmas Church Service Tuesday 9th December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Winter bugs As we move into the winter months, we are beginning to see an increase in seasonal illnesses within the school. To help keep everyone safe and well, we kindly ask all families to follow current NHS guidelines regarding common winter bugs, colds, flu and other infections. A reminder that children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Term dates revision We would like to inform you that the term dates for the 2026/2027 are now available on the school website. Due to an earlier miscommunication, the dates were previously published incorrectly. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused and appreciate your understanding.



We are really looking forward to our Christmas Nativity performances taking place in the week commencing 8th December. The children are very busy rehearsing! A reminder that the performance days and times are as follows:

Early Years

Wednesday 10th December - 2pm

Thursday 11th December – 9:30am

Year 1

Thursday 11th December – 2pm

Friday 12th December – 9:30am

All performances will take place in the large hall – entry through the door at the rear of the hall on the large playground. After the 2pm performances, the children will be dismissed from school as normal.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Request from The Burrow

Our nurture room, The Burrow, needs the following items:

- - Wind-up toys
- - Spinning light toys
- - Whoopie cushion
- - Slinky
- - Silver infinity arm spring
- - Mini music box
- - Magnetic spinning wheels
- - Plastic cereal containers

If you have any of the above in good working condition, we would be very grateful for your donations. They can be handed into the school office or to Mrs Brown. Many thanks in advance.



The Burrow



PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting:

Friday 12th January at 8pm

Venue: tbc

Dates and Information

Wreath Making

Join us at 8pm on Friday 5th December in the St Martin's school Junior Hall for a festive wreath making workshop (adults only). For details see the poster on page 6 or visit our Sumup store:

<https://stmartinsepsom-ptfa.sumupstore.com/product/wreath-making-workshop>

Festive Raffle

For just £1 per ticket you have a chance to win over 40 festive hampers containing a selection of sweet and savoury treats, candles, festive tipples and more! Plus a selection of other fantastic voucher prizes for activities and shops are also available. Draw at 8pm on Friday 12th Dec! Don't miss out! [Get your tickets here:](#)

Recruiting for a PTFA Chair/Co-Chairs!

As announced at previous PTFA meetings, Hayley will be stepping down at Christmas and Suzy will step down at the end of this academic year. We're therefore recruiting for a new Chair or Co-Chairs to continue leading the work the PTFA do; it's a fantastic opportunity to get involved and be an active part of the school community! See advert (right).

Next second-hand uniform sale - Spring Term - date TBC.



We are recruiting for a PTFA Chair/Co-Chairs!

The Chair role is instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the PTFA.

Responsibilities include:

- Becoming a trustee of the charity
- Leading the relationship between the PTFA and school
- Leading PTFA meetings, including creation of agendas
- Event coordination of all PTFA fundraising events
- Coordination of volunteers, PTFA committee and class reps
- Liaising with external agencies and companies in respect of events
- Creation of PTFA event calendar with support of committee and school

In line with all the PTFA positions, this role is voluntary. If you would like to find out more, please contact us: ptfaepsom@gmail.com




Festive Raffle

The PTFA is delighted to launch the 2025 Festive Raffle!
Buy your tickets for £1 to enter in the chance to win one of the fantastic prizes on offer, including 40+ Christmas hampers, a range of vouchers and other treats for all of the family!

***The raffle will be drawn at 8:00 pm on Friday 12th December**

Buy your tickets online here: 

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/raffle/view/1217351335>



Festive Wreath Workshop



£35/PERS

Make your own festive wreath while raising money for the PTFA (and having fun!)

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
At 8 pm

Junior Hall, St Martins school

<https://smartinsepsom-ptfa.sumupstore.com/product/wreath-making-workshop>



Early Years Stay and Play Sessions

**Are you looking for a Reception place
from September 2026?**

We would love to welcome you to a stay and play session, providing you with the opportunity to come and visit the school and spend some time in one of our Early Years classrooms. There will be staff on-hand to answer any questions as well as a range of activities for the children to engage with.



Tuesday 2nd December

3.45pm - 4.30pm

Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place at one of our stay and play sessions.

We look forward to welcoming
you to St. Martin's!

School telephone no.: 01372 846930



Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Ray. Superstar: Theodore

Star of the week: Keziah for being a Brave Branley and putting her hand up in class to share her ideas, especially in Maths and Red Word practise. Keep it up, Keziah!

Dormouse- Values Tie: Lyla. Superstar: Oscar J

Star of the week: Isla has been a real Resourceful Reggie this week. She independently accessed our Understanding the World display to apply our key words to her work. Well done Isla, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Delilah. Superstar: Joel

Star of the week: Asha has been a great Resourceful Reggie. During Adventure Time, she can be very creative and makes excellent use of the materials. Keep it up Asha!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Amelia. Superstar: Josh

Star of the week: Walter was a real Thinking Thedrick in maths, applying his learning from the last few weeks to do very well in our maths quiz. Keep up the great work, Walter!

Mole- Values Tie: Nelly. Superstar: Eva

Star of the week: Arthur has really impressed me this week with his super attitude. He completed his maths AND computing tasks independently with amazing focus. Well done Arthur!

Otter- Values: Emma G. Superstar: Emma H

Star of the week: Elliott for being a resilient learner - well done for not giving up when things seem tricky... especially in our computing lesson yesterday. He displayed patience and good understanding of 'pictograms'. Thank you!

Rabbit- Values Tie: Adam. Superstar: Angie

Star of the week: Serine has been working hard in all lessons this week and has been a Thinking Thedrick in our new maths topic. Well done Serine!

Squirrel- Values Tie: Evaan. Superstar: Zach

Star of the week: Amelia for your excellent use of expanded noun phrases in your English writing.

Vole - Values Tie: Lottie. Superstar: Archie

Star of the week: Ray for being a Thinking Thedrick and always contributing his ideas to class discussion. Great work Ray.

Holly- Values Tie: Freya O'M. Superstar: Milo

Star of the week: Louis J for using his reading experience to develop his range of vocabulary which he used in his writing.

Juniper- Values Tie: Ruby-Ray. Superstar: Grace

Star of the week: Ezekiel has been making excellent contributions to our classroom discussions this week - particularly in maths and history. Well done Ezekiel!

Willow- Values Tie: Max. Superstar: Blake

Star of the week: Well done to Sofia for working incredibly hard in our maths lessons this week. We are very proud of your good listening and excellent effort. Keep up the fantastic learning. Well done!

Maple- Values Tie: Sarmad. Superstar: Daniel

Star of the week: Ariyan for contributing more of his ideas to class discussions and displaying fantastic shading skills in our art lessons. Well done, Ariyan - keep it up! :)

Poplar- Values: Lacey. Superstar: Betsy

Star of the week: Izzy H for her exciting and interesting ideas in English this week, and for being so engaged and helpful in every lesson. Her positive approach is always a wonderful contribution to our class.

Plum- Values Tie: Jesiah. Superstar: Jasmine

Star of the week: Arthur for using his scientific skills including prediction, collecting data and writing a conclusion during the sound investigation this week. Well done Arthur!

Hazel- Values Tie: Zeyd. Superstar: Maximus

Star of the week: Emilia for your super efforts in class week. It has been wonderful to hear your ideas. Keep it up!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Jessie. Superstar: Oscar M

Star of the week: Evin for your excellent work with fractions this week. Well done for contributing in lessons and for working so diligently during our independent working time. Great work, Evin!

Beech- Values Tie: George. Superstar: Emmi

Star of the week: Well done Mimi, for trying hard to improve your handwriting for your action story HotWrite this week. It makes such a difference!

Oak-Values Tie: Elodie. Superstar: Aishya

Star of the week: Ethan for always participating so well in lessons including in the 'Do Nows'. I really appreciate all of your efforts so far this year. Also for all of your running successes. Well done!

Chestnut-Values Tie: Chloe. Superstar: Leo

Star of the week: Alan for a fantastically detailed and well-designed stained-glass window depicting his interpretation of the Trinity in RE.

Pine-Values Tie: Johan. Superstar: Florence

Star of the week: Erika for her fantastic use of vocabulary when describing her setting in English - well done!



Epsom & Ewell Family Centre



Drop-In sessions in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau

Partnership drop-in, Thursdays 9am-1pm @ Ewell Family Centre

Drop in with questions about all aspects of parenting, including behaviour, SEND, family conflict, domestic abuse & mental health.

Starting Thursday 27th Nov we will be joined by CAB, offering advice around energy, benefits, debt, housing and more. CAB Energy Advice will join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month.

Where? – Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, KT19 0JP

No need to book, but if you want to contact us: scan the QR code, call **01372 571 178** or email epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



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Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

Family Support Flyer

Epsom & Ewell Family Centre - Tel: (01372) 571178
Email: epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

- Drop in sessions, no appointment necessary (Monday 9am-1pm @ Epsom FC & Thursday 9am-1pm @ Ewell FC).
- Our Website & Facebook page – check here for updates on our workshops, courses & Community Fridge collections.
 - barnardosfamilycentressurrey.org.uk, Facebook – Epsom & Ewell Family Centre
- Surrey Family Information Service
 - surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families
- Advice Cafe @ St Barnabas Church, Epsom (Friday's 10am - 12pm).
- Epsom & Ewell Foodbank – epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk
- Epsom & Ewell Family Centre Community Fridge (see Facebook for updates)
- Surrey Adult Learning – <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning>



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Epsom Downs Family Centre

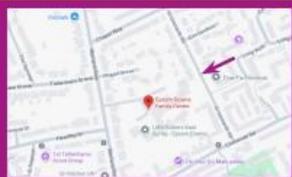
Join YMCA East Surrey's Family Wellbeing Service and Reigate and Banstead Family Centre Team to find out more about YMCA's services offered to families in the local area.

Family Support Workers and Family Wellbeing Coordinators will be available to provide general advice and guidance to parents/carers, as well as signpost to other services and take direct referrals for supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health needs of your child or young person.

Wednesday 3 December 2025
08:30-10:30

YMCA Epsom Downs Family Centre,
St Leonards Road, Epsom Downs,
Surrey, KT18 5RJ

Please enter via the St Leonards Road entrance.



Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. Parents/carers can drop in at any time. No need to sign up.

For more information, please get in touch:

Family Centres

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Family Wellbeing Service

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