

NEWSLETTER



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Spring Issue 06—13th February 2026

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. We will see the children back on Mon 23rd.

OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON

On **Tuesday 24th February** we will be holding another open afternoon which will run from **3.05pm to 3.25pm/3.30pm**. You are welcome to come and visit your child(ren) in their classroom(s) and then you may take them home. Please do ensure all children who are leaving before the end of the school day are signed out with the class teacher before leaving. Normal dismissal time and arrangements will remain for any children who have not left during the open afternoon session.

For this open afternoon, you are welcome to come into your child's classroom and spend time with your child, sharing their learning.

Whilst sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and engage with their child's learning, we do ask you to be mindful and remember that:

- Staff are working with the children during this time; if you would like to discuss something relating to your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher via the usual channels (year group email, office).
- Books will be out for you to look through with your child; please respect others and not look through books belonging to other children. If you would like to see work/books not left out, please ask the class teacher.

You are welcome to take photographs of you and your child's work but please ensure no other children are in your photographs.

The purpose of this open afternoon is:

- To provide an opportunity for parents / carers to come into school and engage with their child's learning; children will have their books out for you to look through with your child
 - To showcase and celebrate learning in our school and school life
 - To provide a greater understanding of our curriculum and our expectations
- Please note that there is no expectation that you attend this session or stay for the full duration – more open-door sessions will be offered during the school year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 16th-Fri 20th Feb—Half Term

Mon 23rd Feb—Children back in school

Tues 24th Feb—Open Afternoon for current parents, 3.05pm

Wed 25th Feb—Year 5 Quidditch Day

Thur 26th Feb—'Founders Day' - Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Guides—children who attend these clubs can wear their uniforms

Thur 26th Feb—Year 6 Epsom & Ewell Tag Rugby Tournament, selected children, Glyn School playing fields, 1pm

Friday 27th Feb—Spotlight on Learning assembly—Poplar class, 9am, Junior Hall

Fri 27th Feb—Year 6 Junior Citizen Event, Epsom Downs Racecourse, 9am-lunchtime

Fri 27th Feb—PTFA used uniform and costume sale, 3.25pm, Junior playground, weather permitting

w/c Mon 2nd March—Book Week

Mon 2nd March—Year 4 Sayers Croft parent information meeting, 3.30pm, Junior Hall

Tues 3rd March—Parent Consultations, 3.40-7.20pm, school halls

Thur 5th March—World Book Day in school

Fri 6th March—**Spotlight** on Learning Assembly—Juniper Class, 9am, Junior hall

Fri 13th March—PTFA school disco for Early Years to Year 5, see poster on page for timings



Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador is **Isla S** in Year 3 for her fantastic attitude and dedication when taking part in the cross-country tournament - you came first out of all the Year 3 runners - well done!



Football News

Boys League: Last Friday, the boys' team were in action against Wallace Fields and produced a superb performance. They played excellent football throughout, showing great teamwork and creating numerous chances, but were unfortunate not to capitalise earlier on. When they went a goal down and the rain began to pour, the team showed their true passion and determination, battling right to the end. Their resilience was rewarded with two late goals, securing a fantastic 2-1 victory in difficult conditions. A brilliant display of character and team spirit.



Boys friendly: In a friendly match, the second boys' team also took to the pitch and put in a strong performance. All the players played well, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the game. Most importantly, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were rewarded with a well-earned 4-2 victory.

Girls League: On Monday afternoon this week, the girls' team were back in action against Meadow Primary and once again delivered an impressive performance. The team showcased excellent teamwork, sharp link-up passing, great footballing skills, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the match. Their quality and control were reflected in a confident 2-0 victory, further cementing their position at the top of the league with just three games remaining this season. Well done, girls!

Cross Country Tournament Well done to all the children who took part in the second league race for the Epsom & Ewell Cross Country Tournament on Wednesday. After all the rain we have had, it was a very muddy track, but they all ran brilliantly and worked fantastically as a team. We are currently in first place, but all the new scores will be added and then there is one more race to go before the overall borough champions will be announced. The overall scores for each team are below and there are approximately 32 runners in each race:

- Year 3 and 4 girls: placed 4th, 8th, 10th, 22nd = 44 points overall
- Year 3 and 4 boys: placed 1st, 6th, 10th, 21st = 38 points overall
- Year 5 and 6 girls: placed 6th, 7th, 8th, 16th = 37 points overall
- Year 5 and 6 boys: placed 5th, 10th, 17th, 24th = 56 points overall

175 points scored this round.



TCS Mini London Marathon We entered the school into the ballot for the TCS Mini London Marathon 2026 but unfortunately were not successful this time, there was a very high demand. We will do something in school instead.

Club Vale Holiday Club Reminder: Mon 16th Feb to Thur 19th Feb 2026

To sign up, your child does not need to be a regular user of our wrap-around care. If you wish to enrol, please click on the following link:

<https://enrolmy.com/club-vale-ltd/book-now/20-Club-Vale-February-Half-Term-Holiday-Club-2026>

Attendance

Attendance last week:
2nd – 6th February 26

Infant Attendance: 97.5% Highest class was **Rabbit** with 99%. **Fantastic attendance!**

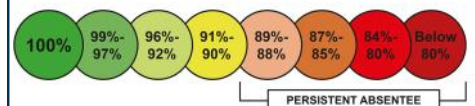
Junior attendance: 97% Highest class was **Pine** with 99%. **Brilliant!**

Which Infant class will be awarded with our attendance bear Atty next half term for 100% attendance in a week ?!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Digital Detox A few weeks ago, 44 of our Year 6 children took part in a 2-week long digital detox.

96% of the children had managed to reduce their screentime by

over an hour during the detox. They met regularly as a group with Mrs Heasman to discuss how they were feeling and strategies they could use to help them.

91% of children said that at the end of the two weeks they felt more positive about making other choices when it came to how to spend their free time.

82% said they will think about how to reduce their screentime further in future.

They enjoyed finding new activities to keep them busy, with over half saying they had found new hobbies to pursue as a result.

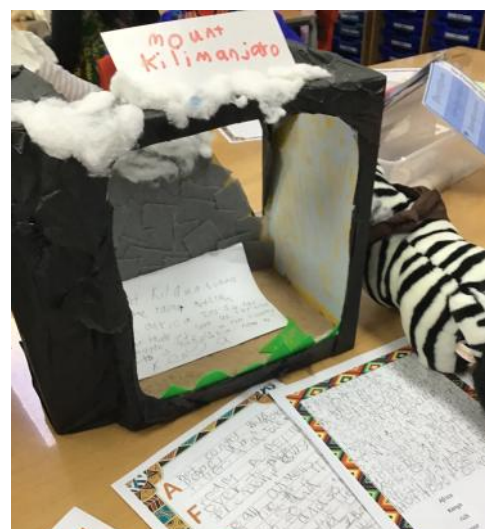
When they were on their devices, they reported feeling frustrated, angry, annoyed, tired, disconnected, sad, stressed, lazy, grumpy, anti-social, depressed and irritated.

After the detox they used words including - **relaxed, happy, more energy, focused, bored, and creative** - to describe how they were feeling.

We hope the children found this a positive experience and that moving forward it has had some impact on how they view their screentime in the future.

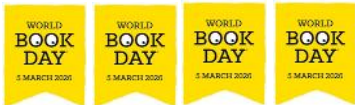
Year 2 Africa Day

Year 2 had their Africa Day on Wednesday this week with some fantastic costumes being worn.

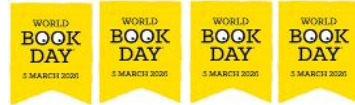


Forest School Spring has arrived!





Plans for Book Week starting Monday 2nd March and World Book Day - Thursday 5th March



During this National Year of Reading, we wanted to make World Book Day extra special, so we will be celebrating reading across the whole week. Our aim is to encourage a lifelong love of reading throughout the school.

Book Week Activities

During Book Week, children will enjoy a range of exciting events, including:

- **Big Book Swap** Children are invited to bring in one or two books. On World Book Day, they will be able to choose a book to take home and keep.
- **Book Trails around School** KS1 and KS2 will follow age-appropriate book trails, spotting images or characters from stories and completing checklists along the way.
- **Class-Based Reading Activities** Teachers will choose engaging reading-related activities to enjoy throughout the week.
- **Book Week Launch Assembly** Mon 2nd March – an assembly to launch a fantastic week celebrating books and reading.
- **Library Open at Breaktime** The library will be open daily from 10:15–10:30am for reading only – a great opportunity for children to read with friends.
- **Breakfast and a Book (Thursday 5th March)** Children will enjoy a pancake (or similar) with juice to start the day in the best possible way: with breakfast and a book!



World Book Tokens Tokens will be distributed to all children at the end of the day on **Thursday 5th March**. Please note: tokens must be redeemed by **Sunday 15th March**.

Donations Please look out for the **Book Week Library Donation on Scopay**. We kindly ask for a contribution of **£2 per child**, which will go towards the cost of breakfast and new books for the school. If preferred, cash can be given to the class teacher on the day.

What should my child wear on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March)?

Children are encouraged to come to school in **comfortable clothes or pyjamas/loungewear**. We want World Book Day to be as accessible as possible and are moving away from the expectation of buying costumes for one day. Dressing up in costumes, as their favourite book character is optional. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for **Forest School or Games**, as some classes will still take part in these activities.



What should my child bring (Thursday 5th March)?

- A **favourite book** (clearly named) to share
- A **cushion/blanket/teddy** for comfy reading, sent in a named bag



When should books be brought in for the swap?

Books can be brought in anytime between **23rd and 28th February**. Please place them on the table outside the library. This will be monitored and restocked throughout Book Week.

A Family Reading Challenge

Finally, we would like to set our families a half-term challenge: **dump the screen and pick up a book!**

Can you put down your phone and read with your child for: 5 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes or even 20 minutes?

Studies show that reading for just **5 minutes can reduce stress by 20%** and can also improve focus and concentration. We invite you to keep a **reading diary** (similar to your child's Learning Diary). Each time you read together, note: How does your child feel? How do you feel?

Happy Reading



PTFA news

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We are on Facebook and Instagram

Next PTFA meeting:
Friday 20th March at 8am
Venue: In school—Room 9

Donation Appeal for St Martin's School's Family in Need

This week we have been humbled by our incredible school community rallying together and showing an outpour of support following the devastation of a house fire destroying the belongings of one of our families. The family cannot thank you all enough for the response and for everything donated to date.

We are no longer accepting donations, but please continue to monitor the WhatsApp Community Announcements for any updates on specific items needed.

If you wish to make a monetary donation towards the family, please go to their [GoFundMe page](#).

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Continued thanks to everyone who has returned their Sponsored Sports Week sponsorship forms and funds so far. Please keep them coming and remember to return your funds by the end of February.

Used Uniform and Costume Sale—Friday 27th February

Please have a rummage over half term and donate any children's costumes ages 4-11 you no longer need via the school office no later than drop off on Monday 23-February. Note that costumes are optional for World Book Day - for details refer to the school's information provided in the newsletter on page 3.

We will also empty the lost property boxes on Monday 23rd Feb. Any named items will be returned to your child; any unnamed items will either be added to the uniform sale or discarded.

We are always looking for the following uniform items (nothing else please at the moment!):

- All ages: ties, hoodies, PE shorts and joggers, white and house-coloured PE T-Shirts, book bags, PE bags

Please only donate clean and good quality items - as a general rule: if you wouldn't buy it for your child, please don't send it in.

TigerTags

While you're having that half term clear out of uniforms and clothes you've realised you've run out of name tags? Why not give www.tigertags.co.uk a go! They offer a variety of designs of good quality name tags - either as stick on or iron on option. Ensure you use our school's unique code 1804 at check out so that £1 of every order (not every item!) will be donated to the PTFA!

PTFA Spring Disco - Friday 13th March

We are excited to launch ticket sales for our PTFA Spring Discos for Early Years through Year 5 being held on Friday 13th March (see poster on Page 5 for details)! Don't worry, Year 6 are not missing out as they will be having their disco at their residential during the same week and also the Leavers Disco in the summer term.

Just to make you aware that we are launching the Disco ticket sales on a NEW ticketing platform called PTA-events not Sum-up. We will soon be retiring our online Sum-up store, but only once our current Zactiv fundraising is complete. We will share more details of the new platform after half term, but it will really enable us to do so much more for our events, volunteering and sales and well worth the move across.

For now we wanted to share that you will need to register an account the first time you visit the site and to be able to buy tickets / volunteer, so please don't let that put you off as you will soon see the site has a lot to offer!

www.pta-events.co.uk/stmartinsepsom-ptfa

Any problems as you start to use the new site, please just drop us an email on ptfaepsom@gmail.com.

Join our 100 Club Lottery

Support our school AND be in with a chance to win a cash prize every month. The more members, the bigger the prize, and the more we can help our children's school. Interested? Find out more and buy your tickets here: <https://st-martins-epsom-ptfa-100-club.sumupstore.com>

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FRIDAY 13 MARCH



Infant Hall:

Early Years:
4:00 - 4:45

Year 2:
5:00 - 5:45

Year 4:
6:00 - 6:45

Junior Hall:

Year 1:
4:00 - 4:45

Year 3:
5:00 - 5:45

Year 5:
6:00 - 6:45

Ticket Price: £6



Scan the QR Code
to buy tickets

Ticket sales close
Sunday 08 March

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmartinsepso-pta>

Plus... * Grill & Chill hot food * A Bar * A tuck shop for snacks *

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Jamie. Superstar: Amelia

Star of the week: Ray has been a Thinking Thedrick this week, he has shown fantastic resilience in phonics and is working so hard when beginning to write his own sentences. Keep it up, Ray!

Dormouse– Values Tie: Leila. Superstar: Ocean-Ivy

Star of the week: Charlotte is a real Teamwork Taura. She brings a warm, welcoming attitude to Dormouse Class and consistently shows kindness to those around her, which helps her collaborate exceptionally well with others. Well done Charlotte, keep up the super work!

Fox - Values Tie: Joel. Superstar: Ellie

Star of the week: Ayla has been fully immersed in her learning this week, being a real Curious Cully and applying her understanding through our Chinese New Year theme. During Adventure Time, she decorated the home corner for Chinese New Year and worked collaboratively with her friends to create a dragon dance. Fantastic work Ayla!

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Esme. Superstar: Evelyn

Star of the week: Matilda has been a real Thinking Thedrick in phonics. She has been working hard and showed great progress in our Freddy Frog Quiz. Well done, Matilda!

Mole– Values Tie: Izzet. Superstar: Delilah

Star of the week: Otis has been working super hard this week, putting his hand up to share his ideas on the carpet as well as writing a fantastic letter in English independently!

Otter– Values: Evie A. Superstar: Rafay

Star of the week: I have seen a huge improvement recently, **Arabella** with your behaviour and emotions. It is great to see you trying hard with your listening and communicating your thoughts. A huge well done for not giving up even if things seem difficult.

Rabbit– Values Tie: Isabela. Superstar: Casper

Star of the week: Jack always works extremely hard in all lessons and this week has been a real Thinking Thedrick in Maths. Well done Jack!

Squirrel– Values Tie: Narin. Superstar: Logan

Star of the week: Vlad for being a Resourceful Reggie - making excellent progress in Phonics and English. We are proud of you!

Vole – Values Tie: Arthur. Superstar: Alfie

Star of the week: Hans-Josef for being a Thinking Thedrick, working so hard spotting and creating rhyming patterns when looking at our poem on Africa.

Holly– Values Tie: Louis. Superstar: Kameron

Star of the week: Charlie has done a brilliant job in maths this week, showing excellent participation and thoughtful contributions during our lessons. He has really enjoyed our length and perimeter unit and has approached his learning with enthusiasm and focus throughout. Keep up the fantastic work, Charlie!

Juniper– Values Tie: Ruby-Ray. Superstar: Ymouna

Star of the week: Well done Ray for your excellent 'Hot Task' portal story. You listened carefully to feedback in your planning stage and we could really see the effort you put in. Great work!

Willow– Values Tie: Yusuf. Superstar: Amelie

Star of the week: Well done to Callum for being an outstanding Eco Warrior and for being incredibly helpful around the school and in class. Your commitment to tidying up, taking responsibility, and caring for our environment makes a real difference every day. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example!

Maple– Values Tie: Olivia. Superstar: Hannah

Star of the week: Emily B for being an ambassador of our school values; showing great determination and hard work during her swimming lessons. Well done, Emily, you're a star!

Poplar– Values: Izzy. Superstar: Ruby

Star of the week: Lacey for making fantastic progress in swimming this week and giving your best in every lesson – well done!

Plum– Values Tie: Hiro. Superstar: Teddy

Star of the week: Jasmine for her effort, determination and resilience during swimming this week. It was great to see her swim with a smile on her face. Well done Jasmine!

Hazel- Values Tie: Ezra. Superstar: Zeyd

Star of the week: Eunice for your super work in English. You are trying so hard to include all the features of the writer's tool kit. Keep it up!

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Aeva. Superstar: Skye

Star of the week: Evin for her creativity when designing her own planet this week in science. Great work Evin, keep it up!

Beech– Values Tie: Emmi. Superstar: Alexa

Star of the week: Lea, well done for having such a great attitude towards all your learning. You always try your hardest in everything you do.

Oak-Values Tie: Elijah. Superstar: Daisy

Star of the week: Violet for demonstrating excellent recall in our history lesson when discussing key vocabulary.

Chestnut-Values Tie: Lily. Superstar: Dylan

Star of the week: Ayo for always contributing well in class, particularly in our discussions about Buddhism in RE this week.

Pine-Values Tie: Umeyir. Superstar: Erika

Star of the week: Mason for always being inquisitive and asking well thought through questions to deepen his knowledge and understanding.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

RECEPTION - YEAR 2

EVERY FRIDAY DURING TERM TIME

£46 - 4 SESSIONS, FEB 27TH - 20TH MARCH

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING TERM TIME

£57.50 - 5 SESSIONS, FEB 25TH - 25TH MARCH


TIME: 3:15PM - 4:35PM

TAUGHT BY MOLLY FELACO - STAR OF THE 2025 "ALADDIN"
PRODUCTION AT THE EPSOM PLAHOUSE STARRING AS JASMINE

HOW DO I BOOK MY CHILD?

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