

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back this afternoon to our Year 6's from Marchants Hill. We hope you had a fantastic trip! And to all other year groups going to the PTFA disco's later, enjoy!

St Martin's had their first 'Scientist Day' on Tuesday this week. The children learnt about all the different science careers available to them and all the different environments they could work in. We smashed some stereotypes and asked lots of questions. We had parents visit all the year groups and talk to the children about their own careers in the science field. The children were fascinated and inspired; making links between what they have learnt in school and what real-life scientists actually do. A huge thanks to all the brave parent volunteers, you were fantastic! If you have a science-related career and would like to be part of 'Scientist Day' next year, please contact Mrs Williams at: [year5@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:year5@stmartinsepsom.school)



**Parent workshop** A reminder that we are holding a parent workshop, 'Managing Worries and Anxieties'. Join us on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am** in the Happy Shack room and meet our local Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioners who are linked to Mind Works Surrey. Staff will be offering advice and support to help you manage your child's anxieties and worries.

A parental handout will be shared following the event. We look forward to welcoming you into school on this date and hope you are able to join us. Mrs Hughes, SENDCo

**'Coffee and chat' with Senior Leadership Team** Parents and carers are invited into school for a 'coffee and a chat' with the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on **Tuesday 28th April**. This is a chance to chat with the SLT, ask questions and find out more about our Nurture Project. More information to follow.

**Air tags/tracking devices** Please can we remind parents that Apple Air Tags and similar tracking devices are not permitted in school. This is to ensure the privacy and safety of all pupils and staff. If your child currently has an Air Tag in their belongings, we kindly ask that it be removed before coming to school, as per our Uniform Policy.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Mon 16th March**—Epsom & Ewell Schools netball rally, selected children, Rosebery School, 4-6pm

**Tues 17th March**—Theatre visit in school of 'The Secret Garden' for all year groups

**Wed 18th March**—Year 2 trip to British Wildlife Centre

**Fri 20th March**—Red Nose Day—non-uniform day in school

**Fri 20th March**—PTFA meeting, 8am, in school, Room 9

**Fri 20th March**—Spotlight on Learning Assembly, Otter Class, 9am, large hall

**Mon 23rd March**—Epsom & Ewell Schools Music Festival dress rehearsal, selected children Years 2 and 6, Epsom Playhouse, during school day, packed lunch required

**Mon 23rd March**—Year 5 Easter Spinnaker Day

**Tues 24th and Wed 25th March**—Epsom & Ewell Schools Music Festival, selected children in Years 2 and 6, Epsom Playhouse, 5-7pm

**Thur 26th March**—Easter service, St Martin's Church, 9-11am

**Fri 27th March**—Spotlight on Learning Assembly, Pine Class, 9am, large hall

**Fri 27th March**—Parent Workshop 'Managing Worries and Anxieties', 9.10am, Happy Shack room

**Fri 27th March**—**Last day of Spring Term: Early Finish:**

**Early Years, Year 1 and 2—1.15pm**  
**Years 3-6—1.20pm**

**Mon 13th April**—Start of Summer term

**Mon 13th-Wed 15th April**—Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft



### Year 4 Rugby Tournament Success

A group of Year 4 pupils attended a local school's tag rugby tournament on Monday. The team played brilliantly throughout the group stage. They won their first game 3-1, followed by a hard-fought 1-1 draw in their second match. In their third game they produced an excellent performance to win 6-2. Their final group match was a very close contest, narrowly losing 3-2, which meant they finished second in their group. This result led to an exciting third-place play-off match. After going behind early, the team showed fantastic determination and resilience to fight back in a thrilling game, eventually winning 4-3. Finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 10 teams.



The children were amazing from start to finish, both on and off the pitch. They showed great support for one another, encouraged their teammates, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament. Impressively, the team had never played together before; some pupils had never even played rugby before, making their performance even more remarkable. They should all be very proud of their fantastic effort and positive attitude - Well done, team!

**Judo achievement** Last Friday Mason in Pine class, Year 6, passed his grading and was awarded his black belt in Judo. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Mason!



### Zactiv winners ....

Our overall winners for sponsorship money raised are:

**Juniors - Kate B (Poplar)**  
**Infants - Rosie B (Dormouse)**

They will each receive a prize of a personalised t-shirt. Well done! Also, a special mention to the following children who raised lots of sponsorship money through the Sponsored Sports event week. They have all received a keyring.

All the money raised will go towards funding our ZActiv programme and sports equipment for the school.



Piper C	Dormouse	EY
Beatrix H	Mole	Yr 1
Nancy H	Mole	Yr 1
Rory H	Otter	Yr 1
Esmee S	Rabbit	Yr 2
Dylan Carter	Vole	Yr 2
Nareeya C	Rabbit	Yr 2
Noa Kirui	Holly	Yr 3
Freddie M	Holly	Yr 3
Jack H	Maple	Yr 4
Millie K	Maple	Yr 4
Aya K	Hazel	Yr 5
Harvey M	Beech	Yr 5

### Attendance

**EVERY** day  
counts  
attendance matters

**Attendance last week:  
2nd – 6th March 2026**

**Infant Attendance: 96.5%**  
Highest classes were **Hedgehog and Otter**  
both with **100%**. Well done!

**Junior attendance: 96.3%**  
Highest class was Holly with **100%**. Brilliant!  
Closely followed by Plum class (99.3%).



PTFA news .....

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We are on Facebook & Instagram

### Emptying of lost property trolleys

Please take note that the lost property trolleys in the school office reception area and Early Years entrance area will be emptied after drop-off on Friday 27-March, which is the last day of term.



Please make sure you collect any lost items that belong to you before this time. Any items left will be removed - all named items will be returned to your child via the school office/class, any unnamed items will be washed and added to the next second hand uniform sale in the summer term.

### Donations of used uniform

We are looking for the following used 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
- Ages 3-7 (KS1): polo shirts
- Age 6-7: trousers, skirts (both grey and blue)

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.

### 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>

Next PTFA meeting:

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

# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Annie. Superstar: Evie**

**Star of the week: Olive** consistently shows all of our school values, has been writing some AMAZING sentences and doing 'Fred in her Head' while reading. Well done Olive!

**Dormouse– Values Tie: Elise. Superstar: Leo**

**Star of the week: Rosie** has been a real Teamwork Taura this week. She worked well with her peers during a math's lesson on the composition of 10. Rosie used strong communication skills to help find the missing part needed to make 10 using numicon. Well done, Rosie keep up the great work!

**Fox - Values Tie: Paige. Superstar: Alyan**

**Star of the week: Belle** has been a real Teamwork Taura during our Science week. She worked brilliantly as part of a team during our floating and sinking experiment and has also confidently expressed her observations using some of our key vocabulary. Keep it up Belle!

**Hedgehog- Values Tie: Freya. Superstar: Beau**

**Star of the week: Jude** has been a real Thinking Thedrick in maths—applying all his learning on place value within 50 to do very well in our maths quiz. Keep up the great work, Jude!

**Mole– Values Tie: Trixie. Superstar: Owen**

**Star of the week: Noah** has been working super hard on his reading this week, using more expression and noticing the punctuation. I can tell he is applying his reading to his phonics and English work too! Great work Noah!

**Otter– Values: Willow. Superstar: Raphael**

**Star of the week: Ted** has been contributing lots within lessons and showing great enthusiasm during Science Week. He has been trying hard to link his learning to real life experiences regarding Science facts. I am proud of his participating and understanding. Well done Ted!

**Rabbit– Values Tie: George. Superstar: Jamie**

**Star of the week: Milo** has shown great enthusiasm reading our playscript in guided reading. Great expression Milo well done!

**Squirrel– Values Tie: Betsy. Superstar: Max**

**Star of the week: Thomas** for being a Resourceful Reggie, using excellent reasoning skills during our maths lessons.

**Vole – Values Tie: Emily. Superstar: Aariya**

**Star of the week: Arthur** for being a Thinking Thedrick when creating sentences that included subordinate conjunctions. Amazing work Arthur!

**Holly– Values Tie: Dhanush. Superstar: Skylar**

**Star of the week: Juliana** was incredibly helpful during this weeks DT, making spring rolls. She demonstrated dedication throughout the process and maturity by supporting her classmates. We are very proud of your teamwork and positive attitude- Well done!

**Juniper– Values Tie: Harry. Superstar: Lucas**

**Star of the week: Well done Omer** for your scientific diagram showing how a shadow is formed. It was neatly presented and clearly labelled. Great work!

**Willow– Values Tie: Callum H. Superstar: Cydnie**

**Star of the week: Well done to Jesse** for being a star in our dance lessons in PE this week. We are very proud of your super participation, good listening and excellent effort. Keep up the great learning. Well done!

**Maple– Values Tie: Salvador. Superstar: Abi**

**Star of the week: Daniel** for always wanting to share his work and ideas with the class, positively contributing to class discussions. Well done, Daniel, keep it up!

**Poplar– Values: Yilmaz. Superstar: James**

**Star of the week: Robin** for his excellent engagement in class this week and for asking thoughtful questions during our lessons. His curiosity and enthusiasm for learning have really stood out.

**Plum– Values Tie: Celine. Superstar: Arya**

**Star of the week: Jaine** for her enthusiasm and questions during both RE day and Scientist Day. Well done Jaine!

**Hazel- Values Tie: Aiyana. Superstar: Florence**

**Star of the week: Philip** for his effort in writing a descriptive paragraph about the villain- Cruella DeVille. Well done Philip and keep up the effort!

**Hawthorn- Values Tie: Micah. Superstar: Daniel**

**Star of the week: Well done Laurène** for your excellent villain descriptions in English this week and your great work in maths with perimeter and area!

**Beech– Values Tie: Harvey. Superstar: Elias**

**Star of the week: Well done Cassidy** for being brave and speaking aloud in our Scientist Day Assembly and in our Prayer Leader assembly. You were really confident.

**Oak- Star of the week: Everyone for a fantastic week at Marchants Hill!**

**Chestnut- Star of the week: Everyone for a fantastic week at Marchants Hill!**

**Pine- Star of the week: Everyone for a fantastic week at Marchants Hill!**

# 10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

## 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

## 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

## 2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

## 7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

## 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

## 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

## 4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

## 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

## 5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

## 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



**NOS** National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

A green poster for an Easter Science! Holiday Club. The background is green with scattered colorful Easter eggs (blue, pink, orange, light blue) and small atomic symbols. A red banner in the top left corner says 'FREE'. The main title 'Easter Science!' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a black outline. Below it, 'HOLIDAY CLUB' is written in a smaller, white, bold font. The event details are listed in white text: Date: 30th March - 1st April, Time: 10:00am - 12:00 pm, Age: School Years 1 - 6, Venue: Epsom Baptist Church, 6 Church Street, KT17 4NY, Email: lisa@epsomchurch.co.uk, and Registration by 25th March 2026. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

**FREE**

# Easter Science!

## HOLIDAY CLUB

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00 pm

**Age:** School Years 1 – 6

**Venue:** Epsom Baptist Church  
6 Church Street, KT17 4NY

**Email:** [lisa@epsomchurch.co.uk](mailto:lisa@epsomchurch.co.uk)

**Registration by 25th March 2026**

