

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear families, as we reach the end of this busy and joy-filled term, I wanted to take a moment to share my gratitude and pride in our school community. Yesterday's Easter service was a beautiful reminder of the power of togetherness, reflection and hope. Our children spoke, sang and read with such confidence and care; it was a privilege to see them shine.



This term, we have continued to strengthen our focus on writing across the school. The progress the children are making is truly impressive; not only in their improved hand-writing, spelling and punctuation but their creativity, imagination and willingness to take risks as authors. Thank you for encouraging their ideas at home, helping them learn their spellings, reminding them about punctuation and general presentation as well as helping them see themselves as writers with something important to say.

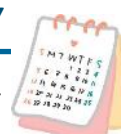
We have also taken meaningful steps on our journey to becoming a nurture school. This work sits at the heart of who we are: a community where every child is precious, valued and supported to grow. Our commitment to nurture is a commitment to every child flourishing, not just academically, but as kind, resilient and compassionate individuals.

As we move into the Easter break, I hope you all find moments of rest, joy and connection, whether that's time outdoors, shared meals, or simply a chance to slow down together. Spring brings with it a sense of renewal, and I look forward to returning next term with fresh energy for everything we will continue to build, learn and celebrate as a school family.

Thank you, as always, for your support. It makes all the difference.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and happy Easter. Mrs Down

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

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

**Wed 15th April**— Epsom & Ewell Borough cross country league third round, selected children, Meadow Primary School, 3.30pm start

**Fri 17th April**—PTFA non-uniform sale, 3.25pm, kitchen area in library/music block

**Fri 17th April**— Football league match v Danetree School, home match, selected children, 3.45pm start

**Tues 21st April**—Year 3 Spinnaker Day

**Tues 21st April**—Epsom & Ewell Schools girls football tournament, selected girls, Glyn School playing fields, 1pm start

**Wed 22nd April**—Class photographs, morning

Easter Service



**Transport help requested!!** We have been offered a baby grand piano ! We would love to say yes as we could then have a 'piano reshuffle' here at St Martin's. I would love for our pianists to get an opportunity to play this in our large hall. However this would require a lorry to transport and I estimate 6 strong parents to help us to:



- Collect and transport the baby grand from its current location (local) to our large hall (biggest job but not far *once it is here* as we could drive onto the playground)
- Transport the clavinova to the Music Room
- Remove the existing piano in the Sunshine Room = **FREE TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE IT?!**

I realise this is a big ask of your time and effort! But it is an amazing opportunity for those who may not even ever have seen a baby grand piano before, let alone played on one!

We look forward to hearing from you if you can help in any way, either with lorry or shifting! Heartfelt thanks, Mrs Kelleher, Music Lead

**Class photos** Class photos are going to be taken on the MORNING of Wednesday 22nd April. Children should arrive to school wearing jumpers/cardigans plus ties where necessary. If it is usually their P.E. day please bring their P.E. kit with them, don't wear it into school. Please arrive to school on time because photos will start straight after the register in the morning and they will end before lunch.

### Epsom & Ewell Schools Dance Festival

Congratulations to those children who took part in the festival at the Epsom Playhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday evening this week. They were an absolute credit to the school and performed brilliantly. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation for this and to the children for the effort they put into rehearsing for the event.



## School Attendance

**Attendance last week:  
16th – 20th March 2026**

**Infant Attendance: 97.2%**  
Highest class was Otter with **98.3%**.  
Well done!

**Junior attendance: 96.2%**  
Highest class was Plum with 99.3%.

**Every day counts !**

Every day counts! Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons, build confidence, and form strong friendships. Missing school can make it harder to stay on track with learning and feel part of the school community.

Being in school every day also teaches important life skills like responsibility, time management, and teamwork — all of which help children thrive both now and in the future.

Let's work together to make sure every child gets the most out of their education — because **every day at school is a chance to learn, grow, and succeed!**

## Book Corner .....



Wishing you all a peaceful break with plenty of time to read and relax. Perhaps share a story with family or friends, build a reading den or see if you can finish a whole book during Easter!



Could you read to your siblings/grandparents/pet?

Can you take a book on a journey or keep a diary about what your favourite part of each day was?

## Competition Time



During the Easter Holidays, we would like to invite you to get your felt tips pens and colouring pencils busy designing a poster for the next Book fair. Please include the following details:

**Dates:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Location:** Junior hall

**From:** 3.30pm-4.00pm



Please make your posters as bold and eye catching as possible. Please make sure your entry is given to the library or the school office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Your poster could win a £5 voucher to spend on new books at the fair. Enjoy creating! All books sold at the book fair go towards getting free books for our school!

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding the library at:  
[librarian@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:librarian@stmartinsepsom.school)



## PTFA news .....

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting:  
Fri 27th April 7.30pm  
Venue: Tbc

### Dates and Information .....

#### Easter gift for all children in school bags

As the term draws to a close we just wanted to share that we have sent home a little Easter treat for all of the children in their bags.

Every child has received an envelope containing an eco-friendly, biodegradable, plantable seed paper, embedded with wildflower seeds!

Don't worry if you don't have a garden, all you need is a small pot of soil and a windowsill. Instructions are in the envelope, but plant now and in a couple of weeks you should start to see some flowers.

We would love to see how the flowers grow and would really welcome you to share with us photos of progress. Pop a picture across to Suzy on WhatsApp, email to [ptfaepsom@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaepsom@gmail.com) or post to social media: <https://facebook.com/PTFAStMartinsCofEschool> [stmartins\\_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/stmartins_ptfa) Keep growing and have a lovely Easter break!

**Next Used Uniform Sales** The next used uniform sale will take place at 3:25pm on Friday 17-April from the kitchen area in the Music/Library block. Please use the doors and queue to the right and be mindful of children leaving school.

We will be re-opening the online request form for second-hand uniform items between Monday 13-April and Thursday 16-April. Stock depending, we will aim to send your requested items home via your child's class within a week.

The new format of the uniform sale will take place roughly every other week during the summer term. **The planned dates and times are currently as follows:**

- Friday 17th April** from 3:25 to 4pm
- Mon 27th April** from 8:30 to 8:55am
- Fri 8th May** from 3:25 to 4pm
- Mon 18th May** from 8:30 to 8:55am (incl. house colour t-shirts for Sports Day!)
- Fri 5th June** from 3:25 to 4pm
- Mon 15th June** from 8:30 to 8:55am
- Fri 3rd July** from 3:25 to 4pm
- Mon 13th July** from 8:30 to 8:55am

If you urgently need any uniform items outside these times, please email: [ptfaepsom@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaepsom@gmail.com) and we will assist where we can.

**TigerTags** While you're having that Easter holiday clear out you've realised you've run out of name tags? Why not give [www.tigertags.co.uk](http://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!



**Join our 100 Club Lottery** This month's 100 Club winner is Mrs Petersen with a winning amount of £57.60. Congratulations! 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>

## PTFA Colour Run 16th May 2026

Please find below details of the PTFA Colour Run event that will be taking place in the Summer Term with information about what a 'Colour Run' is and how you could help out.



### Colour Run 2026

Coming next term — and it's going to be AMAZING!

**What is a colour run**  
A Colour Run is a fun-filled event where participants run (or walk) a circuit of the school field while being showered in bursts of colourful, safe, washable paint powder. By the end you'll be a walking rainbow — and absolutely buzzing!

It's open to everyone — pupils, parents, and staff — and no running experience is needed. Whether you sprint the whole way or stroll with a smile, the most important thing is that you have a brilliant time.

**What happens on the day**  
Each runner will complete two fun circuits of the school field at allocated time slots packed with:  
• Easy obstacles to jump, crawl, and laugh your way through  
• Colour stations where volunteers blast you with paint powder as you pass  
• A FREE THROW SECTION at the finish — grab a packet of paint and go wild!  
It's colourful, it's chaotic and it's completely joyful from start to finish.

**How much does it cost?**  
Tickets include your colour run pack and entry to the event:  
Children: £10  
Adults: £10

**Whats in your colour run pack**  
Every registered runner receives a colour run pack filled with everything you need:  
• White t-shirt — your blank canvas for the day!  
• Headband — for a bit of sporting colour  
• A packet of paint powder — for the free throw area.

**Where do I sign up?**  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/stmartinsepsom-ptfa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmartinsepsom-ptfa)  
Here you will be able to purchase timed entry tickets, colour run pack, protective eyewear, extra paint pouches and more! Tickets go live next week.  
PLUS- You can choose your volunteer slot in the same place

Non-participant entry £1

### How can I volunteer?

The Colour Run only works because of our brilliant volunteers — and we need YOU! Volunteering is great fun and you'll have a front-row seat to all the action. Here's what volunteers can do:

- Man the colour stations — get ready to blast runners with paint powder! Your job is to make sure all entrants come away colourful with a smile on their faces.
- Help supervise the free throw section. Handing out paint bags, helping the photographer get great photos and having a laugh. This is going to require fully embracing the rainbow of excitement.
- Help set up and take down the course on the day — if you want to help raise funds for the school, but don't want to get coated in paint. This is the job for you. Tables need setting up, the course marking out, Gazebos setting up and then doing it all in reverse at the end.
- Assist with colour run pack distribution at registration. Prepacked bags will need handing out on receipt of a ticket showing their t-shirt size. That easy! No money to be taken at this point.
- Selling on stalls — We will have a selection of items for sale, including safety glasses and extra colourful items to wear on the day.
- Other — This could be on the entrance to checking tickets and taking money from non-participants. Seeing kids through the finish line and directing them back to the start or to the free throw area.



**Spring Term  
Book Prize winners  
Congratulations!**

**On Thursday the Spring term book prizes were awarded. A book prize is a symbol of recognition of a pupils' commitment to their learning as well as their thoughtfulness and helpfulness towards others. Congratulations to the following children:**

Early Years Badger	<b>Reina B-K</b>
Early Years Dormouse	<b>Oscar J</b>
Early Years Fox	<b>Delilah B</b>
Year 1 Hedgehog	<b>Amelia H</b>
Year 1 Mole	<b>Jacob E</b>
Year 1 Otter	<b>James S</b>
Year 2 Rabbit	<b>Samuel S</b>
Year 2 Squirrel	<b>Narinthorn C</b>
Year 2 Vole	<b>Monty B</b>

Year 3 Holly	<b>Noa K</b>
Year 3 Juniper	<b>Isla-Rose J</b>
Year 3 Willow	<b>Alice C</b>
Year 4 Maple	<b>Emily B</b>
Year 4 Plum	<b>Iola L</b>
Year 4 Poplar	<b>Izzy H</b>
Year 5 Beech	<b>Maxwell H</b>
Year 5 Hawthorn	<b>Anya C</b>
Year 5 Hazel	<b>Desmond C</b>
Year 6 Chestnut	<b>Lettie P</b>
Year 6 Oak	<b>William B</b>
Year 6 Pine	<b>Heidi F</b>





# FILM AND LITERATURE

COOKING CLUB SUMMER 2026

St Martin's Wednesday

Year 2-6

After-School Until 4.30pm

15th Apr - 8th July

No class 27th May

£11.50

12 week term



<https://bookwhen.com/growcookenjoy>