

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY .....



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**Mon 25th—Fri 29th May—Half Term**

**Mon 1st June—INSET DAY**

**Tues 2nd June—Science Fair, Years 1&2, 3&5,** parents can view the projects in their child's classroom from 3pm

**Wed 3rd June—Epsom & Ewell Schools District Sports Event, EYFS & KS1 selected children, Danetree School, 4-5.15pm**

**Thur 5th June—PTFA used uniform sale, 3.25pm,** kitchen area by library

**Mon 8th June—Year 6 Masterchef starts**

**Mon 8th June—Epsom & Ewell Schools District Sports KS2 FIELD events, selected children, Stamford Green school, Years 3&4: 4pm start, Years 5&6: 4.45pm start**

**Thur 11th June—Epsom & Ewell Schools District Sports TRACK events, KS2 selected children, Elmbridge Xcel Sports Hub, 9.30am**

**Fri 12th June—PTFA 'Funky Hair Day'**



### PTFA Sponsored Maths Event: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June



Help to raise money to support our school by taking part in the PTFA sponsored maths event on 18<sup>th</sup> June. All children will be given a list of maths facts to practise (these might be early numbers, number bonds, times tables facts or division facts, depending in year group). Details of the facts for each year group have been sent home in a letter today.

Please help your child to practise at home, so that they are ready to take part in the Maths Event, in school, on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

Please also collect sponsors amongst your friends and relations. Each sponsor can either sponsor the number of correct answers or a total for entering the Sponsored Maths Event – all children present on the day will enter.

The results will be sent home by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

Similar activities traditionally raise a lot of money for the schools and all your hard work collecting sponsorship is very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your support!  
The St Martin's Maths Team

Sports Day



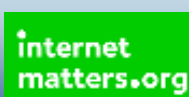
### Languages Day

The children had a wonderful morning on Thursday, with visitors from all nationalities visiting and spending time in class. We



learnt colours, greetings and numbers in many languages. Our visitors had put in so much effort to create fun, colourful slides which were exciting for the children and a few came dressed up! Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their busy work day to come to school and be with the children.

We look forward to you visiting again next year. Arigato, asante, spasibo, obrigada, merci and dankie.



## Sports News

### Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador goes to **all our Year 6 helpers** who did such a brilliant job helping Mrs Heasman and the other adults make sure that Sports Day ran smoothly - they have all been awarded the Active Ambassador certificate for this week, well done!

## Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our Sports Day, we hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did!

The children all participated brilliantly, and we were very proud of them all for demonstrating our school values so well.

Below are the results for each year group and the overall Sports Day winners - the children earned points throughout the day based on not only where they placed but also - and more importantly - for demonstrating great sportsmanship and encouragement towards their team:

### Year 3 and 4

Maidstone - 469 (2nd)  
Hylands - 449 (3rd)  
Woodcote - 494 (1st)  
Durdans - 427 (4th)

### EYFS

Maidstone - 136 (2nd)  
Hylands - 186 (1st)  
Woodcote - 120 (4th)  
Durdans - 133 (3rd)

### Year 5 and 6

Maidstone - 347 (2nd)  
Hylands - 373 (1st)  
Woodcote - 331 (4th)  
Durdans - 339 (3rd)

### OVERALL WINNERS



### Year 1 and 2

Maidstone - 319 (2nd)  
Hylands - 296 (4th)  
Woodcote - 303 (3rd)  
Durdans - 326 (1st)

**1st Hylands - 1304**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Maidstone - 1271**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Woodcote - 1248**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Durdans - 1225**

**Swimming success** Joshua in Plum class was selected by his club, Epsom District, to compete in the National Junior Arena League for swimming last week. Joshua performed very well and achieved several personal bests.

During the competition, he swam the 50m freestyle in 42.4 seconds. Then last Saturday, he competed in five races and achieved a personal best of 47.1 seconds in the 50m butterfly. A fantastic achievement, well done Joshua!



## Book Corner



The final numbers have been crunched, and I am delighted to announce that the Book fair raised **£568.79** for new books for our school.

# Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised...**£568.79**...  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

SCHOLASTIC

I hope everyone enjoys their new books and their Capybara diaries!

Big thanks to Laurène from Hawthorn class and family who have donated some French books to the library. Thanks also to Ethan in Holly class and family for a large donation of picture books.

Wishing you all a restful half term with plenty of time to read and relax in the warm sunshine. Happy reading!

Should you wish to contact me regarding outstanding library books or any other library related matter please use [librarian@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:librarian@stmartinsepsom.school)

## School Attendance

Attendance last week:  
11th-15th May 2026



Infant Attendance: **97.4%**  
Highest classes: **Dormouse** and **Badger** both had **100% attendance!** Otter had 99.2%. Fantastic!

Junior attendance: **96.9%**  
Highest classes: Oak, Chestnut and Pine all had over 99% attendance.



## PTFA news .....

[ptfaepsom@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaepsom@gmail.com)

We are on Facebook and Instagram



Next PTFA meeting:  
Friday 26th June at 7.30pm  
Venue: Rising Sun pub in Epsom

### Dates and information .....

#### Colour Run - Thank you!

We were delighted with the success of our first ever St Martin's school Colour Run event held on Sat 16-May! It was fantastic to see so many of you there and the squeals of delight from all of the participants are still ringing in our ears!

The event was several months in the making and a huge amount of thanks to Claire de la Porte, Hayley Simms, Brigid Ryan and Katie Hotchkiss who were the core team that helped Suzy bring the vision to life.

We are also incredibly grateful to the 7 x companies who came forward to sponsor a colour station and their donation of £100 each secured the coloured powder that sprayed the runners as they travelled around the course (see poster below).

The event really came alive with the support of all of our parent and children volunteers and we are thankful to all of you who donated your time before, during and after the event.

It goes beyond saying how much we appreciate the support of Mrs Down and the teachers on the day, but in particular we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr Webb who spent hours of his time to set up and take down the course. Without his support the event would not have been possible!



As always when we arrange an event, particularly for the first time like this one, we learn a lot and have come away with things that worked well, and things that didn't work so well. All of this will be taken forward into consideration if and when a Colour Run is organised in the future.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and we will share in due course how much the event raised in fundraising.

#### Fundraising Focus

We are aware that many of you are keen to have more visibility of what all of your fundraising is for.

Every year we set ourselves a total fundraising target that can be used either for specific project(s) or to be available to fund requests as they arise from the school over the course of the academic year. The past couple of years this has been around £20,000 - £25,000.

This past year we have been lucky enough to be able to fund some really significant investments for the school including £7,000 contribution towards the newly installed outdoor classroom on the top field and in principal funding of £25,000 for the KS1 playground redevelopment. We have also funded the library management system, books for the children, plants for the flowerbeds, Christmas and Easter gifts for all of the children, sports day ice lollies and the welcome back breakfasts that all the kids enjoy after the holidays.

As we conclude the term we will share details of what we have raised and where the funds have been spent over this academic year.

Moving forwards, we already have a focus for the PTFA fundraising to be able to pay for air conditioning for 3 more classrooms (approx £13,000) and to have enough money available to support any additional requests that may arise in the upcoming academic year.



We will soon be updating the PTA Events website with all of the fundraising focus items and will keep the details updated there so you can check in to see what your money is going towards.

Thank you to you all for your continued support of all things PTFA and really enabling us to make things happen for our whole school community!



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#### PTFA Chair Recruitment

Since December we have been recruiting for a new Chair or Co-Chairs to take over the role from Suzy when she steps down at the next AGM in September. No one has so far come forward and we are hopeful that someone or several of you would be keen to take on the role.

The Chair role involves some key activities, but really can be what you are able and keen to contribute, such as:

- Planning and organising the calendar of activities for the academic year
- Liaising with the school around fundraising requests, support needed or logistics for events
- Rallying volunteers to organise the events or help out on the day
- Chairing the PTFA meetings and helping to guide the direction of the fundraising and focus for the PTFA overall

Nothing is set in stone about how or what is organised, and it's a great chance to bring your own vision and ideas to events or fundraising generally.

If you would like to know a bit more or just have an informal chat about the role, please just reach out to Suzy or any of the committee members directly.

#### Used Uniform Sales

The next used uniform sale will take place at 3:25pm on **Friday 5th June** from the kitchen area in the Music/Library block.

Online requests for second-hand uniform items received by Thursday 4-Jun at 6pm will be sent into your child's class on 5-Jun. You can find the online request form under Uniforms & Merchandise on the PTFA website: [St Martin's Cof E Schools PTFA](http://St Martin's Cof E Schools PTFA)

Following Sports Day this week, please consider returning any house coloured T-shirts to us via the school office for use in future sales.

In order to get ready for the new Reception Parents' Welcome Evening in June, we would also welcome donations of good quality, clean, unmarked, logo'ed cardigans, jumpers, hoodies and polo shirts as well as PE white T-shirts, blue shorts and track suit bottoms.

We do NOT need any underwear, socks or tights.

#### 100 Club

This month's 100 Club winner is Jenny Bond with a winning amount of £57.60.

There is a 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>



**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](mailto:ptfaepsom@gmail.com)

# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Reina. Superstar: Jamie**

**Star of the week: Jesse** has been trying hard this week with his learning. He has been writing brilliant sentences with super neat writing, finger spaces and capital letters! Keep it up.

**Dormouse– Values Tie: Ava. Superstar: Charlotte**

**Star of the week: Lottie** has been a real Thinking Thedrick. She has answered questions during whole-class lessons with excellent detail and a strong understanding of the topics covered. Well done, Lottie keep up the great work!

**Fox - Values Tie: Jackson. Superstar: Chizara**

**Star of the week: Ori** was such a Teamwork Taura during our Sports day. He showed great sportsmanship by cheering on his friends as well as helping them. Fantastic work Ori!

**Hedgehog- Values Tie: Jackson. Superstar: Jessica**

**Star of the week: Josh** has been a real Thinking Thedric in maths, showing he has a strong understanding of multiplication and division by doing by doing very well in our latest maths quiz. Well done, Josh!

**Mole– Values Tie: Jocelyn. Superstar: Rían**

**Star of the week: Trixie** tries her best every single day at St Martins, applying her knowledge to her own work, and helping out her friends. She also showed great resilience at Sports Day this week. We will miss you Trixie!

**Otter– Values: Bauti. Superstar: Evie A**

**Star of the week: Arabella** has been working really hard with her writing this week. She has shown me that she is a Restorative Rithika by using her phonics knowledge, whilst remember punctuation. Well done - keep up the great motivation!

**Rabbit– Values Tie: Chloe. Superstar: Kylan**

**Star of the week: Ted** has been a real Thinking Thedrick when writing his innovated fact file, including excellent description and some great fun facts!

**Squirrel– Values Tie: Zendaya. Superstar: Nerea**

**Star of the week: Max** - for being a Resourceful Reggie, making excellent progress in maths and English this half term.

**Vole – Values Tie: Eva. Superstar: Ray**

**Star of the week: Maddie** for being a Brave Branley showing courage during Sports Day despite having a sore leg.

**Holly– Values Tie: Kameron. Superstar: Logan**

**Star of the week:** A big well done to **Ethan W-P** for his fantastic participation in Language Day! Ethan showed wonderful enthusiasm, curiosity, and a great interest in learning and exploring different languages and cultures.

**Juniper– Values Tie: Ezekiel. Superstar: Ciela**

**Star of the week:** Well done **Ted** for your excellent behaviour on our Chessington Trip and for answering questions politely and knowledgeably during the forces workshop.

**Willow– Values Tie: Isla. Superstar: Charlotte**

**Star of the week:** Well done to **Callum H** for being an absolute star on Sports Day. We were so proud of your courage and determination and were wowed by your fantastic running. Keep up the fantastic effort Callum! Great job!

**Poplar- Values Tie: Michael. Superstar: Evie M**

**Star of the week: Jacob** for his amazing lighthouse model in DT and perseverance when planning, creating and getting his circuit to work. Your hard work and determination really paid off!

**Maple- Values Tie: Harrison. Superstar: Olivia**

**Star of the week: Isla** for always displaying our school values and showing great courage and resilience during sports day. Well done, Isla!

**Plum- Values Tie: Alex H. Superstar: Arthur**

**Star of the week: Hiro** for her enthusiasm and sportmanship during Sports Day, always spurring her team on and wearing a smile on her face. Well done Hiro!

**Hazel- Values Tie: Desmond. Superstar: Johnny**

**Star of the week: Zeyd** for his super performances at Sports Day this week. Your running was like a cheetah! Well done!

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

**Star of the week: Noah**, well done for writing an excellent diary entry in English this week! Your writing included excellent figurative language, power of three, and plenty of ISPACED sentence starters. It was a pleasure to read! Keep up the great work.

**Pine– Values Tie: Erika. Superstar: Alex**

**Star of the week: Evie** for her engagement and enthusiasm when creating her own superhero in our English lessons.

**Oak– Values Tie: Maika. Superstar: Isabella**

**Star of the week: Noah** for fantastic engagement in the Russian, Urdu and Basque sessions from Languages Day. Well done - great effort!

**Chestnut– Values Tie: Oscar. Superstar: Lily**

**Star of the week: Mason** for focused and detailed work on his self-portrait for our digital art unit

## Growing up in the online world: a national consultation - Closing 26th May 2026

### What is the consultation?

In January, 250,000 parents wrote to their MPs calling on the government to **raise the age of access to social media to 16**. They responded by launching a national consultation which is now live. When the consultation closes, ministers will decide what policy to introduce in the UK.

### What are other countries doing?



### Shouldn't we focus on education instead of regulation?

We need both. Digital literacy and education are incredibly important for young people and parents. But education alone cannot counteract systems deliberately engineered to exploit children's vulnerabilities.

We educate young people about alcohol, driving and relationships – but we also have age limits and safety rules. The same principle applies here. Policy sets the boundaries; education helps young people navigate the world within them.

### How do I have my say?

The consultation survey takes 10 minutes and can be completed here before the 26th of May.


<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>



# INFORMATION EVENT

## Considering a career in teaching?

Would you like to train in a school in your local community?  
Come and chat with a member of our friendly South Farnham  
SCITT team and find out if teacher training is the career for you.

 St Martin's C of E Schools, Ashley Road,  
Epsom KT18 7AD.

 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

 Drop in anytime between 12:00-4:30pm

No need to book. Ask us about:

- Do I need experience?
- Which programme is right for me?
- What finance options are available?

FOR MORE INFO



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### CLUB VALE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

Fun • Friends • Adventures • Creativity

 **Location:** Rainbow Room, St Martins Infant School, Worples Road, Epsom

 **Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

 **Session Times:**


- **Full Day:** 8:15 AM – 5:30 PM
- **Standard Day:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

 **School Years:** Current Reception – Year 6

 **All children from all schools welcome!**

 **Activities Include:**

- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Games
- Dance & Music
- Baking Sessions
- Movie Days & Cinema Trip
- Outdoor Adventures, Park Trip

 **What's Included?**

-  Healthy snacks & light tea at 4pm, for those staying till 5.30pm
-  Experienced staff
-  Safe & friendly environment
-  New activities every day

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