

# NEWSLETTER



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Next week's weather is predicted to be very warm and sunny. Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied before school and comes in with a suitable sun hat and plenty of water.



**RNLI talk** On Tuesday the children were captivated by a talk from Mr Cooper, a volunteer with the RNLI on the River Thames, who visited us to teach the importance of water safety.

The children learned how to float safely in the water and discussed what to do if an inflatable or ball drifts out to sea. They discovered how to stay safe at the beach and by rivers, learned about tides, the meaning of different beach flags, and the vital role of lifeguards. They also found out why buoyancy aids should always be worn when using inflatables.

We now know the emergency numbers 999 and 112, and when it is appropriate to call the Coastguard for help. The session was both informative and engaging, and the children gained valuable knowledge that could help keep them safe around water.

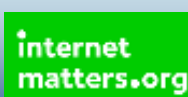
For more information about the RNLI and their lifesaving work, visit this link <https://rnli.org/youth-education>



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...



- Sat 20th June**—Year 6 Trailblazers Hike
- Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June**—Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 course
- Mon 22nd June**—Epsom & Ewell Dance Festival full dress rehearsal, 9.30am-3.15pm, Epsom Playhouse
- Mon 22nd June**—PTFA meeting, 7.30pm, Derby Arms pub, Epsom
- Tues 23rd-Wed 24th June**—Epsom & Ewell Schools Dance Festival, Epsom Playhouse, 5-7pm
- Tues 23rd June**—KS1 and EYFS District Sports, revised date, Danetree Primary School, 4-5.15pm
- Tues 23rd June**—St Martin's has Talent, Year 5 and 6 heats, 3.30-5pm
- Wed 24th June**—Family Support Worker drop-in, 9.45-11.45am
- Thur 25th June**—Year 1 trip to Wisley
- Fri 26th June**—Year 3 Egyptian Day
- Fri 26th June**—Spotlight on Learning assembly, Squirrel Class, 9am, large hall
- Tues 30th June**—Transition Day
- Tues 30th June**—Year 5 boys Dynamo County Cricket Tournament, selected boys, Weybridge Vandals Cricket Club, 9.30am-3.30pm
- Tues 30th June**—St Martin's has Talent heat, years 3 & 4, 3.30-5pm
- Wed 1st July**—Year 6 girls County Cricket Tournament, selected girls, Sunbury Cricket Club, 9.30am-3.30pm
- Thur 2nd July**—Early Years parents Barnardo's coffee morning, 9am, in school (details on page 9)
- Thur 2nd July**—Open Afternoon for current parents, 2.50pm onwards (poster on page 2)
- Fri 3rd July**—Spotlight on Learning assembly, Mole Class, 9am, large hall
- Fri 3rd July**—Ewell Castle Year 5 Maths Challenge, selected children, 9.45am-12.30pm
- Fri 3rd July**—PTFA used uniform sale, 3.25pm, music/library area



# Open Afternoon



## Thursday 2nd July

Classrooms will be open from 2.50pm for you to come and visit your child(ren)'s current classroom and see some of their learning for this year.

To ease transition around the school and prevent over-crowding in classrooms, at 3.20pm there will be a short bell to indicate the end of this part of the afternoon. Visiting adults will be asked to leave classrooms; children may be dismissed if they have an adult at this time too. Normal dismissal will follow for any remaining children.

Classrooms will reopen from 3.35pm to 4.00pm for you to visit the classroom your child(ren) will be in next academic year. The class teacher will also endeavour to be in the classroom at this time, but this is not always possible.

## Sports News

### Active Ambassador

This week's Active Ambassador goes to **Asher** in year 2 for excellent effort in his PE lessons; really persevering with skipping, listening brilliantly to instructions, and trying hard to improve his jumps. Well done Asher!



**Cricket success** Our Year 5 and Year 6 boys' cricket teams had an outstanding day on Wednesday, winning the Epsom and Ewell Borough Cricket Tournaments and remaining unbeaten throughout, with victories in every match they played. Their fantastic teamwork, determination and sporting attitude have earned them both a place in the County Finals. The Year 5 County Final will take place on **Tuesday 30th June at Weybridge Vandals Cricket Club**, while the Year 6 County Final will be held on **Tuesday 7th July at Sunbury Cricket Club**. We are incredibly proud of both teams and wish them the very best of luck as they represent the borough at county level.



**Art Club** The children have enjoyed painting Peacock butterflies recently. They learned about how the Peacock defends itself from predators and how you can encourage them into our gardens by growing their favourite plants. We studied their markings, colours and wing shape and employed a special technique using friction to make our butterflies symmetrical. We have also been studying the paintings of VanGogh and the children painted their own versions of the moon from 'Starry Night' on canvas, mimicking Van Gogh's famously short, directional brushstrokes.



**Royals Day** Year 1 have enjoyed a very hot Royals Day today! Entering school via the red carpet, they looked fabulous in their finery. We've learnt about monarchs from the past, comparing Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, had royal story time in the shade outside, used our knife skills to make a fruit salad before enjoying it at our royal banquet, and singing some songs about royalty. It's been a truly amazing day!



## School Attendance

**Attendance: 8th-12th June 2026**

Infant Attendance:

**97.1%**

Highest class: **Otter and Hedgehog with 100% attendance**

'Atty Bear' will spend the week in your classroom



Junior attendance: 96.6%

Highest class: Juniper with 100% Well done!

Please remember that all messages and requests regarding attendance/holiday requests/appointments must be sent to the school office:

[office@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:office@stmartinsepsom.school)





**Cooking Club** The children have been developing their chopping and cooking skills in the after school club recently, follow recipe instructions, how to check food is cooked properly, being encouraged to tidy up. They have shown super team work too!





## PTFA news .....

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

We are on Facebook and Instagram  

Next PTFA meeting:

Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm

Venue: Derby Arms pub, Epsom

Note change of date and venue

### Dates and information .....

#### Sponsored Maths Event— Thursday 18th June

Well done to all of the children who completed the sponsored maths challenge this week!

Please collect the money for your child and return your form to school and make payment by Wednesday 1st July at the latest, but preferably before.

- Payment by cash / cheque: Please hand into the school office in a named envelope
- Payment by bank transfer: Please transfer your funds including Ref: "<Your Childs' Name>/Maths" to St Martins School (Epsom) PTFA, Account Number: 20279664, Sort Code: 23-05-80

Similar activities traditionally raise a lot of money for the schools and all your hard work collecting sponsorship is very much appreciated and will go towards some of our big fundraising efforts currently for the KS1 playground redevelopment and the air conditioning for 3 x classrooms, plus much more.

#### Summer Raffle

We are delighted to launch our PTFA Summer Raffle with 40+ fantastic prizes to be won including lots of vouchers for summer camps, days out and activities, toys and more!

Tickets are just £1 each and available to purchase on our PTA Event site - <https://pta.events/ptfasummerraffle2026>

The automatic raffle draw will be done at 18:00pm on Friday 10-July and the lucky winners will receive an email to confirm their winning prize! Prize collections will be arranged during w/c 13th July.

#### Zactiv Family App - Register to use at home!

The Zactiv Family App is now available for you to use at home to engage in a variety of activities, exercise and Zactiv challenges. There's loads to access, so please register for the app and take a look at what the platform offers. Access our St Martins link using the details in the poster on Page 6. The children have heard all about it in the celebration assembly on Thursday this week, so please chat to them to find out what it's all about.

#### Zactiv Glimmer Pads

This is a bright, colourful and fun hardcover wellbeing journey with 13 weeks of guided wellbeing activities to build confidence and positive habits - perfect for ages 6-11. You can purchase the pads here: <https://www.glimmerpad.co.uk/>.

The cost is £24.99 (free Shipping on UK orders) - with £3 of every purchase coming back to the PTFA.

This may be a fun activity over the summer and remember Zack himself will be coming to visit the school in September and will be delighted to see the completed glimmer pads.



### Parent class reps

As the year comes to a close we would like to ask for the next generation of parent class reps to step forward. It's a great way of getting more involved in the fun parts of school life. We would encourage each class to have 2-3 reps. You can make this role your own, however, generally it involves things like:

- maintain the Class Parent WhatsApp group
- join the PTFA WhatsApp group and pass on critical information about PTFA events
- attend the monthly PTFA meetings ideally in person, but you may also dial in via Teams
- encourage your class parents to volunteer at PTFA events - lead by example!
- liaise with the class teacher about anything they need passed on to the parents
- remind the class of events such as 'Dress up day' or 'non-uniform day'
- organise coffee mornings and drinks evenings
- organise joint teachers' gift

If you are not quite sure, have a chat with your current or previous class rep(s) to see how their experience was.

If you wish to become a parent class rep for 2026/2027, please contact us via [PTFAepsom@gmail.com](mailto:PTFAepsom@gmail.com) by 10th July.

**Used Uniform Sales** The next used uniform sale is taking place on Friday 3rd July at 3:25pm from the kitchen area in the Music/Library block.

Online requests for second-hand uniform items received by 6pm the day before will be sent into your child's class on the following working day. You can find the online request form under Uniforms & Merchandise on the PTFA website: [St Martin's Cof E Schools PTFA](https://www.stmartinschools.co.uk/ptfa)

In order to get ready for the New Reception Parents' Welcome Evening in a couple of weeks, 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.

Please note that the final used uniform sale for this school year will be on Monday 13th July at 8:30am and the online request form will be closed for the summer.

#### Emptying of lost property trolleys

Please take note that the Lost Property Trolleys in the office and Early Years areas will be emptied after drop off on Monday 13-July.

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 in good condition will be washed and added to the next used uniform sale, the rest will be recycled.

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**Welcome to the Zactiv Family App**  
**"EVERY HOME, EVERY HEART, LIVING HEALTHY TOGETHER"**

Register for the Zactiv Family App

<https://family.zactiv.co.uk/register?school=st-martins-c-of-e-schools>

Start your  
family  
workouts  
today!

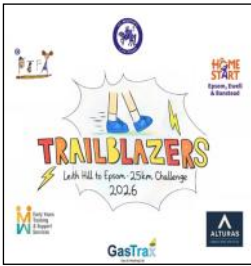
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## Junior Trailblazers final walk tomorrow—Saturday 20th June

Tomorrow approximately 60 Year 6 children will take on an incredible 25km sponsored walk from Leith Hill to Epsom! The children have spent months preparing through a series of training walks and are now ready for their biggest challenge yet! See poster below. They are raising money jointly for their chosen local charity, [Home-Start Epsom, Ewell & Banstead](#) and St Martin's PTFA (Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations - with any remaining funds to go to the PTFA generally.) Please support the children to meet their £10,000 target by donating to their Just-Giving Page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/trailblazersteam2026> Thank you for sharing! ❤️ Every step counts 🌟 Every child is a Trailblazer

# TRAILBLAZERS

## WALK FOR A CAUSE!

60+ children are taking on the challenge of a 25km sponsored walk from *Leith Hill to Epsom* to raise money for charity and their Year 6 leavers' celebrations.

**25KM**  
ONE EPIC JOURNEY

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE**

FOLLOW THEIR JOURNEY. SUPPORT THEIR CAUSE. ❤️

**DONATIONS RAISED WILL BE SPLIT 50:50 BETWEEN**

**HOME START** Epsom, Ewell & Banstead & **St Martins School PTFA**

**COURAGE. ★ TEAMWORK. ★ IMPACT. ★ TOGETHER.**

⇒ Every step brings them closer to making a difference! ⇐

# Values Tie and Stars of the Week



**Badger- Values Tie: Jacob. Superstar: Ralph**

**Star of the week: Dylan** wrote some amazing sentences for the Three Little Pigs. He showed great responsibility by ensuring he worked hard on his next step of keeping his handwriting neat and the right size. Great work, Dylan!

**Dormouse– Values Tie: George. Superstar: Isla**

**Star of the week: Lyla** has been a real Thinking Thedrick this week. She has carefully thought about the phonics sounds she has learnt, enabling her to read a wider range of words. Well done Lyla, keep up the super work!

**Fox - Values Tie: Sienna. Superstar: Hannah**

**Star of the week: Joel** has been a real Thinking Thedrick this week. When writing about the Three Little Pigs, he consistently had capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. He also independently used the conjunction 'and' to add details to his sentences. Great work Joel, keep it up!

**Hedgehog- Values Tie: Lucas. Superstar: Rex**

**Star of the week: Rutwikaa** has really impressed me in English, becoming much more independent with her writing. Her handwriting is beautifully neat, she is saying her sentence before she writes and remembering to use the correct punctuation. Well done, Rutwikaa!

**Mole– Values Tie: Rian. Superstar: Damian**

**Star of the week: Ray** has been working super hard on his English tasks, using exciting adjectives and his best handwriting. Super well done Ray and keep it up!

**Otter– Values: Rory. Superstar: Ethan**

**Star of the week: Emma G** for writing an incredible personal narrative – beautiful handwriting, using the all the time toolkit and made no mistakes! You truly are a Thinking Thedrick, keep up the great standard!

**Rabbit– Values Tie: Effie. Superstar: Isabela**

**Star of the week: Sila** has been a real Resourceful Reggie during our Maths Mastery lessons. Well done, Sila!

**Squirrel– Values Tie: Eluzai. Superstar: Saesha**

**Star of the week: Yan Yu** – both a Resourceful Reggie and a Thinking Thedrick. Excellent maths reasoning skills Yan Yu!

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

**Star of the week: Suviru** for being a Thinking Thedrick working so hard in our recent Time and Statistics lessons. Great work mathematician!

**Holly– Values Tie: Arya. Superstar: Jemiah**

**Star of the week: Well done to Alisa** for her impressive and thoughtful contributions during our recent History lessons on Ancient Egypt. Alisa amazed us all with her extensive knowledge, fascinating facts, and genuine enthusiasm for learning about this remarkable period in history.

**Juniper– Values Tie: Ekagra. Superstar: Michael**

**Star of the week: Well done Jude** for your impressive homework on Ancient Egypt. Your facts were fascinating and the decorations were beautiful.

**Willow– Values Tie: Mia. Superstar: Tomas**

**Star of the week: Well done, Vincent,** for showing outstanding resilience and positivity. You have handled many changes to your lessons with confidence and maturity, and your hard work in your new learning environment has been very impressive.

**Poplar- Values Tie: Noah. Superstar: Elsie**

**Star of the week: Matthew** for consistently showcasing excellent sporting skills and for representing the school with pride at District Sports and throughout the many sporting events this year. You have been a wonderful ambassador for our school.

**Maple- Values Tie: Zabdiel. Superstar: Calvin**

**Star of the week: Alec** for his valuable contributions to class discussions and always striving to improve his learning outcomes. Well done, Alec - keep it up!

**Plum- Values Tie: David. Superstar: Emperor**

**Star of the week: Rudy** for his excellent work in science analysing statistics and creating his own block graph to present information from scientist Dr Jane Goodall — well done, Rudy!

**Hazel- Values Tie: Aya. Superstar: Philip**

**Star of the week: Evie S** for your incredible effort in all areas of your work this week. You have offered many great ideas and well thought out questions in our topics this week. Keep it up!

**Beech- Values Tie: Eli. Superstar: Max F**

**Star of the week: Well done Lea** for completing a fantastic and interesting science project. It was lovely to see all the hard work you had put into it.

**Hawthorn- Values Tie: Mirabella. Superstar: Anya**

**Star of the week: Jack,** well done on your excellent work in maths this week and for contributing so well during our maths lessons! You have also been making excellent behaviour choices in class. Keep up the great work!

**Pine– Values Tie: Bethany. Superstar: Alarik**

**Star of the week: Dale** for his enthusiasm and passion during our production rehearsals and demonstrating great focus and batting at the cricket tournament.

**Oak– Values Tie: Charlotte. Superstar: Josh**

**Star of the week: Siena** for some hilarious contributions to our autobiography lessons, when remembering Early Years. I enjoyed the summoning of the 'ghost teacher' back when you were just a young Ghostbuster!

**Chestnut– Values Tie: Alice. Superstar: Will**

**Star of the week: Liv** for always being such a positive and hard-working member of Chestnut Class.

Coffee Morning for current Early Years parents  
Thursday 2nd July, 9am Venue within school tbc  
Email inclusionadmin@smartinsepsom.school if you are planning to attend

# Barnardo's

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Changing lives.

# COFFEE MORNING

## Barnardo's Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Support Service

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning to find out more about the support we offer.

### WE SUPPORT FAMILIES WHOSE CHILD MAY:

- Be showing signs of neurodiversity
- Have a diagnosis
- Be displaying challenging behaviours

You know your child best.  
We're here to walk alongside you.



Believe in children

Everyone welcome.  
Every question matters.

For parents and carers of children aged 0-5

We're here to support you and your child.

### AT OUR COFFEE MORNING YOU CAN:

- ✓ Find out more about our Parenting Support Service and the course we offer
- ✓ Ask questions about the challenges you're facing at home
- ✓ Meet the team and connect with other parents
- ✓ Get a feel for the topics we cover in our course

No question is too small.  
You are not alone.

### TOPICS WE'LL INTRODUCE:

- Emotional Regulation**  
Understanding big feelings and how we can support them
- Window of Tolerance**  
Helping children stay in their "just right" zone
- Sensory Differences**  
Understanding how the senses impact our children
- Executive Function Difficulties**  
Supporting everyday skills like planning, remembering and coping

Our course goes into much more depth with practical strategies to support you and your child.

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Brighter futures.

For more information, please speak to a member of the team at today's coffee morning.

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# HOLIDAY COURSES

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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: MULTI-SPORTS, ART, DISCO, TALENT SHOW, WATER GAMES, LEGO, PUZZLES, & MORE!

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**SUMMER: 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August**

STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, EPSOM (KT19 8LU)

**Rec-Y6**

For  
Boys & Girls

**8.45am**

Start time

**4.00pm**

Finish time

**5.30pm**

Extended Day  
Finish

[www.headstartsportsamps.com](http://www.headstartsportsamps.com)

# Glyn School Open Evening



Glyn  
School

Year 7 Entry September 2027

**Thursday 9 July 2026**

Parents and Carers to arrive from 4.30pm onwards

Headteacher talks at 4.45pm, 5.45pm & 6.45pm

No  
Booking  
Required



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