

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...



Hot weather reminder As the warm weather is forecast to continue into next week, children can still come to school in their PE kit until the end of term if they would like. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a sun hat, a named water bottle and sun cream applied before school.



A reminder that, for health and safety reasons, children must wear closed-toe footwear with socks. Open-toed sandals, flip-flops. 'Crocs' and similar footwear are not suitable for school as they do not provide adequate protection during play and learning activities.

Mon 13th July—PTFA used uniform sale, 8.30am, outside library area

Tues 14th July—Year 6 Leavers' Service, St. Martin's Church, 9.20-11.30am, children in years 3-6 attend

Wed 15th July—EYFS and KS1 Inflatable Fun Day

Fri 17th July—Last day of term
Early Finish: Infants 1.15pm, Juniors 1.20pm

Thur 3rd Sep—INSET DAY

Fri 4th Sep—INSET DAY

Mon 7th Sep—Start of Autumn Term

After school clubs UPDATE: All clubs finished this week with the exception of Tuesday Art Club who will be running a catch up session next week.

Details of clubs for the Autumn Term are now available on the school website.

Early start on Monday morning!

A number of children came into school at 7.30am on Monday to watch the England v Mexico World Cup match. There was such a fantastic atmosphere! We hope they all enjoyed the chance to watch the match with friends with an early breakfast.

Chest freezer donation request The school are looking for a chest freezer. If you or someone you know, are planning to dispose of one that is still in good working order, we would very much appreciate it as a donation. Thank you in advance.

HOUSE POINTS The final house points for the academic year are as follows:

Maidstone 1096

Hylands 1007

Woodcote 1063

Durdans 1052

The winning house is **Maidstone** and they will receive a treat of an ice lolly on Monday afternoon next week.



Sports News

County cricket finals The Year 6 cricket team performed superbly at the county cricket finals on Tuesday at Sunbury Cricket Club. After a tricky morning, the boys rallied superbly to win the Platinum Competition in the afternoon. Well done boys!

'Step into the NHS competition'

KS2 children had the opportunity to enter into a competition with the NHS. Here is the follow up from the organisers. 'Thank you for entering the 2025/26 'Step into the NHS' competition'. We really appreciate your pupils taking the time to create their entries and have been incredibly impressed by all the creativity on display in this year's competition.

We sincerely hope that your pupils had a delightful experience exploring the diverse array of careers in the NHS, discovering intriguing new facts, and gaining an understanding of how the NHS supports them and their families. Additionally, we hope they had fun showcasing their creativity through their competition entries. Unfortunately, your pupils did not win this time around, but we still really enjoyed looking at all the entries that were sent to us.'



Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are asking parents to complete the Active Travel to School Survey. Please complete the survey on behalf of your child to help make sure they can travel safely to school, and to support walking and cycling to school, with all the benefits that brings for the climate, the environment and our children's health.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey. We have now streamlined the survey and updated the mobile interface. We are keen to see responses from as many parents and carers as possible in order to build a full picture of travel to school.

Your participation in the survey will help Surrey County Council to give us the best possible support to improve our School Travel Plan and support the journeys your children make to school.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and your information will be strictly confidential. Please complete the survey today - and no later than 22nd July - on behalf of your child. Thank you for taking part.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ATTS-Parents-Carers-Summer2026>



School Attendance

Attendance: 29th June-3rd July 2026

Infant Attendance: 96.6%

Highest class: **Fox with 99%**

Junior attendance: 96.2%

Highest class:

Juniper and Plum with 98.7%



School Meals – New Catering Provider from September

We are delighted to announce that, from September, our school meals service will be provided by HCL, replacing our current provider, Aspen.

Following a thorough review of our catering provision, we selected HCL because of their excellent reputation for delivering nutritious, high-quality meals and their strong commitment to supporting children with food allergies and special dietary requirements.

Ensuring every child can enjoy a safe, inclusive dining experience was a key consideration in our decision.

Over the summer, parents and carers will receive an email containing information about the new service, including details of how to register your child with HCL. Please look out for this and complete the registration as soon as possible to ensure everything is in place for the start of the Autumn term.

We would like to thank Aspens for their service to our school and look forward to welcoming HCL to our school community.

Book Corner

I hope you have had a chance to choose a free book once you have returned your library books. If we have enough books you can choose again next week!

Can you complete a reading bingo line. Challenge your parents and other family members to complete one too!

- Long-term reading habits have also been linked to longer life expectancy.

Please find listed below a link to some ideas for various year groups:

Early Years : [Books for Reception](#)

Year 1: [Books for Year 1](#)

Year 2: [Books for Year 2](#)

Year 3: [Books for Year 3](#)

Year 4: [Books for Year 4](#)

Year 5: [Books for Year 5](#)

Year 6: [Books for Year 6](#)

Year 7: [School Reading List Year Group Bookshelf Poster](#)

To find more book recommendations by age, topic or interest you could use [BooksForTopics | Search Children's Books by Age or Topic](#)

Or you can try this website [#BookMatch | The Reader Teacher](#) if you search for an author you like already, you can find similar books to try. For instance if you like Katherine Rundell you can use [#Bookmatch](#) to find these recommendations: [#BookMatch: Katherine Rundell](#) | [Books for Fans of Katherine Rundell](#) | [The Reader Teacher](#)

All library books should have been returned, if you do find one over the summer, please keep it safe and bring it back as soon as you can in September.



Some top reading facts:

- Just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels by up to 68%!
- Reading builds skills for understanding how other people feel – essential for good communication and positive relationships.
- Reading also expands vocabulary and language skills naturally, improving communication and comprehension over time.





PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram



Next PTFA meeting:
Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm
Venue: to be confirmed

Dates and information

Summer Raffle

The automatic raffle draw will be done **TODAY** at **18:00pm** and the lucky winners will receive an email to confirm their winning prize! Prize collections will be arranged next week.

Parent class reps

Please confirm your new Class Reps **TODAY** by sending the name(s), email address(es) and phone number(s) to ptfaepsom@gmail.com!

Also to share: a Class Reps Social will be arranged for w/c 21st - September so we and you can get to know one another a bit better! More details to follow.

Used uniform sale

The last used uniform sale for this school year is taking place on Monday 13-July at 8:30am from the kitchen area in the Music/Library block.

Online requests for second-hand uniform items received by 6pm on the day before the sale 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 PTA Events site: [St Martin's C of E Schools PTFA](https://pta.events)

Please note that the online request form will be closed for the summer.

Emptying of lost property trolleys

The lost property trolleys in the office and Early Years areas will be emptied after drop off on Mon 13-July. Please make sure you collect any lost items that belong to you before this time.

Any items left after this time 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 after half term, the rest will be recycled.

PTFA Chair recruit

We are still looking for a new PTFA Chair (or Co-Chairs) to take over from Suzy in September. If you're passionate about making a positive difference and want to help create memorable opportunities for our pupils, we'd love to hear from you. This is your chance to help lead something meaningful, fun, and deeply valued by our school community.

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.

PTFA News!

To give you some more details about all of our current hot topics please access our freshly updated News page on our PTA Events website - [St Martin's C of E Schools PTFA](https://pta.events)

Articles include:

- Our current fundraising focus on the much needed class air conditioning and the KS1 playground improvement project,
- Details about the current CIL grant application to pay for a new 5-aside all weather pitch
- Details about what the new KS1 playground improvement project will include
- PTFA volunteering opportunities for 2026 / 2027
- And what it means to be a Class Rep

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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

Values Tie and Stars of the Week



Badger- Values Tie: Zara. Superstar: Olive

Star of the week: Luca for trying super hard with his reading and writing recently, he listens carefully on the carpet and always tries his hardest. Keep it up Luca!

Dormouse– Values Tie: Ava. Superstar: George

Star of the week: Esmae for being a Brave Branley by answering questions with more confidence during carpet discussions.

Fox - Values Tie: Belle. Superstar: Mateo

Star of the week: Sienna has been a real Resourceful Reggie this week. She independently created a book which retold the story of The Little Red Riding Hood. She also added her own illustrations – a true author in the making! Brilliant work Sienna, keep it up.

Hedgehog- Values Tie: Jemima. Superstar: Matilda

Star of the week: Beau has impressed me with his phonics, showing that he has been working hard to learn new sounds and apply them in his reading. Well done, Beau!

Mole– Values Tie: Annabel. Superstar: Jacob

Star of the week: Nancy has been working incredibly hard on her maths this week and I can see she is gaining a better understanding of numbers 1 to 100. Brilliant work Nancy!

Otter– Values: Bauti. Superstar: Arabella

Star of the week: Ted is our star for being a great role model for never giving up when learning gets tricky. He is resilient by showing patience; he tries his best and asks for help. Well done Ted!

Rabbit– Values Tie: Flora. Superstar: Phoebe

Star of the week: Morayo has been a kind and helpful friend in the classroom by ensuring others have what they need to be able to complete their work. Well done Morayo, keep it up!

Squirrel– Values Tie: Evaan. Superstar: Teddy

Star of the week: Betsy, for consistently demonstrating our schools' values in all areas of school life.

Vole – Values Tie: Lucy. Superstar: Monty

Star of the week: Roxy for being a Thinking Thedrick working so hard in every lesson and making incredible progress this year. Amazing work Roxy!

Holly– Values Tie: Milo. Superstar: Freya

Star of the week: Logan for his outstanding contributions in every lesson. You consistently share your ideas, participate enthusiastically, and make a valuable contribution to lessons every day. Logan also takes great pride in his work, always producing work to a high quality, whilst striving to achieve his very best. Well done Logan!

Juniper– Values Tie: Ciela. Superstar: Max J

Star of the week: George, I loved reading your Cinderella story. I could tell you worked so hard to remember your capital letters and full stops – great effort!

Willow– Values Tie: Kaeden. Superstar: Alice

Star of the week: Well done, Charlotte, you always try your very best and have shown wonderful perseverance as you continue to improve and take pride in your work. Thank you for being a kind and thoughtful friend who is always willing to help others.

Poplar- Values Tie: Ruken. Superstar: Selin

Star of the week: Brody for your hard work this week, especially as we have been exploring comic strips and beginning to plan our own Macbeth comics. Your creativity and effort have really impressed me. I can't wait to see your finished comic!

Maple- Values Tie: Hannah R. Superstar: Millie

Star of the week: Nancy for always being an ambassador of our school values and working so hard in all lessons. Well done, Nancy, you're a star!

Plum- Values Tie: Freya. Superstar:

Star of the week: Jasmine: her growing confidence, teamwork and willingness to join in class activities have been wonderful to see. Keep up the great work!

Hazel- Values Tie: Johnny. Superstar: Amal

Star of the week: Eunice for her super work on her Tempest booklet and for her neat sewing. Great effort in all areas. Thank you and well done.

Beech- Values Tie: Cooper. Superstar: Joanna

Star of the week: George for his fantastic sewing skills.

Hawthorn- Values Tie: Jessie. Superstar: Ismael

Star of the week: Aureya well done for your brilliant work in English this week! Your 'The Tempest' comic was both excellently illustrated and was a fantastic summary of the text. Keep up the good work!

Pine– Values Tie: Isabelle E. Superstar: Johan

Star of the week: Madison for always being incredibly thoughtful, kind and caring towards others. She often puts the needs of others above her own and is fiercely loyal. All attributes that will get her far in life. Thank you, Madison!

Oak– Values Tie: Siena. Superstar: Danny

Star of the week: Matilda for being such a fabulous friar in our Year 6 play. Fantastic projection and hilarious in character – well done.

Chestnut– Values Tie: Dylan. Superstar: Lily and Penny

Star of the week: Abigel for learning her lines so well and putting on a great performance in Hoodwinked.







Learn new skills. Make friends. Build confidence.
2026 Epsom & Ewell Young Legends programme

Our exciting new **Epsom & Ewell Young Legends 2026** programme runs from **2 November to 13 December**.

This **FREE** sports and creative programme is designed for children **aged 9 to 11**, helping to:

- Boost confidence** through fun, structured sessions
- Learn new skills** to be proud of
- Make new friends** with children from across the borough

The programme also aims to help those **preparing for secondary school** feel confident and ready for the next important chapter in their lives.

 **SAVE THE DATE:** All participants are invited to our celebratory event at Bourne Hall, Ewell on 14 December 2026.

Find out more - bookings open from mid-September 2026, date tbc





Arts & Crafts (SEN) ★ Basketball ★ Code Ninjas ★ Girls Rugby ★ Judo ★
Musical Theatre ★ Scrapbooking ★ Sing & Sign Choir