

NEWSLETTER

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As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, families and staff for making our school such a special place to learn and grow. We are incredibly proud of the excellent academic outcomes achieved across the school, which are a testament to the hard work, determination and enthusiasm of our pupils, supported so brilliantly by our dedicated staff and families. Our children continue to live out our core values of friendship, love, responsibility, courage, honesty and respect every day. These values are at the heart of everything we do and help to create the warm, inclusive and ambitious community of which we are all so proud.

This year has been packed with memorable experiences beyond the classroom. Our children have enjoyed tremendous success in a wide range of sporting competitions, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. Through school trips, educational visits, music performances and dance festivals, children have developed new skills, broadening their horizons. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing such a variety of opportunities with confidence and enthusiasm.

As we say goodbye to those who are leaving us, particularly our fantastic Year 6 children, we send them our warmest wishes and every success for the future. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and know they will continue to shine as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education.

There is a lot of work going on at St Martin's over the summer, including our school reception area being moved. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, inspired and ready for another brilliant year together.

To all our families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Whatever your plans are over the summer, I hope you enjoy a happy, safe and restful break. Mrs Down, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...



Thur 3rd Sep—INSET DAY

Fri 4th Sep—INSET DAY

Mon 7th Sep— Start of Autumn Term

Wed 9th Sep—Zactiv Workshop

Fri 11th Sep— PTFA used uniform sale, 3.25pm

Welcome Meetings for parents at start of the Autumn Term

We would like to invite you to come into school at the start of the Autumn term for an information meeting about your child's new year group.

Year Group	Day/Time	Location
1, 4 & 6	Tues 15th Sept 6pm – 7pm	Year 1 - infant hall Year 4 - large hall Year 6 – classrooms
2 and 3	Wed 16th Sept 6pm-7pm	Year 2—infant hall Year 3—large hall
EYFS and Year 5	Thurs 17th Sept 6pm – 7pm	EYFS – small hall Year 5 – large hall

Wishing our families a lovely
summer holiday.



Sports News

Active Honours Award

For this year's **Active Honours Awards**, we are delighted to recognise one boy and one girl at the end of their primary school journey for their outstanding achievements in sport.

Both pupils have demonstrated exceptional commitment, determination and enthusiasm in PE lessons and competitions throughout the year. Their positive attitude, resilience and excellent sportsmanship have made them wonderful role models, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

Congratulations **Cooper L** and **Charlotte V**!



Thank you ... A heartfelt thank you from St Martin's to the PTFA team for the tireless fundraising, commitment and time given throughout the year to raise funds for the school. Every penny and minute of time given helps to enrich each child's experience at school.

A special mention to Mrs Bond and her team of helpers. Mrs Bond has given up so much of her own time to organise and sort the used uniform and arrange the regular sales before and afterschool. She has constantly gone above and beyond. Thank you.

Thank you...

Staffing News

As we reach the end of the school year, we say goodbye to several valued members of our staff team.

Mrs Barrett, Mrs Hosken, Miss Reddin and Mrs Chan will all be leaving St Martin's today. We would like to thank each of them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the children and families of St Martin's. They have all made a significant contribution to our school community, and we wish them every happiness and success in the future.

Miss Lee, Miss Wilson, Mrs Moses and Ms Bobko will be joining our teaching team in September, and we look forward to them becoming part of our school community. We are also very happy to welcome back **Miss Silva** to her teaching role and **Mrs Ahmed** to her support staff role as they both return from maternity leave.

During this year, we have been fortunate to expand our support staff team with the arrival of **Miss Thornton, Mrs Tula, Mrs So, Miss Leonard** and our ELSA, **Miss Penny**. They have already become valued members of the St Martin's team.

Finally, we are delighted to share some lovely personal news. **Miss Joseph** and her partner are expecting a baby. Congratulations to them both! Miss Joseph plans to remain with us throughout the Autumn Term before beginning her maternity leave.

School Attendance

Attendance: 6th-10th July 2026

Infant Attendance: 97.4%

Highest classes: **Dormouse and Hedgehog both with 99.3%**

Junior attendance: 96.3%

Highest class: Oak with 100%
Well done Oak class!





PTFA news

ptfaepsom@gmail.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram



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

End of year wrap up

What a fantastic year it has been! Since September we have organised more than **18** different fundraising activities, from our big events such as Fireworks, Winter Wonderland, Quiz Night, Spring Disco and our first ever Colour Run, to our incredible Zactiv Sponsored Sports Week, our Christmas Cards, Sponsored Maths and our Summer and Christmas Hamper Raffles, sprinkled with our pop up sales, the 100 Club, our first ever Wreath Making Workshop. We have run over **12** second hand uniform sales and successfully trialled our new online second hand uniform request form.

We have also introduced the new PTA Events website which has proved incredibly successful as the one-stop shop for all PTFA activities, helping to increase visibility of our upcoming scheduled events, for tickets sales, volunteering sign ups, raffles and so much more! We have recently published PTFA news articles and will continue to refresh our content moving forwards to keep you all informed of all things PTFA!

We'd like to extend huge congratulations and thanks to the **Year 6 fundraising team who raised over £14,800!** After donating half to their chosen charity 'HomeStart', and all of the Year 6 Leaver celebrations and Activity Day, they have donated over £4,100 to the PTFA.

All of this has contributed to us collectively raising over **£26,000** this academic year! Since September, these funds have enabled us to invest over **£22,000** into activities and items to benefit the children, teachers and yourselves as parents. Plus we have committed to **future expenditure of up to £44,000** for the KS1 Playground Development Project, further investment in Air Conditioning for classes suffering from the heat and Early Years Play Equipment that will be enjoyed by the new cohort of Early Years next year and more.

We part-funded the beautiful new wooden outdoor classroom in which the children have been enjoying outdoor learning and shaded space during our recent heatwave. We paid for the annual M&M Theatre Production enjoyed by all of the children and invested in a full set of Quidditch Equipment for the Year 5 Quidditch Day that all children will enjoy as they pass through Year 5. We also funded the annual Library Management System benefiting the school library and all the children during their weekly visits, the St

Martins & The Samaritans Books available in every class and the Back-To-School Breakfasts that all of the children enjoy at the beginning of every term.

For more details of how the funds were raised and have been spent, please take a look at our fundraising and expenditure thermometers on page 5 and 6.

After 2 incredibly committed years, Claire de la Porte steps down from the Core Committee and her role as Social Media Coordinator at the end of this term. Claire has been the force behind many of the PTFA events, has endlessly shared ideas for events / fundraising, has connected us to endless people across Epsom, and has been hands-on for every event. Claire has been the single-handed visionary of our Winter Wonderland event which has been a magical Christmas celebration for the last two years. She will be sadly missed in the Committee, but her legacy will remain a part of all things PTFA!

I would personally like to extend enormous thanks to all of the Core Committee members for their continual commitment, passion and dedication to plan, organise and run all of our activities on top of their day jobs and parenting!

We cannot do any of what we do without the support of all of our Class Reps and of you and your children. We appreciate all of the time, effort and support we get from our school family community. As a token of thanks, we have sent every child home with a wooden bookmark for them to decorate and use during the holidays!

We are also so incredibly grateful for the support from the school office staff, Mr Webb and James, all of the teachers, in particular Mrs Rattos, our Teacher Rep, and the SLT, who collaborate so tightly with us and enable us to achieve all that we do.

Next year we have a calendar of great events planned, but to help guide our planning further we would be incredibly grateful if you take a few minutes of your time to complete our PTFA Survey:

<https://forms.gle/4MZNKb35vNcvhbvL7>

We wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September!

Best wishes, Suzy



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Zactiv Workshop—Wednesday 9th September

We are incredibly excited to start the new term with an all day visit from Zac (Gladiators' Steel) on Wed 9-Sept when he will run interactive assemblies with all of the children and will visit every Yr 1 - 6 classroom to chat to the children, answer questions and there will be plenty of photo opportunities!

We'd love for the kids to come prepared with questions for Zac and also have used the Zactiv Family App which is available for you all to use over the summer break. Take a look at the poster on page 7.

Tigertags

If you're needing new name tags for September, maybe check out tigertags.co.uk. Please apply the school code 1804 at check out so the school will receive £1 from the value of your order! Use code SUMMERTERM before 31st-July for 10% off.

New Class Reps

We've had a great response from many of you who have volunteered to take on the Class Rep role for next year and we look forward to working with you all. We will be arranging a Class Rep Social / Welcome Event w/c 21-Sept, so keep an eye out for details to come and we look forward to seeing you there!

If your class has not yet identified a new Rep(s), please do so as soon as possible and confirm to us by sending the name(s), email address(es) and phone number(s) to ptfaepsom@gmail.com!

New 2026 - 2027 St Martins WhatsApp Community

Over the course of the coming week(s) we will be setting up the new WhatsApp Community for all of the class WhatsApp Groups.

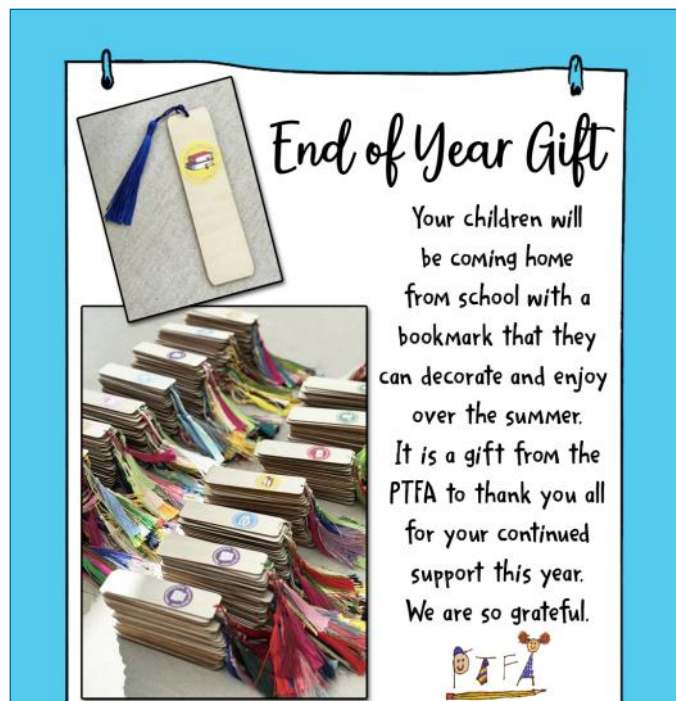
If you are remaining in your current class, your group will remain the same, but ask one of your reps to update the Group Name to <Class Name - 26/27> and add Suzy as Admin of the group so she can coordinate the move of your class from the current Community to the new one.

If you are moving to a new class, your new groups have been created already and Suzy will add you to the new Community. No action from your side needed. Your old class group will remain in this years' community in case you wish to keep in touch!

PTFA Chair Vacancy

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 EXPENDITURE

2025 - 2026 Total Amount Spent
£22,698



2 x Air Conditioning Units
Installed in Yr 24-25 £8,121 -

Outdoor Classroom £7,445 -

M&M Theatre Production £2,098 -

Quidditch Equipment £1,000 -

Back To School Breakfasts £480 -

Christmas Gift for the Kids £475 -

Licenses, NCPTA Fees £374 -

St Martin's & The Samaritans Books £359 -

Library Management System £356 -

6 x Sam-ur Card Machines £356 -

Plants for Flowerbeds Under Year 6 Classrooms £294 -

Forest School Festoon Lights £285 -

Items to use at Events £235 -

Easter Gifts for the Kids £192 -

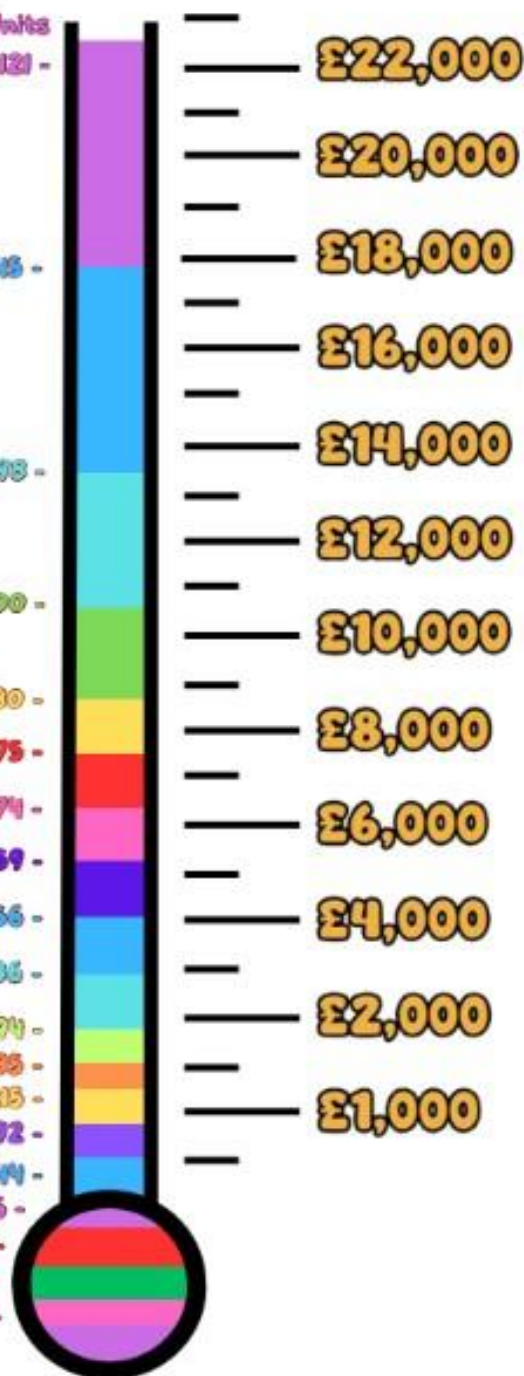
Summer Gift for the Kids £144 -

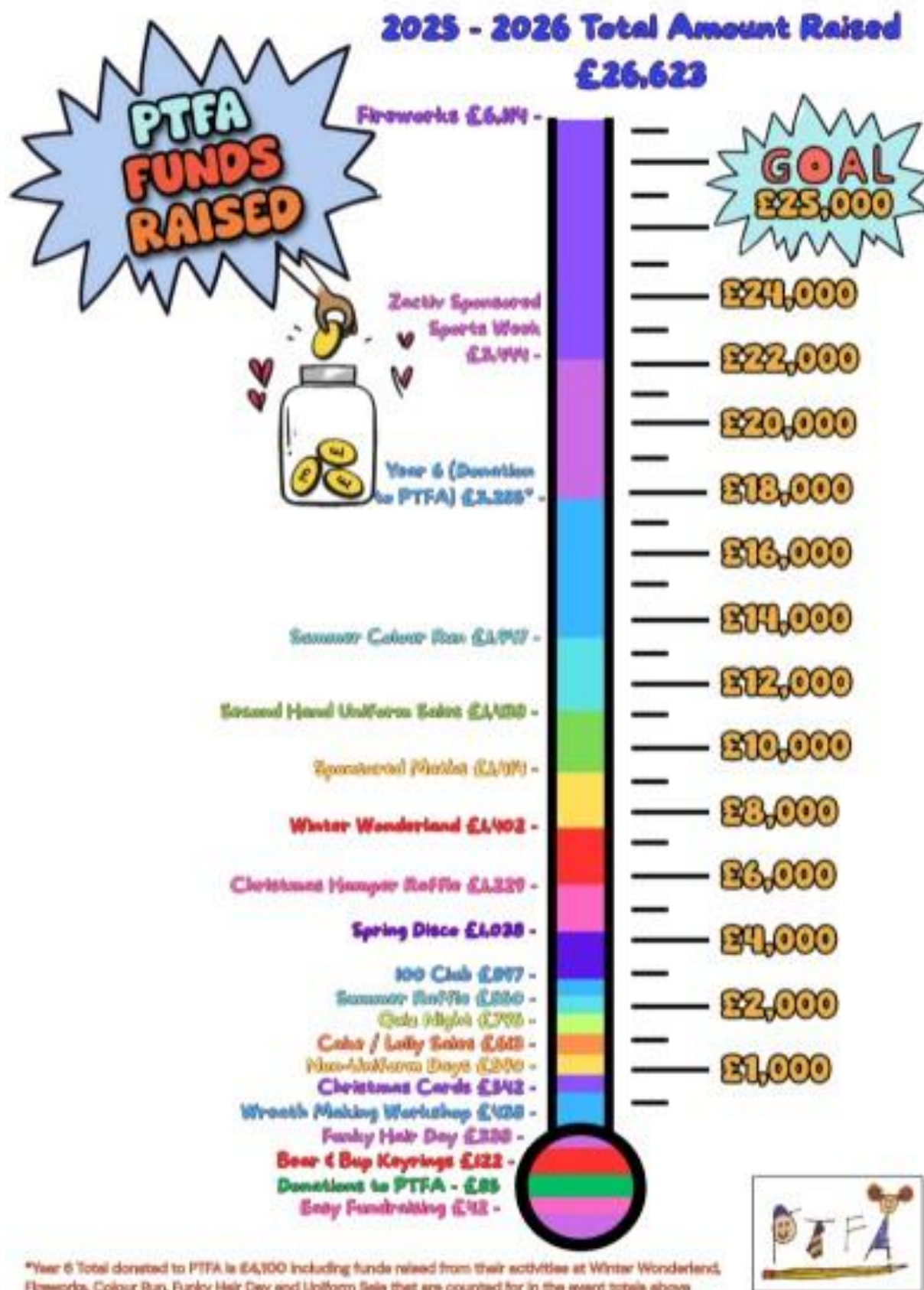
2 x Disco Balls & 2 x Microphones £145 -

Leaving & Staff Gifts £306 -

Illuminated Accessories for O2 Choir & Parents £29 -

Sports Day Ice Lollies £34 -







GLADIATOR STEEL IS COMING TO ST MARTIN'S ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER!



Download the Zactiv
Family App & enjoy
it over the summer!



*Ideas to build
excitement...*

Download the Zactiv Family App
and enjoy doing some family workouts!

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

Get your questions ready to ask him when he
comes round the school to talk to you!!

Watch some episodes of Gladiators or
Gladiator Epic pranks to get excited!

You could buy a Zactiv Glimmer Pad for Zac to sign!

<https://www.glimmerpad.co.uk/>

Wednesday 9th September is set to be a very exciting day!



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

**Summer Term
Book Prize winners
Congratulations!**

This week the Summer 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	Annie M
Early Years Dormouse	Grace A
Early Years Fox	Hayden V
Year 1 Hedgehog	Rex J
Year 1 Mole	Marion J
Year 1 Otter	Emma G
Year 2 Rabbit	Nareeya C
Year 2 Squirrel	Logan C-F
Year 2 Vole	Ela F

Year 3 Holly	Asadullah A
Year 3 Juniper	Aras M
Year 3 Willow	Wilf W
Year 4 Maple	Ava M
Year 4 Plum	Cade S
Year 4 Poplar	Kate B
Year 5 Beech	Cassidy d M
Year 5 Hawthorn	Laila F
Year 5 Hazel	Imogen T
Year 6 Chestnut	Kendrik N
Year 6 Oak	Elodie H
Year 6 Pine	Umeyir G Alex S

Coffee Morning for Early Years and Year 1 parents
Tuesday 22nd September, 9am Venue within school tbc
Email inclusionadmin@stmartinsepsom.school if you are planning to attend

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.



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.



Stronger together.
Brighter futures.



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