

10th March 2026



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

Compassion

Wisdom

Forgiveness

Hope

Perseverance

Love

PURPLE STAR AWARD



September 2025 to date:

Year R - 95.5%

Year 1 - 95.2%

Year 2 - 96.4%

Year 3 - 96.6%

Year 4 - 96.3%

Year 5 - 95.8%

Year 6 - 95.7%

Whole School - 95.95%

ST MARTIN'S NEWS

This week our school celebrated Book Week, and what a fantastic week it has been! The whole school came together to share a love of reading through a range of exciting activities. One of the highlights of the week was our Book Character Dress-Up Day. The children arrived in school wearing some wonderfully creative costumes inspired by their favourite book characters. We saw everything from magical wizards and adventurous explorers to some very imaginative mash-ups of different characters! It was fantastic to see so much creativity and enthusiasm - well done everyone!

We also held a Book Swap, which was a great success. Children brought in a book they no longer needed and swapped it for a different one to take home. This was a wonderful way to share stories with one another and give books a new life in a new home. We hope everyone is enjoying their "new" book!

Another special event was our online draw-along session with an illustrator, where we invited parents and carers into school to join us. Families enjoyed following step-by-step instructions to create their own illustrations together. It was lovely to see adults and children sharing this creative experience and discovering how pictures can help bring stories to life!

Throughout the week, pupils also took part in online workshops with authors, who shared their writing journeys, read extracts from their books and gave the children tips on how to develop their own stories and ideas. The sessions were inspiring and sparked lots of enthusiasm for reading and writing across the school.

Our Reading Ambassadors played a very important role during Book Week as well. They led a special worship focused on the joy and importance of reading, and during lunchtimes they spent time reading stories to some of our younger pupils. It was wonderful to see older children sharing their love of books and helping to inspire younger readers.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all of our parents/carers for supporting our Book Week events. Your encouragement helps us continue to build a strong reading culture in our school. We hope the week has inspired everyone to pick up a book and enjoy a good read together!

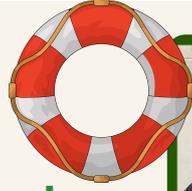
Happy reading!





BOOK WEEK





Oak Class attended a 'Safety In Action' workshop at the Three Hills this week, where the children were able to discuss and learn about personal safety situations based upon realistic life situations through interactive experiences and engaging activities.



This week Key Stage One enjoyed a visit from KIC Theatre, who ran workshops with the children focusing on how we can show kindness to those around us and the positive impact that our small acts of kindness can have on others.



Yesterday, some of our Year 5 & 6 footballers visited the Three Hills, where they took part in a football tournament with other schools.

We are so impressed that they won silver medals in both the development and elite leagues, thoroughly enjoying all of their matches and being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Well done to them all, we are very proud!





**What an unforgettable night we had this week at
The O2 for Young Voices 2026!**



Our incredible choir performed as part of a huge group of 8,733 children at Young Voices – and they absolutely shone! From the first note to the final applause, their energy, confidence and joy filled the arena. Performing in front of thousands in such an iconic venue is no small achievement, and every single one of them rose to the occasion.

We are beyond proud of their hard work, dedication and the way they represented us so brilliantly. Our choir were lucky enough to be seated right behind the stage this year and we were even treated to a shout out during rehearsals from the famous Andy, the creative director who teaches us the dance moves for the show.

Well done to all of our amazing singers – you were outstanding!



GOLD BOOK

Year R - Anvi, Jaxon, Aradhya, Bonnie, Florence, Grayson, Subik, Bodhi, Naomi, Bay, Elliott, Harrison, Gracie, Namsun

Year 1 - Hayden, Hugo, Joshua, Charles, Vlad

Year 2 - Amos, Skylar (x2), Huntley (x2), Archie, Harrison, Louisa, Linden, Naomi, Bebe, Bella, Jesse, Lulah, Caspar

Year 3 - Kayden, Liberty, Jesse, Grace, Bella (x2), George (x2), Elsie (x2), Darnith (x2), Koby, Otto (x2), Lily-Ann, Ella, Edith (x2), Sebastian, Evelyn, Sofia

Year 4 - Aurora, Jake, Frankie, Junedh, Lyla-Louise, Elliott, Rebecca (x2), Martin (x2), Max, Isaac, Diya (x2), Janyce (x2),

Year 5 - Aida, Dami, Mia, Blossom, Advika, Viggo, Eva, Jasmine,

Year 6 - Naomi, Charlie, Elena-Rose (x2), Paige H (x2), Faith, Eryn, Faye (x2), Louie (x2), Paige M, Ellie M, Poppy P (x3), Tiya, Ella-Jayne, Poppy S (x2), Ellie S, Arlo-Cash, George T, Melody, Cody, Ethan



A group of our Key Stage 2 children have been busy fundraising for the charity '21 Together', by making and selling squishies and running a 'secret reader' stall to tie in with our Book Week.

We have been so impressed with how they have given up their time to help to raise awareness and money for this charity and are incredibly proud of their compassion and hard work.

Well done!

PTFA EVENTS

Lottery

Parents' Lottery – Tickets cost £1 per week with a chance to win cash prizes every week in the Friday draw!

Sign up: <https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/folkestone-st-martins-c-of-e-primary1740446358>

Thank you for supporting the
Wonderlicious Bars!



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Wednesday 11th - Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th - Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th - Mothering Sunday Worship (9am)

Friday 20th - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

'Dress Silly' tag day theme

Thursday 26th - Year 5 Class Worship (9am)

KS2 Hockey Tournament

Friday 27th - PTFA Sponsored Bounce

APRIL

Friday 3rd - Friday 17th EASTER HOLIDAYS (school closed)

Congratulations to those children who have received our new attendance awards for either 100% (or narrowly missed) attendance so far this year. We look forward to handing out more attendance awards as the year goes on!

