

16th July 2026



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

Compassion

Wisdom

Forgiveness

Hope

Perseverance

Love

PURPLE STAR AWARD

Cruz Sims



September 2025 to date:

Year R - 96.9%

Year 1 - 95.1%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 96.8%

Year 4 - 96.2%

Year 5 - 95.3%

Year 6 - 95.7%

Whole School - 96%

ST MARTIN'S NEWS

What an extraordinary year it has been at St Martin's CEP School. As we reflect on the past months, I am filled with immense pride at the achievements of our pupils, staff, and the wider school community.

This term has been packed with memorable experiences that have brought our school together in the most wonderful ways. Our end of year school trips provided pupils with invaluable opportunities to explore, learn, and create lasting memories beyond the classroom. The energy and enthusiasm were infectious. Our sports days celebrated the competitive spirit and determination of every child, and I was thrilled to see such brilliant participation and sportsmanship across the school.

Our end of year music event at the Tower Theatre was a spectacular celebration of music legends. The performances were absolutely stunning, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our musicians. It was a joy to see our pupils shine on such a prestigious stage yet again and a wonderful celebration of such amazing children. A big thank you especially to Elliot Avery for all his support and inspiration, he was exceptional on the keyboard, supporting the children and staff.

Beyond these headline events,

I have been moved by the Christian values our pupils have demonstrated throughout the year – love, kindness, compassion, and respect woven into the fabric of daily school life. Willow pupils have made a remarkable start to their learning journey and have really become well-loved members of the school family.

As we come to the end of the school year we bid a fond farewell to our incredible Year 6 children who have been outstanding ambassadors for our school community and brought such joy and kindness during their time at St Martin's, we wish them every happiness as they move on to their next adventure.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the possibilities that await us in the new year, children full of excitement for the new opportunities ahead and a chance to watch our children grow and flourish.

Enjoy the summer holidays, take care. I look forward to seeing you all in September.



SPORTS DAY

What an amazing day we shared at Three Hills Sports Park for Sports Day 2026!
Our children gave every event their all, showing fantastic determination, teamwork and sporting spirit from start to finish. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements throughout the day.
A huge thank you to all the families and friends of St Martin's who came along to cheer on the children. Your support helped make the day even more special.



CANADA DAY



Oak Class had the honour of attending the Canada Day Memorial Service at Shorncliffe Military Cemetery earlier in the term. As they gathered to remember those who served and sacrificed, the children reflected on the values of courage, service, and remembrance that continue to shape our communities today.
Attending this meaningful ceremony provided an important opportunity to pay our respects to those who gave so much for future generations.

Lest we forget.

TOWER THEATRE

Our hearts are so full after an incredibly special afternoon at The Tower Theatre last week!

Seeing our entire school come together for our 'Music Legends' performance was a truly unforgettable experience. Every child stepped onto the stage with courage, enthusiasm and joy, singing their hearts out to classic hits from Abba, Queen, The Beatles, Aretha Franklin and many more legendary artists! Watching their confidence beam and their personalities shine really was something special.

We are immensely proud of every one of our St Martin's superstars. Their dedication and passion were evident in every song, and they created memories that will stay with us for years to come.

We are very grateful to our incredible staff, whose hard work behind the scenes made the afternoon possible, and to the wonderful team at The Tower Theatre for their warm welcome and help throughout the day.

It was so much more than a concert—it was a celebration of confidence, creativity, friendship and the joy of performing together. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a magical and memorable occasion. Well done everyone!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

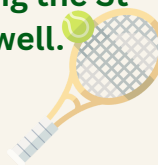
As the school year comes to a close, we said a fond farewell to our incredible Year 6 pupils during our special leaver's service this week. They have been an amazing group of children who have embraced every aspect of school life with enthusiasm, kindness and determination, while consistently living out our Christian values.

Each and every one of them is truly special, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We wish them all the very best as they leave St Martin's School and begin the next exciting chapter of their journey. Good luck Year 6, we know you will go on to achieve wonderful things!



SYCAMORE CLASS TENNIS

Sycamore Class had a super day taking part in a tennis tournament recently. The children did extremely well taking part in a range of activities to practise their tennis skills and they had so much fun! Well done everyone for showing the St Martin's Way and for representing our school so well.



ELM CLASS CRICKET



Elm Class had an fantastic day recently playing cricket. All teams showed brilliant perseverance and a wonderful team spirit - they should be very proud of their efforts! Well done everyone.

What a fabulous afternoon we had at Three Hills Sports Park taking part in the annual District Sports competition!

The children took part in a range of track and field events, showing determination, resilience and so much effort in every one of their events. It was absolutely wonderful to see how the children supported and encouraged each other, cheering on from the sidelines and celebrating everyone's amazing efforts. Every child represented our school brilliantly and we could not be more proud! Well done everyone!

DISTRICT SPORTS





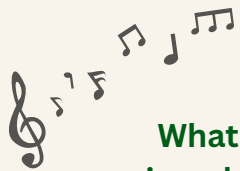
SCHOOL GAMES MARK GOLD AWARD!

We were delighted to be awarded the 'School Games Mark' Gold Award this term, which recognises a commitment to developing, evaluating and promoting PE, school sport and physical activity. A big well done to everyone involved on a hugely successful year of physical education and sporting events!



CHARIVARI FESTIVAL

On Saturday it was a pleasure to join in with Folkestone's ChariVari festival, a colourful and musical celebration that brought Folkestone town centre alive with the sound of drums, whistles, music and joy! The children were amazing ambassadors representing our school and we would also like to say a big thank you to their family members for coming along to support the event too. Well done everyone!



MUSIC WORSHIP

What a fantastic celebration of music we enjoyed this week at St Martin's! Our musicians who have lessons with Make Time for Music proudly performed for the school and their families, showcasing the range of skills that they have developed this year.

We are so proud of every child for their dedication and wonderful performances - it was a joy to see their hard work and passion for music shine! Well done to all of our performers and thank you to their music teacher her support throughout the year.





BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION

This week, our children enjoyed learning about Bastille Day and the history behind this significant French national celebration.

Following a special worship led by our language ambassadors, our pupils explored French culture, history, and the values that continue to shape France today. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to develop their understanding of the wider world and celebrate different cultures.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is back and now live! Let's see how many members of our school we can get involved over the summer and maybe we can bring the trophy back to St Martin's again this year! Please visit your local library to sign up - more details at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Our Charity Monitors have been busy this year raising money for the charity '21Together', which supports children with Downs Syndrome and their families.

Throughout the year they have been organising competitions and sales to raise money for this charity - and what a brilliant job they have done! To date, they have raised an amazing £538 - wow! We would like to thank this group of children (and their families for their support) for all of their hard work throughout the year, and would also like to thank everyone in our school community for their generosity and kindness in supporting these events. Thank you!



THANK YOU!



MAPLE CLASS TRIP

Maple Class enjoyed their trip to Dungeness where they visited both the RNLI Lifeboat Station and the Lighthouse. Not only did this help them with their learning about Grace Darling, but they also learnt a lot about the history and workings of the lighthouse and gained useful advice on water safety. A super day was had by all!



≡ **THANK YOU** ≡

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA and volunteers, who have organised a fantastic range of events & competitions over the past year to raise vital funds for our school. These events would not be possible without their support and generosity in giving up their time - a big heartfelt thanks from us all! Thank you too for your kind support of these events.



LONDON THEATRE TRIP

What a fantastic time we had recently on our trip to London to see Hercules the Musical!

The performance was full of incredible music and sensational performances, giving the children chance to experience the magic of live theatre in the heart of the West End.

Trips like these provide so much more than entertainment—they inspire creativity, offer new experiences, build confidence, and create memories. Our children were all a pleasure to take on the trip and were a real credit to the school throughout the evening. Well done everyone!

DIARY DATES



SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st - INSET DAY 1 (school closed)

Wednesday 2nd - First day of Term 1, new academic year

OCTOBER

Thursday 22nd - Last day of Term 1

Friday 23rd - INSET DAY 2 (school closed)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th - HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd - INSET DAY 3 (school closed)

GOLD BOOK

Year R - Anvi (x2), Nathaniel (x2), Bonnie (x2), Aradhya, Bonnie (x2), Luna (x2), Florence (x2), Nolan (x3), Ronnie, Grayson (x2), Subik (x2), Bodhi (x2), Thea (x3), Naomi, Atticus (x2), Bay (x2), Amelie (x2), Elliott (x2), Ranish, Harrison (x2), Gracie, Namsun (x2)

**Year 1 - Harry, Lilly (x2), Isla (x2), Nancy, Hayden, Hugo, Ellie (x2), Tabitha, Chloe (x2),
Albi (x2), Olivia (x2), Vlad**

Year 2 - Adona (x3), Cecelia, Amos (x2), Skylar (x2), Hughie, Elijah (x2), Gabrielle (x2), Linden (x2), Lorenzo, Aisha (x3), Willow-Rae (x2), Naomi, Ella, Bebe (x2), Huntley, Alisha, Archie, Harrison (x2), Jesse, Louisa, Lulah, Caspar, Evelyn (x2), Zack, Logan

Year 3- Kayden (x3), Jesse (x2), Faris, Grace, George (x2), Yuvani (x2) Elsie, Darnith, Otto (x2), Avyukta (X3), Lily-Ann, Edie (x2), Sebastian (x2), Evelyn, Sofia, Yoel

Year 4 - Mason, Ava, Aurora (x2), Theo (x2), Niamh, Jake, Jennifer (x2) Frankie, Junedh, Reggie, Elliott, Suki, Rebecca (x2) , Martin, Paige, Leah (x2), Diya, Jayden (x2),

Year 5 - Aida (x2), Milo (x2), George,, Cali, Zachary, Scout, Joe, Bradley, Florence, Harry (x3), Bodhi, Blossom, Viggo, Triyon (x3), Leo

Year 6 - Naomi, Cody, Charlie, James, Caleb, Elena-Rose, Faith, Faye (x2), Ellie S, Tiyen



Congratulations to all of the children who were awarded Tea With Mrs C this term, as well as the charity competition winners who also won! Well done everyone!