

31st March 2026



## OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

Compassion

Wisdom

Forgiveness

Hope

Perseverance

Love

## PURPLE STAR AWARD



### September 2025 to date:

Year R - 95.41%

Year 1 - 95.08%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 96.8%

Year 4 - 96.51%

Year 5 - 95.63%

Year 6 - 95.68%

Whole School - 95.90%

# ST MARTIN'S NEWS



## END OF TERM

As the days grow lighter and spring creeps closer, there's something rather special about this time of year. The daffodils are beginning to bloom and with them comes a sense of hope for brighter and warmer days ahead – a feeling that seems to ripple through our whole school community.

We've had such a wonderful array of events and celebrations recently. Book Week brought such joy and enthusiasm to our classrooms, and it was lovely to see families join us for our parent/carer draw along session. Our Mothering Day worship was a particularly poignant moment for reflection and celebration, whilst our class worships continue to provide meaningful spaces for our pupils and families to gather and connect. It was also a delight to introduce our French Cultural Day, which brought a taste of France right across the federation!

On a more personal note, I was privileged to attend the enthronement of Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, last week. It was a truly joyous occasion, and I felt honoured to witness this historic moment – Sarah being the first woman to hold this significant position as Head of the Church of England. It was an inspiring reminder of the importance of faith, leadership, and breaking new ground.

As we move forward into this season of renewal, I'm filled with optimism about all that lies ahead for our school family.

I wish you a happy Easter Break and look forward to seeing you all on the 20th April.

## ELM CLASS WORSHIP

Last week Elm Class led a whole school worship on the theme of our Christian value, perseverance. They explored how learning a musical instrument, in this case the ukelele, takes dedication, resilience and perseverance to learn all of the skills involved in playing. The class then treated us to a wonderful rendition of some of the songs they have been learning in their ukelele lessons! Thank you for a lovely worship Elm Class, we thought you performed brilliantly and were very impressed with how your skills have progressed!



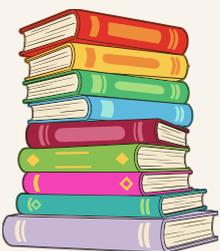
It was fantastic to come together for a special Mothering Sunday service to celebrate and give thanks for mothers and all of the wonderful adults in our lives who love us and care for us. The children all performed their songs, poems and readings with such confidence, enthusiasm and plenty of smiles - well done everyone!



*Dear God,  
Thank you for all the people who care for us with love. Just as Isaiah tells us that you comfort us "as a mother comforts her child," we thank you for everyone who brings that kind of love into our lives. Thank you for mums, stepmums, grandmas, aunts, foster carers, and all the special grown-ups who look after us. For the hugs, the help, the listening, and the ways they help us to grow.  
Please give them strength when they are tired, peace when they are worried, and joy in the everyday moments.  
Help us to show kindness in return— with our words, our actions, and our hearts.  
Be close to anyone who finds today difficult. Surround them with your gentle comfort and care. Thank you for your love, and for all who share that love with us.  
Amen.*



Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy stocking our bookshelves with all of the exciting new books that have arrived! With so many to choose from, there is something for all interests - non fiction, graphic novels, picture books, adventure stories and many more. (A small selection of our new titles are pictured below.) We can't wait to hear about the children's new favourites as they dive in and continue their love of reading!



What a magnifque time we had during our 'Taste of France' day this week!

Our children enjoyed a truly immersive experience, sampling delicious traditional French foods and discovering the rich culture of France. From exploring famous landmarks and well known artists to playing games and practising their French speaking skills, the classrooms were buzzing with excitement! The children expanded their vocabulary, impressed us with their pronunciation, and learned all about the French flag – the tricolore.

It's safe to say everyone had a fantastique time; a wonderful day full of enrichment and joie de vivre!



## **INTER SCHOOL MATHS CHALLENGE**

Last week a group of children from Year 5 visited Folkestone Academy where they competed in a maths challenge with 16 other local schools. They had a wonderful day and were fantastic ambassadors representing our school - well done to them all!



## HERALD CUP

Over the last five weeks, our incredible federation 'SeaMartin's' football team, with a mix of both Seabrook and St Martin's Year 6 children, has been competing in the Herald Cup football tournament against other schools across Shepway. The team have played amazingly well together and have noticeably improved after each match; narrowly missing out on a win in their first two matches and then going on to win their next three! They have now completed the group stages and Mrs Hawkins, Mr Peters and Miss Beazley are incredibly proud of them. We await to see if we have made it into the quarter-finals after Easter!



These children all won a special edition 'Tea With Mrs C' as part of our Wonderlicious Golden Ticket competition! Well done everyone - what a treat!



**EASTER HAT PARADE!**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

The children are invited to get creative this Easter and take part in our Easter Hat Parade!  
Our hat parade is all about imagination, not cost.

Parents & carers – no need to spend money!  
Use what you already have at home:  
Paper, cardboard, old hats  
Recycled materials, ribbons, or fabric  
Draw, colour, stick and create!

Every child's effort will be celebrated  
It's about fun, creativity, and participation – not perfection!

## **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>

### **CHARITY**

We would like to say a big thank you for all of the kind donations towards our Comic Relief Red Nose Day fundraiser today!

The children had a great day embracing this year's theme, sporting creative and colourful hairstyles, crazy clothes and accessories and even pairs of odd shoes! Your generous donations are much appreciated and will help to make a difference for those in need.



### **GOLD BOOK**



**Year R** - Anvi, Bonnie (x2), Nolan (x2), Ronnie (x2), Gracie (x3), Namsun (x2), Hugo, Jaxon, Aradhya, Bonnie, Florence, Subik (x2), Bodhi (x3), Naomi, Bay (x2), Amelie, Elliott, Nathaniel, Luna, Harrison

**Year 1** - Harry (x2), Teddy (x4), Isla (x2), Nancy (x4), Hugo, Joshua, Ellie (x2), Charles (x2), Arlo, Albi, Olivia, Vlad, William, Hayden

**Year 2** - Adona, Cecelia (x2), Skylar, Albie, Hughie, Elijah, Gabrielle, Linden, Lorenzo (x2), Aisha (x2), Willow-Rae (x2), Naomi (x2), Ella, Bebe, Louis, Alisha, Sara (x2), Bella (x3), Jesse, Lulah (x2), Evelyn (x2), Zack, Logan (x2), Archie, Louisa, Caspar

**Year 3** - Logan, Gryph (x3), Henry, Bella, Yuvani, Edie, Sebastian (x2), Sofia (x3), Cassidy, Yoel (x2), Kayden, George, Avyukta (x2)

**Year 4** - Henry, Jake, Danel, Junedh, Lyla-Louise, Leah, Isaac (x2), Janyce, Jayden, Mariame-Isla, Martin, Jayden

**Year 5** - George C (x3), Zachary (x2), Bradley (x3), Mia (x2), Blossom (x2), Leo, George B (x2), Isabelle, Harry, Drea (x2), Triyon, Eva, Leo, Amelia (x2), Aida (x2), Mito, Advika, Ernie, Tommy

**Year 6** - Athena (x2), Faith (x2), Orla, Ella-Jayne, George T (x2), Naomi, Cody, Charlie, Joey (x2), Faye, George P, Rowan, Jessica, Poppy P

## **DIARY DATES**

### **APRIL**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Hat Parade  
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> EASTER HOLIDAYS (school closed)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Term 5 starts

### **MAY**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Class Worship (9am)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS WEEK

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Trip

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - PTFA Break the Rules Day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)

