

October 22nd 2026



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

Compassion

Wisdom

Forgiveness

Hope

Perseverance

Love

PURPLE STAR AWARD



This term to date:

Year R - 97.4%

Year 1 - 95.3%

Year 2 - 94.3%

Year 3 - 96.8%

Year 4 - 97.9%

Year 5 - 95.4%

Year 6 - 76.2%

Whole School - 96.22%



ST MARTIN'S NEWS

What a busy and joyful start to the year we have had at St Martin's CEP School. I would like to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Year R welcome worship was beautifully led by our Year 6 pupils. It was a real pleasure to see our older pupils take the lead so confidently. During the worship, Year R formally met their buddies, who will nurture and care for them throughout the year. It is lovely to see these friendships begin, and I know how much our youngest pupils will benefit from having a buddy to look out for them.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our recent parent evenings. It was a great opportunity to meet with you and share how well your children have settled into school this term. I have been delighted by the excellent motivation our children show in engaging with school life. This is a real credit to them and to the support they receive at home.

Our charity day today has raised funds for Nepal through a tag day, a cake sale and plant sale. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought, donated or helped on the day. Your generosity makes a real difference.

I would also like to commend our children for their compassion and love. Their willingness to help others and make a difference to the lives of people they may never meet makes me incredibly proud to be part of this school community. St Martin's pupils are kind, caring and thoughtful, and I hope you are as proud of them as I am. Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely half term and a well-earned rest.

GOLD BOOK

Year R - Jack O (x2), Nathaniel, Hallie, Archie, Nola, Cambell, Isobel

Year 1 - Lara (x2), Bodhi, Amelie, Harrison (x2), Nugan, Luna, Hugo, Florence (x2), Ronnie (x2), Grayson (x2), Subik, Thea (x2), Bay, Ranish, Gracie (x2), Namsun (x2)

Year 2 - Harry, Lilly, Teddy, Isla (x2), Nancy (x2), Hayden, Ellie (x2), Charlie, Tabitha (x2), Chloe (x2), Lijon (x2), Olivia, Arlo, Albi, Vlad, William, Oscar

Year 3 - Adona (x3), Cecelia, Amos (x3), Skylar (x2), Albie (x2) Ethan (x2), Elijah (x2), Linden, Lorenzo, Willow-Rae, Eizun, Bebe (x2), Archie, Louisa (x2), Zack, Harrison, Jesse (x2), Lulah, Caspar, Bella, Naomi

Year 4 - Liberty (x3), Logan (x2), Jesse, George G (x2), Otto, Avyukta (x2), Sofia (x2), Darnith (x2), Ella, Lily-Ann

Year 5 - Reggie, Suki (x2), Martin (x3), Janyce, Layton, Aurora, Louie, Isaac, Diya (x2), Jayden, Charlie

Year 6 - Dami, Geroge B (x2), George C (x2), Finn, Scout, Florence, Blossom, Viggo, Triyon, Cali, Zachary (x2), Mia, Bodhi, Advika, Ernie (x3), Drea, Eva, Tommy



HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was wonderful to gather together recently for our Harvest Festival and to welcome so many family members into school to celebrate this special time of year and give thanks, reflecting on how our food is grown and harvested. We were so proud of how all of the children performed their songs, poems and readings with so much enthusiasm and plenty of smiles - they were all fantastic!

We would also like to say a big thank you for your very kind harvest food donations.



WELCOME WILLOW CLASS!

It was absolutely wonderful to officially welcome Willow Class into our school family at their special welcome worship, which was led by our fantastic Year 6 buddies.

We are so looking forward to sharing the journey with you and your families Willow Class and watching you grow and flourish in all that you do!





PTFA NEWS

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Tuesday 3rd November (3.30pm)

Please sign in via the Office once you have collected your child/ren

Come along to our PTFA AGM and find out a little more about what we've been up to, what we're hoping to achieve, and how you could get involved.

Snacks will be provided and children are very welcome to attend too!

We are particularly keen to welcome some new committee members and volunteers, as the current committee members step down in July 2027.

You don't need to have lots of time or experience — every bit of help makes a difference, and we'd love to have some new faces involved!

Come along, have a biscuit and a chat, and find out how you could help keep the PTFA going for our children.



KS1 Autumn Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 11th November (3.30pm)
Please sign up on Reach More Parents Forms



KS1 families are invited to join us straight after school for an hour of autumn-themed crafts and fun!

It's also a lovely opportunity to meet the PTFA, find out a little more about what we do and how you can get involved, all while enjoying some autumn crafts together.



Sponsored Read
A HUGE WELL DONE to all our little bookworms!



Thank you to everyone who took part in our sponsored read and to all the families who supported them, helping us to raise an amazing £353.50! We're very proud of our efforts. Every penny helps make a big difference!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

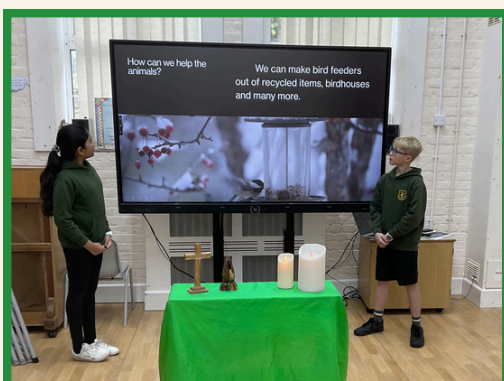
What an amazing few days we had on our Year 6 PGL residential trip! The children were brilliant from start to finish, showing determination and exceptional team work, while supporting & encouraging each other and bravely taking on new challenges. Along the way, they created some truly special memories that will no doubt stay with them for years to come.

A huge well done to all of the children — they should all be incredibly proud of themselves! We certainly are!



NATURAL WORLD WORSHIP

Two members of Oak Class led a whole school worship about our natural world, including suggestions of how we can help wildlife during winter months. We all thoroughly enjoyed their informative worship, well done to them both!



CHARITY

Today we held a tag day and sold homemade cakes and indoor plants in aid of Nepal Flood Relief charity. Thank you so much for your donations, generosity and support.

If you have not already contributed and still wish to, please donate via

The GoFundMe page is here: <https://gofund.me/4ef6f652f>

We will update you with our fundraising total next term.



REMINDERS



Please ensure that your child brings their coat to school every day, as the temperature is dropping and we are seeing more rain as we embrace the autumnal weather!

At St Martin's we encourage healthy eating and therefore children should not bring chocolate or sweets in their lunchboxes.

Could you also ensure that grapes are cut in half (top to bottom) to avoid them being a choking hazard.

Many thanks as always for your continued co-operation and support.

**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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OPEN DAYS
FOR CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION
IN SEPTEMBER 2027

3rd NOVEMBER, 12th NOVEMBER
& 18th NOVEMBER 2026

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd - INSET DAY (school closed)
Monday 26th - Friday 30th - HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd - INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd - Admissions 2027 school tours (1.30 - 3pm)
PTFA AGM (please see page 2)
Wednesday 4th - School Photographs (individual)
Thursday 5th - Year 6 Cathedral Day
Wednesday 11th - PTFA KS1 Craft Event (please see page 2)
Thursday 12th - Admissions 2027 school tours (1.30 - 3pm)
Wednesday 18th - Admissions 2027 school tours (9.15 - 11am)
Thursday 19th - NCMP Programme (Year R and Year 6)

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Pantomime Trip
Friday 4th - PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th - Christmas Play (More information to follow)
Thursday 10th - Christmas Play (More information to follow)
Friday 18th - Last day of Term 2

After half term, poppies will be on sale during break times in aid of the Royal British Legion

