

# St Martin's Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Merry Christmas

We have had a lovely, Christmassy few weeks, enjoying our amazing nativities, and of course Christmas Dinner. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Christmas performances. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children did. We loved the Christmas Panto and Winter Wonderland at the Ombudsman offices and sang beautifully at the school carol service. We also had our reading racetrack rewards and not to mention our Elf Run where we have raised

£614.72 at last count. You can still donate on our Just Giving Page

<https://mwlhnscharity.enthuse.com/pf/stmartinsruncorn>

The winners of the Hampers were Lydia G Year 6 & Reggie MW Year 4

Congratulations to everyone who won one of the 30 selection boxes donated by staff.

I hope all our families have a Happy and Holy Christmas sharing time together and we will see you in 2025 when we return at 8.40am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



## Mrs Rotherham

It is with Sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rotherham, who has decided to retire after looking after children in St Martin's for 38 years! She more than likely was a midday assistant for many parents too! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the commitment she has given to St Martin's, I have always been able to count on her to keep the lunchtimes organised and she will be missed.



## Attendance

Year R - 96% 10 Lates

Year 1 - 87% 7 Lates

Year 2 - 90% 12 Lates

Year 3 - 90% 10 Lates

Year 4 - 92% 16 Lates

Year 5 - 96% 11 Lates

Year 6 - 99% 8 Lates

2 Classes with less than 10 lates

Anyone who comes into school after 8:50am is marked as late. Please try to be an attendance



## Attendance

Thank you so much for trying to keep attendance good. Even though it is the last week of term we have still managed 93%. 😊

## Christmas Mass Times

On Christmas Eve, Fr Christmas will be visiting St Martin's Church at 4pm during the Children's service and all children who attend will receive a small gift.

There is also a carol service and live crib at 5.30pm in Our Lady's or a Christmas Day Mass at St Martin's at 10.30am.

## Attendance Rewards

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 who have both completed their puzzles for good attendance.



They will enjoy a reward afternoon during the first week back in January.

## Spare Underwear

Our supplies of spare underwear have been depleted across all classes in the school. We would be very grateful if parents have any spare undies, knickers, socks or tights they could donate for all ages.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Dot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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