

St Martin's Newsletter






SUMMER TERM 2024/2025

Friday 20th June

Attendance

Another week with above 90% attendance at **92.7%**.

Remember anyone arriving at school after 8:50 am will be marked late. Let's be an attendance HERO!

			
	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
Nursery	77.02%	4	
Reception	97.78%	2	6.07
Year 1	100%	2	14.21
Year 2	97.2%	5	10.57
Year 3	92.07%	8	8.17
Year 4	85%	3	9.85
Year 5	95.52%	4	16.6
Year 6	96%	3	12.7

Year 5 win the bonus break for most average dojos this week.

St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

			
	Shining Star	Purple Tie	Our Values
Nursery	Paddy K	Oliver G	
Reception	Violet R	Alex FS	Chimara E
Year 1	Amelia-Rose R	Elexis S	Kohnan B
Year 2	Dylan W	Kyra M	Hannah N
Year 3	Layton MR	Freddie MP	Ellzah B
Year 4	Imogen T	Chimmy I	Olina C
Year 5	Winter K	Eva N	Ewan W
Year 6	Alex J	Erin H	Isobel W

Safety Advice

This guide examines [YouTube Kids](#), a child-friendly version of the video-sharing giant, and explores the risks that may still persist despite the platform's safety-focused design.

Message from Mrs Ming

What a busy week it has been! Well done to all the children who took part in 'Walk to school' week, they were awarded with their badges a congratulations to Y1 & Y4 who had the most walking to school and received extra playtime today. As you will remember during June we are celebrating **Diversity month** and on **Friday 27th June** all children can come into school with **Crazy Hair** as a way to remember that being different is good and life would be boring if we were all the same. Next week is also '**Be on time week**' and each child who is on time will receive a sticker every day. Any classes who have zero lates next week will receive an extra playtime on Friday.

Parent Notice Board

Y4 York Trip - 30th June - 2nd July
 Y6 Transition days - 7th -8th July
 KS1 trip to Lego discovery/sealife centre - 7th July
 Sports day - 10th July
 Y6 Robinwood Trip - 14th July - 16th July
 Y6 performance 2pm and 6pm - 21st July
 Preschool trip to Imagine That - 21st July
 Leavers assembly 9am - 22nd July
 Summer fayre 1pm - 22nd July
 Leavers Mass 10am - 23rd July

Pre-School Places

We have almost filled all the places for September so if you are wanting a place for your child please complete a registration form and hand it in as soon as possible. Places are limited and once full any new applications will go on a waiting list.

Clubs

Monday - Year 6 performance rehearsal – ALL year 6 to attend
Tuesday - Fitness club with Miss Higham – Year 6
 Comic club with Mrs Ming – KS2
 Homework club with Mrs Wilson – KS2
Thursday - Just dance with Miss Harrison – Year 2 & 3
 Netball club with Mrs Moseley – Year 4 & 5
 Sports club with Mr Cullen – Year R & 1
Friday - Choir with Mr Scott – KS2
 All clubs finish at 4.15pm

Staff Leaving Pre-School

We are sad to let you all know that **Karen** from Pre-School has decided to leave after **17 years** of being part of the team. Many of you will have fond memories of her and she loved working with the children. My favourite memory is from the first year I was here, watching the Pre-School nativity and Karen helping out dressed as a cow. This just reflects how she went above and beyond to ensure all children were supported. Thank you for all of your dedication and commitment to the children of St Martin's over the years. You will be missed.

Catholic Life and Reflection

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the [weekly Gospel's](#) with their families. On Saturday some of our children will be celebrating their **First Holy Communion** and will be joining the whole parish celebration on **Sunday 22nd June** in **Our Lady's Church** at **11am** if any families would like to join them.

God our Father,
we pray for the children and families who will be celebrating on Saturday.
May they know your love.
Amen

St Martin's Church is celebrating it's **50th Anniversary** in July and will be holding a special mass on **Saturday 12th July**. All our families are invited to come along and there will be a buffet after Mass - A survey has been sent out, so if you are coming we can ensure we have catered for enough people. Please complete this before Wednesday 2nd July.



Film Night

Our Midday assistants are arranging a film night for the children on **Friday 4th July** from **3.30-5.30pm**. The cost is **£3** per child and they will receive popcorn and a drink. Payments should be made on the gateway app.

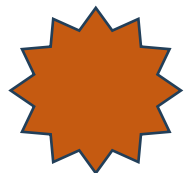
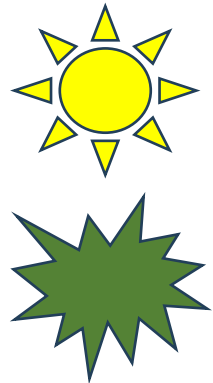
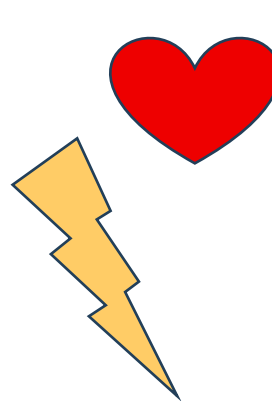


Rainbow Hampers

We will once again be raffling off 'rainbow hampers' during the summer fayre. On **Friday 27th June** (Crazy hair day) we will be allowing children to wear their **own clothes** in return for a donation of a specific coloured object:



Pre-School - Red
Reception - Orange
Y1 - Yellow
Y2 - Green
Y3 - Blue
Y4 - Silver
Y5 - Gold
Y6 - Purple



For example red objects could be a box of celebrations, a tube of ready salted pringles, a pack of Madri lager, a red soft toy

Orange could be tangfastic haribos, reeses' pieces, hairbands, fox teddy, Elvive dream lengths shampoo etc. This year the hampers will contain a selection of each colour 😊

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.



AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.



DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.



Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



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