

# St Martin's Newsletter






Autumn TERM 2025/2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

## Attendance


We have seen a slight increase as children are returning after illness and whole school attendance is **89.1 %**. Remember to visit [Should I keep my child off school](#) for advice.

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|           | Attendance  | Lateness  | Class Dojo  |
| Nursery   | 76.34%  | 1   |   |
| Reception | 97.5%   | 6   | 4.6   |
| Year 1    | 88.57%  | 2   | 5.1   |
| Year 2    | 79.84%  | 1   | 9.7   |
| Year 3    | 93.65%  | 5   | 5.7   |
| Year 4    | 87.59%  | 8   | 3.4   |
| Year 5    | 89.47%  | 2   | 9.7   |
| Year 6    | 95.2%   | 4   | 3.2   |

Year 2&5 win the bonus break for most average dojos this week.

## St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

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|           | Shining Star  | Purple Tie  | Our Values  |
| Nursery   | Koa R   |   | Oliver G  |
| Reception | Leo F   | Frankie B   | Georgie J   |
| Year 1    | Shea H  | Kai W   | Violet R  |
| Year 2    | Amelia R  | Elexis S  | Fraser H  |
| Year 3    | Kyra M  | Ava M   | WHOLE CLASS   |
| Year 4    | Harvey P  | Vanessa K   | Louis T   |
| Year 5    | Damien C  | Mila W  | Mason G   |
| Year 6    | Sofia L   | Frankie C   | Ewan W  |

## Behaviour Messages

In response to parent feedback we will now be sending spider messages to parents of any child who has received more than 1 consequence point per week over a three week period so we can work together more effectively.

## Message from Mrs Ming

We have all had a great week this week, working hard. **KS2** enjoyed computing workshops on Thursday programming with Microbits. **KS1** were visited by the **NHS** and learned all about the importance of immunisations. Next week we will be having a 'spot on' week where children who are on time will receive a sticker on the gate and all the children who are on time will be entered into a raffle to win a Prize from the prize trolley. Any class with zero lates will receive a reward on Friday afternoon.

## Parent Notice Board

This weekend (**22<sup>nd</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>**) is the enrolment masses for children who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November **Pre-School** Stay and Pray 8.50am

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November **Y6** and **YR** Mass 10am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November **Y1** Assembly 9am

## Clubs

Clubs will run until week beginning **8<sup>th</sup> December**.

Tuesday:

**Y3** and **Y4** Christmas Arts and Crafts with Mrs Moseley

**Y4** and **Y5** Christmas Film club with Mrs Parker

Homework club With Mrs Wilson for all children in **KS2**

Thursday:

**Y5** and **Y6** Multisports club with Mr Cullen

Friday:

Choir **KS2** with Mr Scott

Lego Club **YR, Y1, Y2** with Mrs Williams

## England Rocks

**KS2** worked really hard as a team during this national competition and we came a respectable **1000<sup>th</sup>** place out of **4000** schools that entered!

The winning class was **Y6**

Well done to every one who took part but the children with the most points in each class were

Alice W in Y3

Vlad I in Y4

Reggie W in Y5

Oscar H in Y6

## Catholic Life and Reflection

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the [weekly Gospel](#) with their families.

**YR** and **Y6** parents and families are welcome to join us for Mass on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**.

**Preschool** parents are invited to come and Stay and Pray on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8.50am in the church**.

## Safety Advice

This guide explores how [Bluetooth trackers](#) like AirTags and SmartTags can be misused for stalking, bullying and invading young people's privacy.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**  
Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2019 and 2023.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**  
These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.
- TOOLS FOR BULLYING**  
Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS**  
Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.
- DIFFICULT TO DETECT**  
Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**  
If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.
- USE DETECTION APPS**  
Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**  
Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**  
Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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## Christmas Dates

Carol singing at Town hall open day – Choir - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am  
Carol singing at Shopping City – Choir – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
A Christmas Journey - Y2 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
EYFS Christmas Nativity – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
KS1 Christmas performance - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
KS2 Christmas Performance – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
A Christmas Carol – Y3 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Dinner Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Parties – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December