



SPRING TERM 2025/2026

Friday 6th March

Attendance

Amazing attendance this week with **94.24%**.

Lets keep it up! Remember to visit [Should I keep my child off school](#) for advice when your child is ill.

			
	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
Nursery	75.9%	0	
Reception	92.64%	4	
Year 1	98.92%	3	6.3
Year 2	88.46%	1	6.8
Year 3	91.2%	4	5.3
Year 4	92.36%	8	7.2
Year 5	96.65%	3	7.1
Year 6	96.3%	4	2.4

Well done to Year 5 who earned the bonus break this week 😊

St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

			
	Shining Star	Purple Tie	Our Values
Nursery	Ariella L		Grace O
Reception	Reuben L	Michael M	Frankie B
Year 1	Violet R	Albie C	Harry S
Year 2	Theo F	Romaisa A	Carolyn J
Year 3	Kingsley N	Patrick G	Emmanuel I
Year 4	Freddie MP	Harper MK	Keira M
Year 5	Isaac T	Mason G	Amelia B
Year 6	Frankie C	Zachary G	Ella H

Clubs

Monday – Homework club
 Monday – HPAN with Miss Rowe
 Tuesday – Y6 SATS booster
 Thursday – Mr Cullen Sports Y3&Y4
 Friday – Choir KS2
 Friday – Colour and Calm YR&KS1

Message from Mrs Ming

What a week! I hope you all have managed to read our wonderful inspection report. I am so proud of the children and staff and thank you for supporting us every day.

Yesterday we had a super time for World book day all dressed as our favourite characters. The children also enjoyed story telling workshops with Rogan Mills and the choir treated us to a lovely song to start off the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who managed to come to the book fair, hopefully this will help encourage reading for pleasure which has been our focus this year. Pictures are on the school socials.

The next few weeks we will begin to get ready for Easter and key **Easter Dates** are at the **BOTTOM** of this newsletter, as you know Lent is a time for giving which is why we do several fundraising events for different charities, please just give what you can.

Thanks and have a lovely weekend.



Parent Notice Board

Wednesday 11th March

Y4 and Y5 Mass 10am

Friday 13th March

Y1 Assembly

Mothers' Day Stay and Pray

Monday 16th March

Big Lent Walk begins

Tech She Can Assembly and Y6 AI Workshop

Mother's Day Stay and Pray

On **Friday 13th March** we will be having our Special Mother's day Stay and Pray in the hall.

YR & KS1 1.30pm

Y3 & Y4 1.50pm

Y5 & Y6 2.15pm

These will be followed by an Art workshop in class. All Mothers, Grandmothers, and Mother figures are invited.

School Lottery

CONGRATULATIONS to last week's winner

28/02/2026 Mrs M who won £15.25

You can buy [tickets here](#)



This month the super draw prize is a home robot bundle (or £1000) and don't forget the jackpot of £25k.

Thank you to all who have bought tickets so far – school has raised £57 through ticket sales already.

The more tickets bought the bigger the prize so please share and you could win £200 for referring a friend.

Catholic Life and Reflection

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

Y4 and Y5 will be celebration Mass on

Wednesday 11th March at 10am.

All families are welcome to join us 😊

Safety Advice

For World Book Day, with reading for pleasure in decline, this [practical guide](#) offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books, rediscover the joy of reading and build lifelong literacy habits.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- 1 VALUE ALL READING**

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.
- 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION**

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.
- 3 GIFT A BOOK**

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.
- 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS**

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.
- 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.
- 6 TALK BOOKS**

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.
- 7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.
- 8 GO DIGITAL**

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.
- 9 RECONNECT**

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.
- 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert
Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.

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Easter Activities

W/C 16th March - The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

Tuesday 24th March - Cake sale for Caritas Good Shepherd

Thursday 26th March - Family Bingo 5-6pm

Monday 30th March - Hop for Haven

Tuesday 31st March - Decorate the Egg Competition

Wednesday 1st April - Easter Egg raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade