






SUMMER TERM 2025/2026

Friday 19th June

Attendance

This week school attendance is **94.36%**. Please remember that all holidays will be unauthorised.

			
	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
Nursery	92.38%	3	
Reception	97.53%	4	3.4
Year 1	94.24%	3	3.1
Year 2	89.23%	0	2.7
Year 3	99.6%	3	16.2
Year 4	91.94%	6	16.7
Year 5	92.55%	1	11.7
Year 6	93.88%	4	6.5

Well done to Y1 and Y6 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	Freya R		Selena T
Reception	Munachi I	Olivia P	Aerick B
Year 1	Alex FS	Reuben P	Cody S
Year 2	Ellenor MK	Isla S	Frankie K
Year 3	Harry A	Adara C	Josh E
Year 4	Louis T	Keira M	Joshua N
Year 5	Isaac T	Sophie S	Lennocks R
Year 6	Ella C	Eliza B	Oscar H

Clubs

Clubs continue until 3rd July
 Monday – Homework club
 Tuesday – Netball club Y5 & Y6
 Tuesday – Comic club KS2 (Y3-Y6)
 Thursday – Mr Cullen Sports KS1 (YR, Y1 & Y2)
 Friday – Choir (KS2)

Message from Mrs Ming

Another very busy week...it has just flown by! Congratulations to Miss Hayes in Y6 who was moderated this week and the LA team agreed with all her assessment judgements. Blessed Carlo Acutis are holding an open day for children in Y4 and Y5 on Thursday 2nd July from 3.45pm-6.45pm and have invited all our families to attend.

In preparation for the summer fayre we will be holding two own clothes days

Friday 3rd July Bottle or sweets for tombola

Friday 10th July for the rainbow hampers

Please see below for more details

Also in September St Martin's will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary. We are planning something special and would like parents/grandparents to send in any photos they have from when they attended if possible. We will return any physical photos or you can email them in to

admin@st-martins.halton.sch.uk

We wish all our first Holy Communicants have a lovely day tomorrow and keep them all in our prayers.

Parent Notice Board

SATURDAY 20th June

First Holy Communions 11am

Wednesday 24th June

Whole school Communion celebration 10am

Friday 26th June

Enrich orienteering day please wear PE kits

Year 6 events

A reminder of the year 6 event dates

Monday 13th July - Y6 production afternoon 2pm

Tuesday 14th July - Y6 production evening 5.30pm

Monday 20th July - Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd July - Leavers Mass 10am

School Lottery

CONGRATULATIONS to last week's winner

13/07/2026 Mrs H who won £4.50

You can buy [tickets here](#)



This month you can win a £1000 get-a-way and recently 2 schools have won the £25k Jackpot so it does happen! Thank you to all who have bought tickets so far – school has raised £225.20 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.

The next school Mass will be to celebrate the first Holy Communicants on **Wednesday 24th June at 10am**.

All families are welcome.

Safety Advice

This updated online safety guide examines [Snapchat's latest features](#), including AI tools, Snap Map, and subscription content, and the potential risks they pose to young users, from screen addiction to sextortion.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION **13+**

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may shore up filtered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to misrepresentation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called 'Lensa', giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak is being going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search here could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular challenges on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Misuse and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images or nudes.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Maps. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Summer Fayre

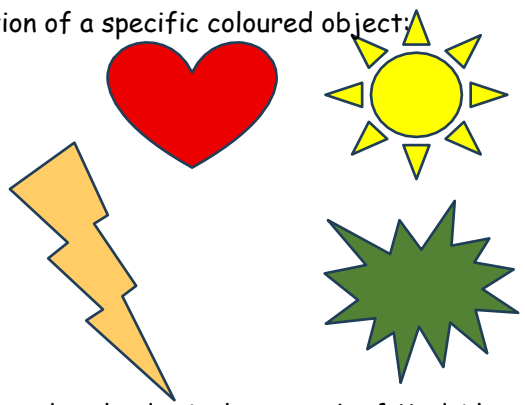
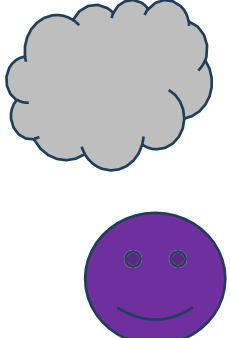
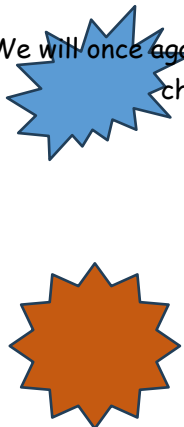
Just a reminder that if you would like to 'buy' a stall please let the office know.

Any donations for small unwanted soft toys/teddys would be welcome for the 'free the animals' stall.

On Friday 3rd July children can wear their own clothes for donations for the tombolas. Can EYFS and KS1 please bring in sweets and KS2 bring in bottles.

We will once again be raffling off 'rainbow hampers' during the summer fayre. On **Friday 10th June** 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 😊