St Martin's News

Bring It!

Newsletter issue #01 *17th September 2026*

This Week...

What a wonderful first week back!

Despite the damp weather, everyone had a fantastic time at our Learning to Learn camp—the rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits, especially with warm hot chocolate and plenty of fun games back at school to keep us smiling.

The children have made an excellent start to the new term. We have seen tremendous focus across all classrooms this week, with a big emphasis on mastering neat, beautiful handwriting.

On a personal note, thank you all so much for making me feel so welcome in my first weeks. It has been lovely meeting so many of you around the school, and I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead together!

Warm regards,

Miss Pope
Head of School



Info & dates for your diary

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

(usually Fridays at 2.30pm)

Please remember that mobile phones and smart watches should be turned off when attending any assemblies and no photographs should be taken. Many thanks for your understanding.

12th October - Flu vaccinations (reception to year 6)

This is "opt in" so if you do not complete the consent form your child will not be vaccinated

19th - 30th October - NO SCHOOL FOR TWO WEEKS

- 19th - 23rd October - INSET DAYS (no children in school)
- 26th - 30th October - Half Term Holiday

5th November - Individual child photographs

ALL sibling photos to take place in the school hall from 8.15am
NO sibling photos will be taken later in the day

(more information on individual events to follow)

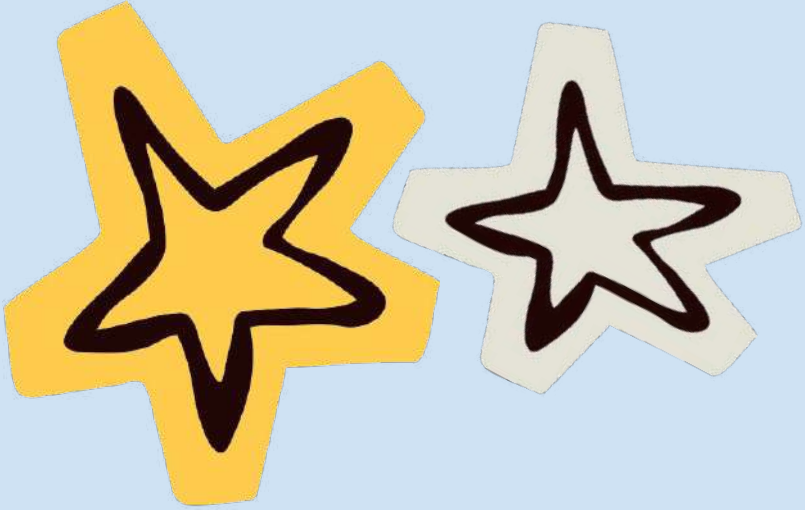
Nursery News

Wild Warriors: Big Adventures & The Three Little Pigs!

What an exciting week in Wild Warriors! Our young adventurers established our Wild Area rules, learning how to respect nature and stay safe while exploring outdoors.

Inspired by our story of the week, The Three Little Pigs, the children put their engineering skills to the test. Using provided materials like straw, sticks, and stones, they worked together to construct sturdy mini-shelters capable of standing up to the "Big Bad Wolf!" They showed brilliant problem-solving and imagination throughout.

ST MARTIN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Bring Courage!
Bring Friendship!
Bring Creativity!"

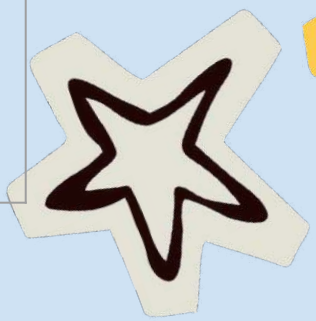
End of Week Awards!

Adventurers	Discoverers	Voyagers	Pioneers	Wanderers
Star Learner Kai Bring It! Hedley	Star Learner Vinny Bring It! Penelope	Star Learner Tommy Bring It! Arthur	Star Learner Evelyn Bring It! Peyton	Star Learner Kiyah-Lee Bring It! Brooke

Globetrotters	Groundbreakers	Trailblazers	Wayfarers	Pathfinders
Star Learner Bailey Bring It! Lexi	Star Learner Soren Bring It! Princess	Star Learner Chloe W Bring It! Toby	Star Learner Sarah Bring It! Harrison	Star Learner Max Bring It! Rosalie

Mountaineers
Star Learner Syd







Bring It!

Attendance matters!

Adventurers - Miss Tozer	94.4%
Discoverers - Miss Craze	95.7%
Voyagers - Mrs Betts & Mrs Kent	95.5%
Pioneers - Mrs Riggs & Mrs Vince	97.7%
Globetrotters - Mrs Ardern	95.7%
Groundbreakers - Mrs Bersey & Mrs Coad	92.5%
Trailblazers - Miss Nettleinghame	96.5%
Wayfarers - Miss Holmes	95.8%
Pathfinders - Miss Nile	95.6%
Wanderers - Mr Kowalski	94.8%
Mountaineers - Mrs Kinsella	94%

COMMUNICATION

Could we please remind parents to always leave a voicemail if they call the school and do not get a reply. We have three lines coming in and only Mrs Hatherley and Mrs Bourne to answer the calls (sometimes only one if the other is out of the office)! Voicemails are received via email and responded to as soon as possible.
Please also feel free to drop us a message via MCAS or an email via st-martins@stbarnabasmat.com

If you have concerns about a child at school, you can seek advice from any of the following people:

Miss Pope - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Wynne - Family Support Advisor & DDSL

Mrs McHale - SENDCO & DDSL

Miss Nile - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Enever - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Bring your light to St Martin's every day and we will help it shine!



- Our School day starts at 08:45am & Registers close at 9am
- Any child arriving after 9am will be marked as late
- Any child arriving after 9.20am will be marked as an unauthorised late

Please kindly ensure your child arrives at school on time and with their school bag, drinks bottle and completed homework. Thank you.

Frequent lateness can lead to an accumulation of unauthorised absences, which can trigger formal action, for example Fines (Penalty Notices).

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES FROM AUGUST 2024

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

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Medical Appointments: A Quick Reminder

To ensure your child misses as little learning as possible, please try to schedule medical and dental appointments **outside of school hours** whenever you can.

If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please provide the school office with medical evidence (such as an appointment card, letter, or text confirmation) in advance.

Parental Appointments: We kindly ask that children are **not** collected early from school to accompany parents or carers to their own personal appointments. Wherever possible, please try to arrange for someone else to collect your child at the end of the school day if you have another commitment.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us prioritise your child's education and minimise classroom disruption!



CONJUNCTIVITIS UPDATE

NHS guidance for conjunctivitis has recently changed and children no longer need to stay off school at all, unless they are not well enough to attend.
Please see link for more info:

Conjunctivitis

NHS guidance now includes:
Wash your eyelids with clean water. Boil the water and let it cool down, then gently wipe your eyelashes with a clean cotton wool pad to clean off crusts (1 piece for each eye). Hold a cold flannel on your eyes for a few minutes to cool them down.

What's on in the community?



St Martin's Church

Primary school aged children and their families are welcome to join us on Thursdays in term time from 3.30pm to 5pm in the Lower Hall of the Church Centre for Blaze Supper Club!

Blaze Supper Club is a FREE club where families can come and eat together, play games and get creative with crafts. Children must be accompanied by their grown ups.

If you would like to volunteer with Blaze Supper Club, or donate food (soup, beans and pasta are always needed!) please email rachel@smartchurchliskeard.co.uk

During half term, we usually host Movie Monday in the Church from 6pm. This is a FREE event for the whole family, and includes entrance and a bag of popcorn! A tuck shop is also available, so do bring some pennies.

To find out when our next Movie Monday is, please call the church office on 01579 347411

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Liskeard Unlocked – St Martin's Church
19 September @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Free

Come and explore this ancient building and see parts normally hidden away.

Discover how St Martin's church building has been altered and changed over time. There will also be children's activities that will help them explore the building.

You will be able to go up the church tower and see Liskeard as you've never seen it before!

Our bell ringing team will be demonstrating their art during the day and there will be opportunity for the public to have a go at ringing one of the bells!

At various points during the day our organist will be playing the organ and you will be able to see the inner workings of the organ

Liskeard Car Boot Sale

18 September @ 3:00 pm

Liskeard Car Boot Sale

Liskeard Cricket Club St Cleer Road, Liskeard

There will be a Car Boot Sale every Friday afternoon throughout the summer held at Liskeard Cricket Club (weather permitting). Sellers from 2.30pm, buyers not before 3pm



Considering a nursery placement or a school start for your child next September?



We would love to show you what we can offer your child, so please contact us to arrange a visit at a time that works for you!

We have a fantastic nursery facility, including our outdoor nursery - Wild Warriors. Being part of our nursery can really help with the transition into Reception at St Martin's, so please come and see firsthand what we do!

The deadline for online applications with Cornwall Council was 15th January 2027.

Missing the application deadline can increase the risk of not being allocated a preferred school as late applications will be processed following those that have been submitted on time, but you can still apply online via the link below:

Cornwall Council School Application

For applications or a change of preference received...	Applications/preference changes will be dealt with...	Outcomes will be sent...
by 15 January 2027	together in 'round one' as 'on-time' applications	on National Offer Day 16 April 2027
between 16 January 2027 and 23 April 2027	together in 'round two'	by 21 May 2027
between 23 April 2027 and 31 August 2027	in 'round three' individually after round two has been completed	after 21 May 2027

Wraparound care

BREAKFAST CLUB
Reception to Year 6 only (no nursery)

7.30am onwards

£4 from 7.30am to 8.15am - FREE from 8.15am onwards - Free breakfast for all

All places (paid or free) must be booked via the MCAS app a minimum of 7 days in advance

If an unbooked child arrives without an accompanying adult, they will be admitted for safety reasons. In this case a £4 administration fee will be applied on top of the standard booking charge, which applies even if they only attend the free half-hour

Notice of cancellation for any paid session must be provided a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled time. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of payment, as staff resources are committed in advance

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ST MARTIN'S SUPERNOVAS

3.15pm to 5.15pm @ £4.50 per hour
(discounted for Pupil Premium)

Places must be booked via the MCAS app in one hour slots

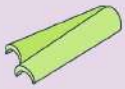
Come along and play games, complete homework, share a story, take part in physical activities, spend time with friends and more!

Collection Points:
Monday - from main office foyer
Tuesday to Friday - door by KS2 playground (side of school)

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN
Please note that any child who is not collected from the classroom on time will be placed into our Supernovas wraparound care, for which there will be a charge. There will also be a charge for late collection from any pre-booked Supernovas sessions.

Ofsted Good School

The 14 Food Allergens


Celery


Crustaceans


Eggs


Fish


Gluten



Lupin flour



Milk


Molluscs


Mustard


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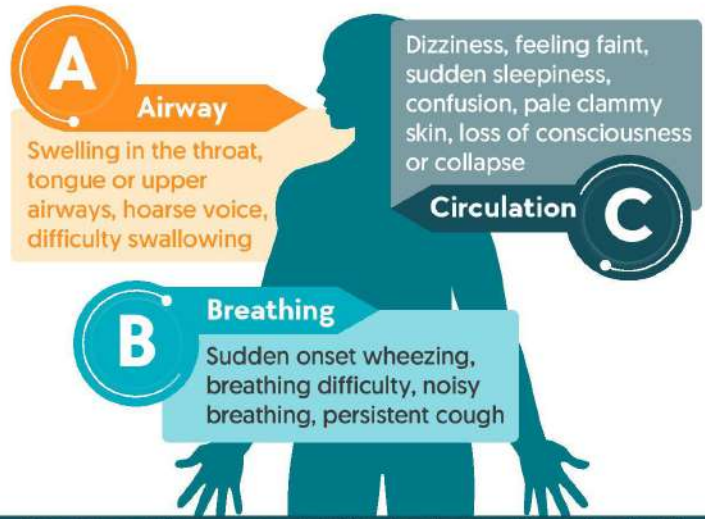
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Be Allergy Aware & Save a Life

Anaphylaxis is a serious and life-threatening reaction to allergens such as food, insect stings, medication and latex.

Recognise the ABC symptoms and act quickly - you could save a life.

Symptoms of anaphylaxis



These severe symptoms may occur alongside milder skin, mucosal (mouth/nose/throat), or gut symptoms.

www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

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Useful information

Need help?
Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.
If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.

NSPCC Keeping children safe online
Online safety guides for parents - with tech advice
Mobile phone safety - who is it they are chatting with?
Online abuse - look out for the signs
Resources for children - safe games and video advice
We won't stop until every child is safe online.
Together we can make sure it's safe for every child to go online. We're here to support parents with online safety advice, and we're here for children - to protect them and help them recover from abuse
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Homework and Reading

Attend today, succeed tomorrow," and the idea that every lesson is an opportunity: "Each moment spent in school and learning at home is an investment in their future".

Home School Agreement

At St Martin's we want to work with parents and carers to provide a positive and supportive learning environment in which each child is treated as an individual and the needs of all are considered.

We encourage children, working within Christian values and British values, to work hard and achieve, taking pride and pleasure in their own and other's achievements. Working together on a basis of mutual respect to help all children become confident and enthusiastic learners.

The school sets appropriate homework regularly and ensures it is marked. At home we ask that parents and carers help your child to complete and return homework on time. Please enable them to find a quiet time and place to do homework. We would encourage you to read to, and with, your child frequently.

Like you, we want all children to enjoy their progress through school and they will have a much better chance of doing this if they are not having to play catch-up during the day.

Useful numbers for families

Early Help Hub, Cornwall Council: 01872 322277
Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU): 0300 123 1116
Safer Futures, domestic abuse & sexual violence support service: 0300 777 4777
Shout, free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service, text the word 'Shout' to 85258
NHS Cornwall Urgent Mental Health Helpline: 0800 038 5369
NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 **Samaritans:** 116 123
ChildLine: 0800 1111 **Refuge:** 0808 2000 247

St Martin's school uniform

As you know, wearing the correct uniform reinforces in children a sense of pride in their appearance and assists in developing pride in representing their school. We would therefore like to remind you of the school's uniform requirements:

Girls Winter Uniform
- Grey/black skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey/black school trousers
- White polo shirt/ shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan, fleece or hoodie, preferably with the school logo
- White, black or grey tights

Girls Summer Uniform (optional)
- Blue and white gingham school dress
- White socks

Boys Winter / Summer Uniform
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt / shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, or hoodie, preferably with the school logo
- Black, grey or white socks

Girls and Boys PE kit
- Plain drawstring bag (PE bag)
- Black PE shorts
- A plain white or royal blue t-shirt *(a school logo t-shirt is available from Glynn Valley Chefs wear)*
- Socks for girls if wearing tights
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Black jogging bottoms/leggings
- School royal blue hoodie

Boys and Girls
- School book bag - *All Reception children will be provided with a book bag during their first week.*
- Water bottle
- Coat

LET YOUR light SHINE

Bring it!

Children should wear black suitable flat shoes. We are allowing plain, black, waterproof trainers as we are an active school.

Where do I buy the uniform from?
- Glynn Valley Chef Wear, Lisheard - https://www.glynnvalley.com/ where they have plenty of stock for your child to try on and anything they don't have is usually ready for collection within 2-3 working days

Jewellery
Stud earrings and watches are the only acceptable jewellery to be worn. Children will be asked to take off any unsuitable items of jewellery.

Should I label my child's school uniform and other belongings with their name?

YES. Without a name it is virtually impossible to identify one jumper from another. Lunch boxes, water bottles and bags should also be labelled with your child's name. Please check your child's labels regularly as even permanent marker can fade over time.
Children will be encouraged to take care and responsibility of their own uniform and possessions.

If any families need support purchasing uniform, please contact Mrs Jill Wynne our Family Support Advisor jwynne@stbarnabasmat.com and she will be able to help you.

Important notices

Maintaining a Respectful Language Environment

We appreciate your cooperation in making our playground a positive and nurturing space for all students. As role models, the language we use around children is very important. We kindly ask that all adults on school grounds, including the playground, please refrain from using strong or inappropriate language. Thank you for helping us maintain a respectful and child-friendly environment.

Can we please remind parents and carers to make sure that children do not play with school equipment/ toys at the start and end of the school day.

We have previously had to follow families and ask for equipment back, when it has been played with and taken away by children. Occasionally items have been taken and not returned.

Could we please ask, if your child has inadvertently taken something from the school, that it is returned.

Please also refrain from taking the cover off the sand pit and letting your children play in the sand at the start and end of the school day.

DOGS
Please remember that DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS under any circumstances, which includes carrying dogs. Please also DO NOT leave dogs tied to fences or gates outside the school grounds.

BIKES & SCOOTERS
ALL CHILDREN MUST DISMOUNT from bikes and scooters before they enter the school grounds. It can be dangerous, especially for our smaller friends, if children are whizzing along the paths and through the playgrounds.

If we see children persistently not dismounting when entering the school grounds, we may have to withdraw permission for them to bring their bike or scooter to school.

We hope you will understand that we are trying to keep all our children safe and appreciate your help in this matter.

PLEASE NOTE: any bike or scooter etc left on school grounds during or out of school hours, is left at your own risk and the school cannot be held responsible if any damage or losses should occur.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION
If you drive to drop off and/or collect children, please can we remind you to drive and park with care. **Please DO NOT enter the school car park unless you have a parking pass**, which can be obtained from the school office. DO NOT STOP on the double yellow lines or block other vehicles in the school car park or on Briarwood and Lake Lane.

Road safety & Parking

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up times for all of our students. The safety of our children is always our top priority, and thoughtful parking plays a significant role in achieving this.
Recently, we've had reports of some vehicles unintentionally blocking neighbouring driveways and causing congestion that makes it difficult for local residents and emergency services to navigate our streets, and can be very dangerous for children and parents walking to and from school.
We kindly ask that you adhere to the following simple guidelines when parking near the school:
- Please park mindfully to ensure safety and clear access for everyone.
- Do not block driveways, even if you are just stopping for a moment. Our neighbours need clear access to and from their homes.
- Avoid parking near turnings and try not to park on both sides of the road.
- Keep all pavements clear - parking on them obstructs pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs or wheelchairs.
- Always observe all road markings, signs, and parking restrictions.
- Maintain flow - if it's not possible to park close to the school, please park slightly further away and walk the last short distance to ease congestion directly outside the school gates.
- Be patient and courteous - a little patience goes a long way during busy periods. Please be respectful of other drivers, pedestrians, and our neighbours.

Your understanding and cooperation in parking respectfully will help us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and, most importantly, keep all our children and the wider community safe.
Thank you for helping us make our school zone a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.





Term dates



Term Dates for September 2026 - July 2027

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Autumn Term
3 September - 18 December 2026
Half Term - 26 October - 30 October 2026
Christmas Holidays - 21 December 2026 - 1 January 2027

Spring Term
4 January - 25 March 2027
Half Term 15 - 19 February 2027
Easter Holiday 26 March - 9 April 2027

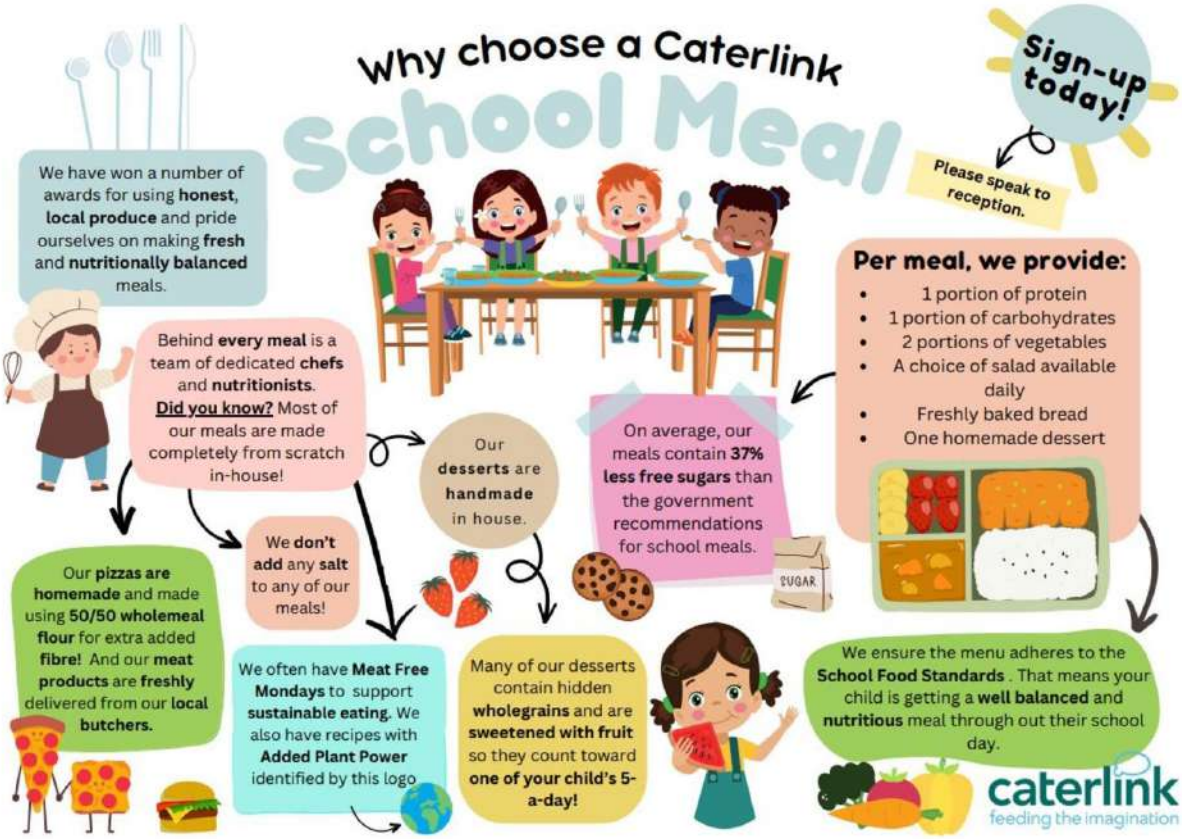
Summer Term
12 April - 23 July 2027
Half Term 31 May - 4 June 2027
Summer Holidays from 24 July 2027

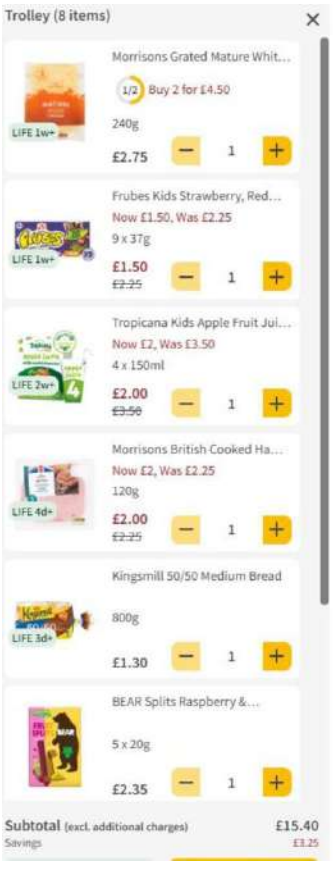
School Holidays/ Weekends

Bank Holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	1 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

Inset Days
19th October 2026
20th October 2026
21st October 2026
22nd October 2026
23rd October 2026

2027 - 2028 TERM DATES SHOULD APPEAR HERE SOON







£15.40 per week x 38 school weeks = £585.20 annually!!

The Average basket cost for a daily packed lunch – Based on Morrisons on 23 March 2026

Basket contains, Bread, Ham, Cheese, Yoghurt, fruit bars, apples, juice carton and pom bears

