St Martin's News

Bring It!

Newsletter issue #06 — *5th November 2026*

This Week...

What a wonderful first week back at St Martin's! It has been fantastic to be reunited with our children and kick off the new term with so much energy and enthusiasm.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Liskeard Lanterns, who helped us begin constructing our school lanterns for the upcoming Liskeard Lantern Parade. Keep an eye out—you might spot our wonderful owl creations around the school throughout the month!

We are also incredibly proud to share that Mr Powers, CEO of the St Barnabas Trust, visited us this week. He was thoroughly impressed by the children's hard work, noting their exceptional manners and excellent behaviour for learning.

Well done, everyone!

Warm regards,

Miss Pope
Head of School



POLITE NOTICE

Please can we ask that, when parked in the car park, you turn your vehicle engine off. We have noticed a few vehicles at drop off and collection with their engine left running, sometimes for upwards of 20/30 minutes.

Also, can we please remind you that there is no smoking or vaping allowed on the whole school site, which includes the car park.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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.

13th November - Children in Need "Run Pudsey"
donation of £1 - wear Pudsey inspired clothes/ accessories or sports gear/ ready to run!

9th November - Wanderers Archery Adventure

10th November - Globetrotters Archery Adventure

11th November - Groundbreakers Archery Adventure

15th November - Three Peaks Selection Walk (by invitation only)

18th November - Spirit of Adventure Residential (one night)

(more information on individual events to follow/ sent separately)

Nursery News

Welcome Back, Wild Warriors! We are so excited to welcome our little adventurers back to Nursery for another term of outdoor discovery! To help keep everyone happy and comfortable, please remember:

Layer Up: Weather can change quickly, so please dress your child in weather-appropriate layers (plus a waterproof coat) so we can adjust as they play.

Label Everything: Please clearly name all clothing, boots, and accessories so lost items can easily find their way back to you.

Water Bottles: Send your child with a clearly labeled water bottle each day to stay hydrated.

Thank you for helping us get ready for another fantastic term of outdoor fun!

HARVEST CELEBRATION
Collection For Liskeard Foodbank

A huge thank you to everyone in our school and local community for supporting our Harvest Celebration.

Thanks to your incredible kindness and generosity, we collected a wonderful **80.35kg** of food donations for your local foodbank.

Why Your Support Matters

- **Making a Difference:** Your contributions will go directly to families and individuals in our community who need extra help right now.
- **Teaching Compassion:** Our pupils have learned a valuable lesson about sharing, care, and the power of working together as a community.

We are truly grateful for every single tin, packet, and box you gave.

Thank you for showing our children what community spirit is all about!



Get Help - https://liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/

Get Help - Foodbank vouchers - Mrs Wynne our Family Support Advisor

Liskeard & Looe Foodbank
Together with Trussell
Including and Supporting
Torpoint and Rame Peninsula

The NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST) invites you to book your place on our:

Understanding Behaviour as Communication Online Workshop

These are online sessions aimed at parents and carers, to introduce the concept of behaviour as communication. It will give practical strategies to develop more positive behaviour and communication at home.

Upcoming Sessions:

- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 10:30am**
- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 1pm**
- **Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 13 January 2027 until 10 February at 1pm**

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DB70U2ggta

Sign ups will close on 10 December 2026

NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Year 5 & 6 Mountain Biking Trip



We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 pupils: a mountain biking trip to Tamar Trails in December!

To ensure all children can safely participate and take up this offer, they will need to be confident riding a bike. If there are any pupils that cannot ride a bike by December, we may have to run an alternative school-based experience for all.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your child build this important skill by practicing regularly between now and December. Gaining control and confidence on two wheels over the coming weeks will ensure everyone gets to enjoy this fantastic outdoor adventure.

Further details regarding dates, consent, and equipment will be shared soon. Thank you in advance for your help in getting the children ready for the trails!

Happy cycling!



Have you applied yet?

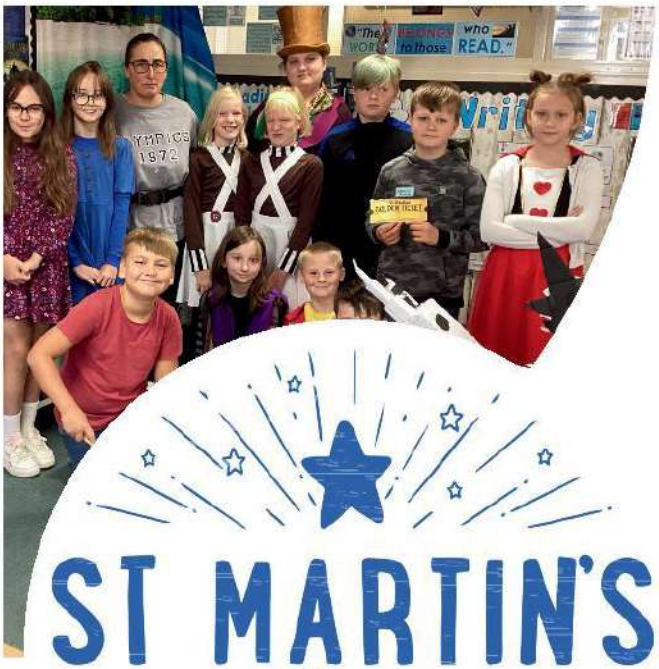
ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY:
Fri 2 Oct
Mon 9 Nov









Please make contact
to book a tour between
9am and 3pm, at a
time to suit you!

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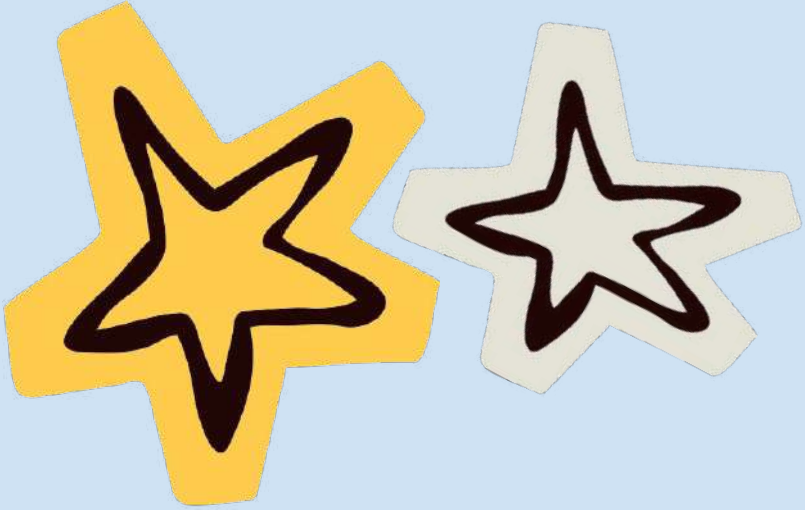
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Bring Courage!

Bring Friendship!

Bring Creativity!

End of Week Awards!

Adventurers	Discoverers	Voyagers	Pioneers	Wanderers
Star Learner Theo Bring It! Sunday	Star Learner Brynn Bring It! Tobias	Star Learner Finley Bring It! David	Star Learner Wayde Bring It! Zariah	Star Learner Tyler Bring It! Oliver
Globetrotters	**Groundbreakers**	**Trailblazers**	**Wayfarers**	**Pathfinders**
Star Learner Tyler Bring It! Ayda	Star Learner TJ Bring It! Esme	Star Learner Ella Bring It! Danika	Star Learner Oakley Bring It! Sienna	Star Learner Asa Bring It! Darcie







Bring It!

Attendance matters!

Adventurers - Miss Tozer	93.8%
Discoverers - Miss Craze	87%
Voyagers - Mrs Betts & Mrs Kent	92.8%
Pioneers - Mrs Riggs & Mrs Vince	96.2%
Globetrotters - Mrs Ardern	97.4%
Groundbreakers - Mrs Bersey & Mrs Coad	93.2%
Trailblazers - Miss Nettleinghame	98.8%
Wayfarers - Miss Holmes	90.9%
Pathfinders - Miss Nile	93.8%
Wanderers - Mr Kowalski	87.3%
Mountaineers - Mrs Kinsella	91.7%

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.

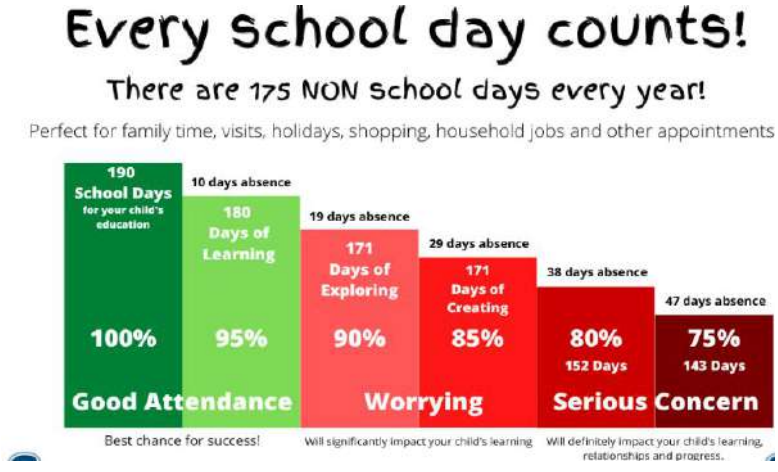
Medical Appointments: A Quick Reminder

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 @ St Martin's Church?

christians against poverty CAP

"For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine" – Isaiah 9:2, NLT

St Martin's, in partnership with East & West Wivelshire & Saltash Baptist church, have a Christians Against Poverty debt centre that covers all of South East Cornwall.

Local debt coaches work with churches in the area to provide holistic debt help. We also regularly run free money coaching courses to help learn budgeting skills to avoid debt problems.

This is a much-needed Christian mission to help those in poverty who are trapped with debt that they cannot afford to repay, whilst spreading the good news.

If you are struggling with debt please call 0800 328 0006 to see if CAP can help. Or contact the South East Cornwall debt centre manager Hannah Dunne



ABC is our informal babies and toddler group

Takes place every Tuesday during term time. There is currently one session from 9.30am in the church. Each session lasts for 1.5 hours but you are welcome to arrive later or leave earlier if you need to.

Parents, relatives and guardians are able to enjoy a break from the daily grind whilst the children are let loose to play. There are plenty of colourful toys for the children to play with as well as a book corner, dressing up cupboard and a soft play area. Each week there is a craft activity and children proudly go home with their masterpieces.

Adults are welcome to help themselves to tea, coffee and biscuits while juice and biscuits are provided for the children by our volunteers . There is a warm family atmosphere.

BLAZE Supper Club

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.

We usually host a Movie 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 is, please call the church office on 01579 347411



Our Wednesday morning communion services provide an opportunity to relax and enjoy cake, coffee and fellowship in the midst of a busy week.

There is often a lot of laughter and all are more than welcome to attend!

Wednesdays at 9.30am in the Lower Hall of the Church centre

Whats On

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What's on in the community?



Keeping Children and Pets Safe

For children, use age-appropriate education. Establish clear boundaries. Assign an adult per child and don't let them wander close to the bonfire or fireworks.

Pets panic from loud bangs. Keep animals indoors, create a safe, familiar space Never bring animals to Bonfire Night or fireworks events, no matter how calm they seem.

Liskeard Lions Fireworks Night Thursday 5th November

Liskeard Rugby Ground Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks from 7pm

Under 16s FREE. Adults £5. All children (under 16) must be accompanied by an adult.

Cash and Card accepted. Food and Drink available. Parking at Liskeard Cricket Pitch (subject to weather)



There will be a series of Volunteer Action Days at the Liskerrett Centre this Autumn.

There will be work inside and outside to help spruce up the Liskerrett Centre and keep the outside nice and tidy.

Everyone is very welcome – please bring your own gloves – and tea and coffee will be provided!!

First Saturday of the month from 10am – 2pm.

Saturday 7th November

Saturday 5th December

For more information please visit the Liskerrett Centre Facebook page

FREE Wild Winter Wood Lantern Making Workshops

Saturday November 7th, 10am – 3pm

Saturday 14th November and Sunday 22 November.

The Liskerrett Centre
Family-friendly - all materials are provided.





Liskeard Remembrance Parade

Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:30 AM – Civic Remembrance Parade: Departs promptly from the Cattle Market, led by the Silver Band and featuring serving armed forces, veterans, RBL and RNA members, town councillors, cadets, scouts, guides, schools, and civic representatives

11:00 AM – War Memorial Wreath Laying

Civic Service: Following the wreath laying, a service of remembrance is held at St Martin's Church, Liskeard

Family Drop-In Sessions

For Parents and Carers of Neurodivergent Children, with or without a diagnosis

A friendly and welcoming space to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access support and information
- Feel empowered and connected

Children are welcome.
No booking required, just drop in.



Liskeard Family Hub, Varley Lane
Friday 6 November | 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday 20 November | 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday 4 December | 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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Rock Steady Music currently have places for most year groups, so if you would like your child to take part in these fantastic lessons and performances, please do take a look at what they offer.
All lessons take place on a Monday within school hours.

ROCK STEADY

FINISH SCHOOL LIKE A ROCKSTAR

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START!

Award-winning rock and pop band lessons and concerts

- Inclusive weekly band lessons and termly concerts.
- No experience necessary and instruments provided.
- Proven to boost confidence, build belonging and support social skills.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs-Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com

SET THE STAGE FOR THEIR FUTURE

From their first note to their final gig, everything children learn at Rocksteady goes with them, to secondary school and beyond.

"Rocksteady gave my daughter confidence in herself. She wasn't scared to start secondary school - she marched straight in, head held high and faced it."

Sarah

95%
of parents say Rocksteady supported their child's confidence performing in front of an audience
Insights from 3,737 parents

"It sparked a genuine passion for music, both playing and writing. Next year he will begin his GCSEs and I'm proud to say he's chosen music as one of his subjects."

Paul

66%
of Rocksteady pupils are still playing an instrument at secondary school - 81% of those are still playing the instrument they learned with Rocksteady!
Insights from 620 alumni parents

TRUSTED BY OVER 130,000 PARENTS NATIONWIDE

AMPLIFY SELF-BELIEF!

Choose from: Guitar, vocals, keyboard, bass or drums.

A Rocksteady band is for everyone
Takes place in school, instruments provided and no experience necessary!

Have fun and learn by playing
Children work their way through up to 300 musical skills. No music theory involved.

Taught by professional musicians
Rocksteady band leaders are trained musicians who inspire a lasting passion for music.

Much more than music
Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

Official music qualification
Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification to take into secondary.

End every term on a high note
Boost performance confidence through termly concerts in front of friends and family.

"Rocksteady is his absolute favourite time of the week. He can't get into school quickly enough on a Monday morning!"

Lisa

"She has a real passion for musicals and rock music, and isn't afraid to speak on stage or perform."

Louise

"Being part of something special helped him develop the social skills needed for secondary school."

Hannah

LASTING IMPACT

Playing in a Rocksteady band enriches the final primary years and gets pupils ready for secondary school by:

Building performance confidence	✓
Opening new social circles through music	✓
Developing teamwork and communication skills	✓
Sparking a lasting passion for music	✓
Giving children a sense of belonging at school	✓

"It makes me feel when I go to secondary school I can accomplish more things because I know what I can do already."

Rocksteady pupil

£46.48 per month (no payment in August). **Money back guarantee** for the first month. **Cancel at any time.**

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs-Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com

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!

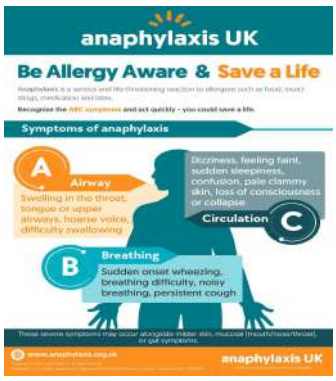
We have a fantastic nursery facility, including our outdoor nursery - Wild Warriors. Being part of our nursery can really help with the transition into Reception at St Martin's, so please come and see firsthand what we do!

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





POLITE REMINDER

Please do not send creams, lip balms, medicines, sanitisers etc in school bags. These items can have implications for children with some allergies.

We have a strict medicines policy and anything prescribed can be administered as long as parents complete a Medicine Form and hand it to the class teacher at drop off please.

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

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.

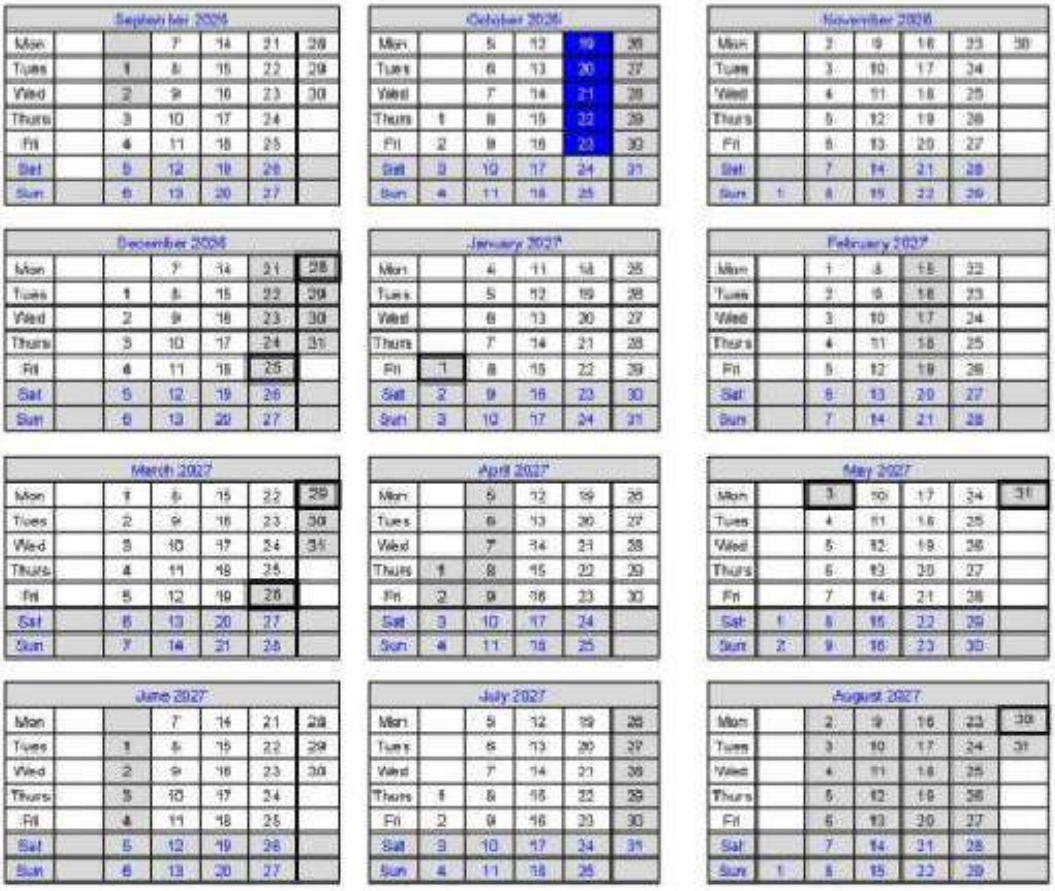
Your understanding and cooperation in parking respectfully will help us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and, most importantly, keep all our children and the wider community safe.
Thank you for helping us make our school zone a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.



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

Term Dates for September 2027 - July 2028

September 2027					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

October 2027					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thur		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

November 2027					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

December 2027					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

January 2028					
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2028					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	
Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

March 2028					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

April 2028					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

May 2028					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

June 2028					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
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Sun	4	11	18	25	

July 2028					
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tues		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
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August 2028					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

Autumn Term
2nd September 2027 - 22nd December 2027
Half Term 18th - 29th October 2027
Christmas Holiday 23rd December 2027 - 5th January 2028

Spring Term
6th January 2028 - 31st March 2028
Half Term 14th - 18th February 2028
Easter Holiday 3rd - 17th April 2028

Summer Term
18th April - 21st July 2028
Half Term 29th May 2028 - 2nd June 2028
Summer Holidays from 24th July 2028

School Holidays/ Weekends

Bank Holidays	
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27th December 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28th December 2027
New Year Bank Holiday	3rd January 2028
Good Friday	14th April 2028
Easter Monday	17th April 2028
May Bank Holiday	1st May 2028
Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2028
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2028

Inset Days
18th - 22nd October 2027

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 5300
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 Chef's 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

Bring it! LET YOUR light SHINE

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

Where do I buy the uniform from?
- Glynn Valley Chef Wear, Liskeard - 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.

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