St Martin's News

Bring It!

Newsletter issue #07 — *12th November 2026*

This Week...

It has been a busy and exciting week at St Martin's! Our Year 3 and 4 classes took part in outdoor archery sessions with Adventure James and Outdoor Dave. The children had a wonderful time learning a new skill, and we were thrilled with their exemplary behaviour—they represented our school fantastically.

Back in the classroom, we spent time reflecting on the importance of Remembrance and learning about the sacrifices made by others. On Sunday, our Head Boys and Head Girls also attended the Liskeard Remembrance Day service. We are immensely proud of the respect and maturity they showed while representing St Martin's.

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!

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

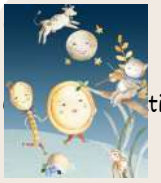
18th-19th November - Spirit of Adventure Residential (one night)

2nd December - Christmas Discos

7th December - Pathfinders Class Mountain Bike Adventure

9th December - Christmas Lunch Day &

Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the



Nursery News



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What a memorable week we've had! The children have loved every moment of exploring our brand-new treehouse at Wild!

To make the week even more special, we spent time inside our new space celebrating Nursery Rhyme Week. The children enjoyed learning and singing along to lots of wonderful rhymes, building their communication skills, confidence, and love for music. It's safe to say our new treehouse is already filled with laughter and song!

Attendance matters!

Adventurers - Miss Tozer	94.7%
Discoverers - Miss Craze	90.5%
Voyagers - Mrs Betts & Mrs Kent	92.8%
Pioneers - Mrs Riggs & Mrs Vince	95.4%
Globetrotters - Mrs Ardern	93.7%
Groundbreakers - Mrs Bersey & Mrs Coad	95.2%
Trailblazers - Miss Nettleinghame	97.3%
Wayfarers - Miss Holmes	89.5%
Pathfinders - Miss Nile	87.9%
Wanderers - Mr Kowalski	90%
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

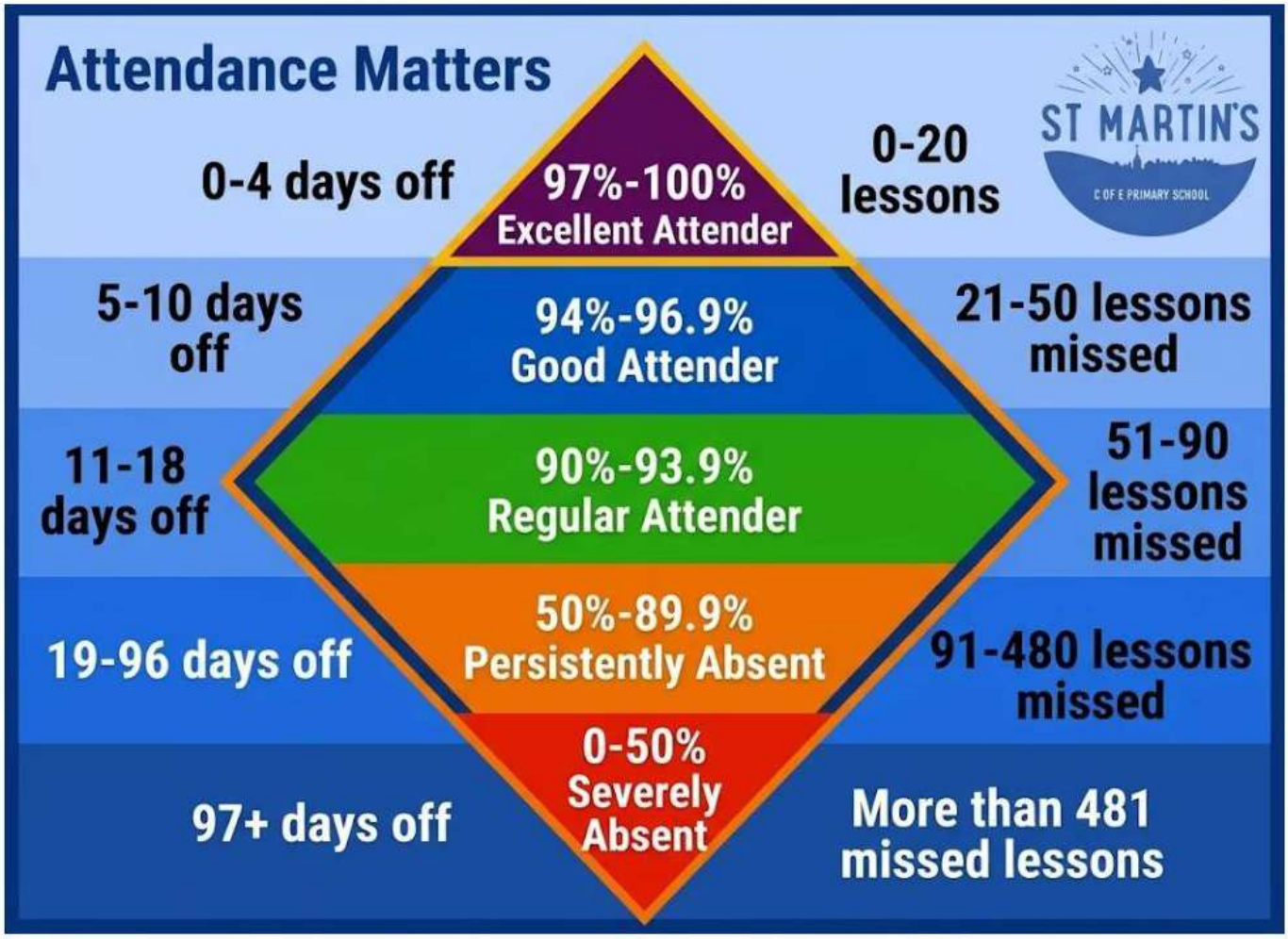
Miss Nile - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Enever - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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



Attendance Matters!



Every school day is an irreplaceable opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and build meaningful relationships with peers and teachers. High attendance is directly linked to academic achievement, emotional well-being, and social development. When children miss school, they don't just miss lessons—they miss key steps in their learning journey that can be difficult to catch up on.
We are committed to working alongside our families to support excellent attendance for every pupil. Below is an overview of the statutory guidelines, school rules, and legal frameworks governing school attendance in England.

What the Law Says

Under **Section 444 of the Education Act 1996**, parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends school regularly. Failure to do so without a valid reason constitutes an offence in law.

Term-Time Holidays and Exceptional Circumstances

Under **The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations**, Headteachers cannot grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

- **Holidays in term time do not qualify as exceptional circumstances.** Lower costs, family celebrations, or scheduling conflicts are not considered valid grounds for authorised leave.
- Any leave taken without prior written permission from the Headteacher will be recorded as an **unauthorised absence**.

Medical and Dental Appointments

To ensure your child misses as little learning as possible, **all medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours**, except in exceptional circumstances where appointments are specifically directed by medical professionals (or are unavoidable emergency appointments) In these cases, please provide the school office with medical evidence (such as an appointment card, letter, or text confirmation) in advance.

National Framework for Penalty Notices

In line with Department for Education statutory guidance (*Working Together to Improve Attendance*), local authorities enforce a national framework for non-attendance penalty notices:
The statutory framework for managing school attendance sets strict thresholds and financial penalties for unauthorised absences. Local authorities will consider issuing a Penalty Notice whenever a pupil accumulates **10 or more sessions (equivalent to 5 school days, as each school day consists of 2 sessions)** of unauthorised absence within a rolling period of **10 school weeks**.

- **First Offence:** The notice is issued at **£80 per parent, per child** if paid within 21 days, which increases to **£160 per parent, per child** if settled within 28 days.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years):** The fine is charged at **£160 per parent, per child** with no option for an early-payment discount.
- **Third Offence or Persistent Non-Attendance:** Penalty notices will no longer be issued for a third offence within 3 years. Instead, the case may be escalated directly to the Local Authority for prosecution under **Section 444 of the Education Act 1996**, which can result in court action, community orders, or fines of up to **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Attendance Plan

Attendance Calls

Families are expected to call in by 8.30

If no call office staff to follow attendance flowchart to find out what is next.

Attendance calls will be made to follow up on absent children. If 1st priority is uncontactable email and text will be sent asking for contact to be made by 10am.

If no call back try 1st call and then 2nd, 3rd and 4th priority will be contacted. This will be logged on My Concern..

On initial call offer the parents to come in and administer medication during the school day (provided by families) and ask when expected return date to school will be.

Communication on absence will be recorded on our school register system and shared with the child's class teacher.

Children who are considered at risk

A child considered considered at risk will be a priority in attendance calls. Any children considered at risk will be brought to the attention of the school leadership team.

A Child considered at Risk will be followed up with a home visit where necessary and external agencies involved with the families be notified of any absences of of failure to contact the school regarding an absence.

Attendance Plan

Children who are below attendance expectations and considered persistent absence

Children will be identified weekly who as a school we are concerned about regarding attendance. The Senior Leadership Team and Attendance officer will look at this weekly to create actions

Actions may include attendance phone calls; attendance meetings with the Senior Leadership Team; and communication with the education welfare officers in Cornwall.

Children who are below attendance expectations will be called daily and home visits will be completed to support families with children attending school.

Caterlink Parent & Pupil Survey 2026 – We Value Your Feedback

As part of our commitment to continually improving our catering service, we would be grateful for if families could please complete our **Parent & Pupil Survey**.

The survey can be completed by parents alongside their child at home and takes approximately 9 minutes to complete. This will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service.

To make participation as easy as possible, we have provided a **QR code** and link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

The survey will remain open until **20 December**, and we encourage as many families as possible to take part.

Once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, we will share a summary of the feedback and key findings with the schools that have participated.

Thank you for your support in helping us gather this important feedback. The insights provided by families will help shape our service moving forward.



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:

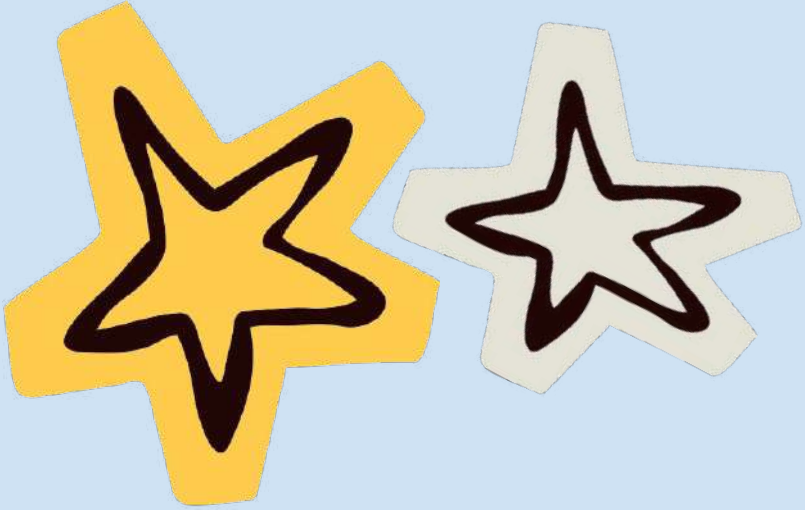
- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 10:30am**
- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 1pm**
- **Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 13 January 2027 until 10 February at 1pm**

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

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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 Tayah Bring It! Brynn	Star Learner Kaiden Bring It! Pippa	Star Learner Dylan Bring It! Keanne	Star Learner Autumn Bring It! Aria	Star Learner Arthur Bring It! Poppy
Globetrotters	**Groundbreakers**	**Trailblazers**	**Wayfarers**	**Pathfinders**
Star Learner Temi Bring It! Cleo	Star Learner Araya Bring It! Nancy	Star Learner Jackson R Bring It! Luka	Star Learner Noah Bring It! Kody	Star Learner Seth Bring It! Sarah







Bring It!

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!



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

St Martin's Church Christmas Fair

28 November @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St Martin's Church are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 28 November 10am – 3pm in the Church.

It will include this year an interactive Christmas experience telling the Christmas story suitable for all the family

Whats On

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What's on in the community?



Spread the message on road safety

"Be Bright, Be Seen"

Road Safety Week 2026 November 15 to November 21, 2026



Liskeard's Local Food Market

14 November @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Volunteer Action Day



Liskerrett

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 5th December

For more information please visit the Liskerrett Centre Facebook page



Liskeard Repair Café is at Liskerrett Community Centre, on a Saturday every month, 1- 4pm

What is a Repair Café?
It's a free meeting place where people can get together to:
alter or mend clothes fix broken furniture, electrical gadgets, bikes, toys, crockery and more

Want to learn how to:
Sew on a button?
Fix a zip to a coat?
Wire a plug?

There are basic skills that can help us get by day-to-day that can extend the life of the things we buy. Repair cafes offer the opportunity for people to learn something new by chatting and watching the volunteer repairers. If you can carry it, we'll do our best to help you fix it!

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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nest@cornwall.gov.uk

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Together for Families

www.cornwall.gov.uk

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!

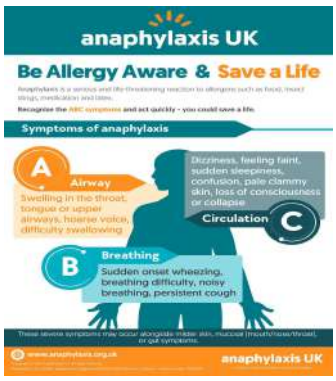
We have a fantastic nursery facility, including our outdoor nursery - Wild Warriors. Being part of our nursery can really help with the transition into Reception at St Martin's, so please come and see firsthand what we do!

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.

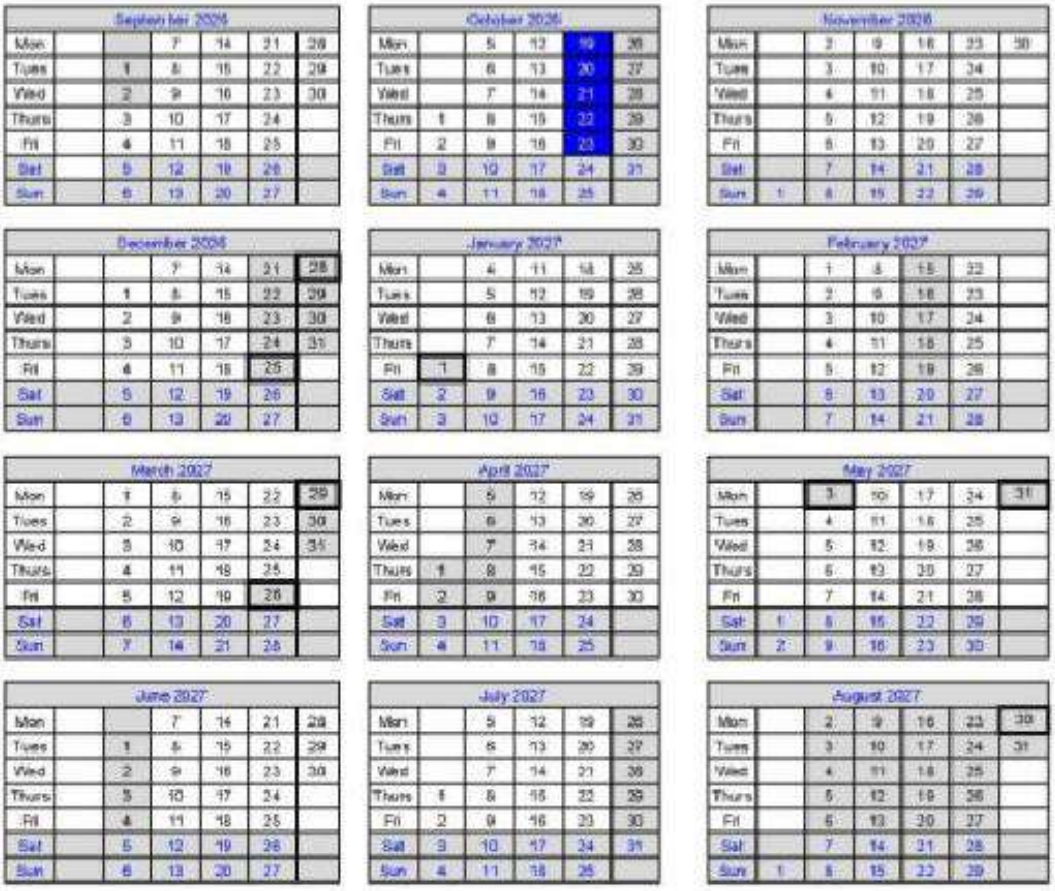
Your understanding and cooperation in parking respectfully will help us maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and, most importantly, keep all our children and the wider community safe.
Thank you for helping us make our school zone a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.



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
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Wed		5	12	19	26
Thur		6	13	20	27
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May 2028					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
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Sun	7	14	21	28	

June 2028					
Mon		5	12	19	26
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Wed		7	14	21	28
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Sun	4	11	18	25	

July 2028					
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thur		6	13	20	27	
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August 2028					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
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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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