



'Be Smart... Be the best that you can be...'



St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.8 – Wednesday 30th April 2025

Welcome back! We are thrilled to welcome back our wonderful children to St Martin and St Mary CE Primary! As the new term begins, our school is filled with the laughter and joy of our pupils, eager to learn and grow in our nurturing environment. We encourage you to engage with your child about their experiences at school, and we look forward to sharing our adventures with you through our monthly newsletters. Together, let us make this term a memorable one filled with learning, love, and laughter!

Sports update Have a read of the impressive Spring Sports Newsletter and the Sports Club provision for summer term.

Parent and family questionnaire Every year, we ask parents and families to help us understand what we are doing well and how we might look to improve through our Parent and Family questionnaire. Here is the link to this year's questionnaire. Please can I ask that families complete one of these for each of their children and submit before Friday 2nd May 2025 when the survey will close. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/nn8CM0ingQ>



Swimming pool It was great to see the swimming pool back in use this past week. Please can all swimming fees be paid as soon as possible via [Scopay](#). For a reminder of when your child swims, please [click here](#).

You can still donate money using our GoFundMe page or directly to the school office. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support. <https://gofund.me/951808ba>

Cygnets Playgroup Our school is still open each Wednesday to welcome younger children and their parents for a morning of play, craft, baking and much needed conversation. More details can be found on our website or by following this link; [Cygnets Playgroup](#)

Arbor app Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app. All communications/reminders will be through the app.

Online safety Our mini police and Year 5 and 6 welcomed Cumbria Police into school this week. They learnt about many aspects of online safety. This was very informative and well received. If you would like to find out more about online safety as a family please have a look at [National Online Safety](#).

PTA events If you can help with our upcoming events, please contact Amy Thompson athompson@windermere.cumbria.sch.uk

Job vacancies We are looking for cleaners and midday supervisors. If you may be interested in either of these roles, please contact the school office.

Nursery Request for help – Mrs Russell and the Nursery team are wondering if there are any local joiners or handy people who might be able to help repair the green tunnel in the Nursery Playground. It is no longer safe to play on or in, so we are wondering if someone might volunteer time to resurrect it. Please contact school or speak to the Nursery staff if you think you might be able to help. Thank you.

May/June holiday consultation The governors will be setting the term dates for the academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 and would like your views on the two week holiday in the summer term. Please complete the consultation. <https://forms.office.com/e/3LEFPtsu1n>

'A note from the Chair of Governors' It is my absolute pleasure to welcome Louise as our interim Head Teacher. Louise is a long-standing, senior member of our Team and has already showed up incredibly well in her new role. Please join me in supporting Louise and all our members of staff over what will be a fantastic last term of this academic year. Jen Braithwaite, Chair of Governors.

Important Diary Dates - All dates are in the school calendar on our website for easy reference

Date	Theme/Event
Tuesday 29 th April	3.30pm PTA Meeting – all welcome in the downstairs hall.
Thursday 1 st May – Friday 2 nd May	Y4 Liverpool Residential
Thursday 1 st May	Y3 visit to Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre Conishead Priory, Ulverston
Thursday 8 th May	PTA School Disco - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 - 4pm-5pm - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 5.15-6.15
Thursday 8 th May	Class Photos
Friday 9 th May	PTA Non-uniform day (in return we ask for donations for the tombola)
Week beginning 12 th May	SATs for Year 6
Friday 16 th May	Year 6 trip to Lancashire Cricket Ground Reception Trip to Maize Maze Year 3 and 4 WWII evacuation to Staveley
Saturday 17 th May	PTA Pool fundraising day and car boot sale
Monday 19 th May	Y6N outdoor education at Easedale
Tuesday 20 th May	Y6W outdoor education at Easedale
Thursday 22 nd May	KS1 Brockhole trip Y5B outdoor education at Tilberthwaite
Friday 23 rd May	Y5F outdoor education at Tilberthwaite
Monday 26th May to Friday 6th June	School closed for half-term
Saturday 14 th June	10.00 – 12.00 - EYFS open morning
Monday 16 th June	Y6N outdoor education at Loughrigg
Tuesday 17 th June	Y6W outdoor education at Loughrigg
Thursday 19 th June	Y3 outdoor education at Borran's Park
Friday 20 th June	Y3 outdoor education at Borran's Park PTA Cake Sale
Tuesday 24 th June	Y6 Lakes School Induction Day
Friday 27 th June – Saturday 28 th June	Y3 Camp over at school
Monday 30 th June	Y6 QKS Induction day Y6 Kirkbie Kendal Induction Day
Tuesday 1 st July	Y5 Taster Day at the Lakes School
Thursday 3 rd July	Sports Day - EYFS/KS1 (AM) - KS2 (PM)
Friday 4 th July	Y4 Windermere Outdoors PTA Summer Fair
Monday 7 th July	Y6 St Mary's Church Transition Day
Monday 14 th July	6pm Y6 Concert
Tuesday 15 th July	6pm Y6 Concert Y6 Swimming gala (AM)
Wednesday 16 th July	Y5 Swimming gala (AM)
Thursday 17 th July	Y3 Swimming gala (AM)
Friday 18 th July	Reports home to parents Y4 Swimming gala (AM)
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Celebration
Wednesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Service - 1.30pm
Friday 25 th July	School closes at 12noon for Pre-school & Nursery School closes at 2pm for Reception to Y6 children