



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



St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.7 – Friday 27th March 2026

Well, hasn't the spring term flown by! I can hardly believe that I have now been in post as Headteacher for a whole year. It has been a truly wonderful term filled with so many memorable experiences and exciting opportunities for our children and staff alike. We have all enjoyed working with Anti-Racist Cumbria, the unforgettable London residential trip, and some fun activities like foot golf and bowling. We warmly welcomed Team Rector Olivia into our school community, and our Reception children had a delightful trip to church. Key Stage 1 explored the beautiful outdoors with visits to Millerground and Brantfell. This term has also seen new members joining our dedicated staff team, enriching our school family even further. Our children have taken part in a wide range of inspiring events including the Book Fair, Sponsored Read, BAE Systems' cool aeronautics trip, Royal Ballet and Brewery Arts dance sessions, Key Step Gym competition, Glow Dodgeball, and football competitions. We also celebrated together at our Easter Service, alongside the countless wonderful moments that happen every single day. We truly are an amazing school community, and I feel incredibly proud to be part of it.

Parking and school drive – We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful when parking on the roads surrounding the school to ensure the safety and convenience of all our community members. Please also remember **not to drive up the school driveway** when dropping off children. This helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone. We have also seen an increase in pedestrians walking up the school drive, this is not safe- please use the footpath.

Year 6 London trip Our Year 6 children had an unforgettable residential trip to London, where they truly made the most of every moment – and certainly got their steps in! The visit was packed with enriching experiences, including exploring the fascinating exhibits at the Science and Natural History Museums, enjoying a breath-taking ride on the London Eye, and being captivated by the spectacular musical, *The Lion King*. It was wonderful to hear their excited stories and reflections on their return, showing just how much they enjoyed this special opportunity. We are also very grateful for the kind comments and thanks from parents and carers, which mean a great deal to the staff who made the trip possible. Thank you to everyone who supported this memorable experience for our Year 6 children!

Outstanding payments – Please pay all outstanding payments as soon as possible. Wrap around care, swimming lessons and trips that are in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment, please contact the school office.

Annual Family Survey Each year, we invite families to share their thoughts about school life at St Martin and St Mary CE Primary. This survey helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of our school community.

[St Martin & St Mary CofE Primary School - Parent and Family Questionnaire 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Swimming Pool Use Survey To help us plan the use of our swimming pool over the Summer Term and summer holidays, we ask you to complete a short survey regarding your child's swimming activities and preferences. Your participation in these surveys is greatly appreciated and will directly contribute to enhancing the experiences and opportunities we provide to all our children.

[Windermere Community Swimming Pool 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Fundraising Our local community are helping with fundraising for our ongoing costs of the swimming pool. Windermere Social Club are kindly running a bingo night on Friday 8th May. Please drop off any raffle prizes at the office. South Lakes giveaways are running a competition to win tickets to Legoland with 50% of all tickets sales going directly to our pool fund. <https://southlakesgiveaways.co.uk/product/legolandcomp/>

Holiday communication As we enter the holiday period, please be mindful that our staff will be on their well-deserved breaks. If you need to get in touch with the school during this time, kindly send an email to admin@windermere.cumbria.sch.uk. We will respond to your queries as soon as possible upon our return. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday!

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

Date	Day	Theme/Event	Notes
Monday	13/4/26	Term Starts 3.30pm House Captains Meeting Y5/6BW	
Tuesday	14/4/26	Swimming starts for reception	
Wednesday	15/4/26	Y6 Reasoning Nursery visits	The Lakes School
Thursday	16/4/26	New nursery starters Swimming starts for Year 4	
Thursday	23/4/26	Swimming starts for Year 3 Swimming pool committee meeting Primary Schools Fun Ski Race Evening	
Friday	24/4/26	Non Uniform Day Raffle donation TBC	
Wednesday	29/4/26	Y6 Reasoning	The Lakes School
Thursday	30/4/26	Year 4 Liverpool residential Year 3 sleepover	
Friday	1/5/26	Year 4 Liverpool residential Year 3 sleepover	
Monday	4/5/26	Bank Holiday	
Thursday	7/5/26	Class Photos	
Friday	8/5/26	Swimming pool fundraiser Bingo & Raffle	
Monday	11/5/26	SATS WEEK	
Monday	25/5/26	Half Term 2 weeks	
Tuesday	9/6/26	Year 5 & 6 Nurse visits	
Monday	15/6/26	Y5/6 Loughrigg Year 1 and 2 start swimming	
Tuesday	16/6/26	Reception Maize Maze Year 5/6 Loughrigg	
Wednesday	17/6/26	Y6 Reasoning 1.45 Leaver's Service	The Lakes School Kendal Parish Church
Thursday	18/6/26	Year 5/6 Loughrigg	
Tuesday	23/6/26	Year 6 Induction Day Year 5 Swimming gala	The Lakes School
Thursday	25/6/26	Cumbria Youth Games	
Friday	26/6/26	PTA cake sale Year 3 swimming gala	
Monday	29/6/26	QKS induction Day	QKS
Tuesday	30/6/26	Year 5 Taster Day Year 6 Water Safety Fell Foot	The Lakes School
Wednesday	1/7/26	PTA Non Uniform	
Thursday	2/7/27	Sports Day	
Friday	3/7/26	1.30pm Mini Police Water Safety. PTA Summer Fair	
Tuesday	7/7/26	Year 6 swimming gala	
Thursday	9/7/26	EYFS/KS1 Transition morning 9.10-10.20	
Friday	10/7/26	KS1 Brathay Hall	
Tuesday	14/7/26	Whole School Transition morning 9.15-10.30	
Friday	17/7/26	Reports home	
Monday	20/7/26	KS1 Swimming gala Year 6 Leaver's Celebration	
Wednesday	22/7/26	Year 6 Leaver's Service	
Friday	24/7/26	End of term 2pm Y6 2.10pm	

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