



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



St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.3 – Friday 28th November 2025

As always, the school has been bustling with activity and excitement. Recently, we welcomed new families to our Preschool and Nursery, and it was a pleasure to host our Cygnets Playgroup for a special tour of the facilities. A highlight this term was when 12 of our children proudly took part in The Lakes School Choir's 60th Anniversary celebrations. Their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm made the evening truly memorable. We also took time to mark Remembrance Day with respect and reflection. Our House Captains and Vice Captains laid wreaths and crosses at the war memorial, honouring those who have served. Looking ahead, we have many exciting events on the horizon as we prepare for the festive season. Keep a close eye on the school calendar so you don't miss out on any of the wonderful activities planned for Christmas!

Reminders Another reminder to all parents **not** to drive up the school drive at all during the school day or walk up the drive, please use the footpath and crossing.

As we are a 'healthy school', packed lunches and snacks must be healthy. We do not allow crisps at playtime as a snack. More information is on our [website](#). Toast and other items are available to purchase at tuck shop for 25p. Please make sure you child has enough money if they are buying toast.

Arbor app Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app. We will not be sending out reminder emails/text messages. **All** communications/reminders will be through the app.



Notifications must be turned on.

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.

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](#)

Thank you Thank you for all your recent contributions to our charitable events recently. Children in Need raised a whopping £508.15. Our Poppy Appeal sales raised £285.83. Thank you from Teams 4U Shoeboxes – 2185 filled boxes are on their way to make Christmas happier for lots of children.



School Christmas lunch - This year, school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 10th December. Christmas dinner orders must be placed on SchoolGrid **by Sunday 30th November 2025**. There is a vegetarian option available. Your child may wear their Christmas jumper or a festive item on this day.

Anti-Racist Cumbria We are proud to be working in partnership with Anti-Racist Cumbria. This collaboration supports our ongoing efforts to promote equality, challenge discrimination and nurture a school culture where every child feels valued and empowered. We will be engaging in professional development, curriculum enrichment, and community initiatives that help us better understand and address issues of racism and inequality.

PTA – Dates and Events – last week, every family received an update letter about PTA events in the run up to Christmas and our Christmas Fair. All of these dates are available on the [school calendar](#) on the website.

Christmas performances and KS2 Christmas Church Service - The Reception and KS1 Christmas Nativity performances will be taking place Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 9.30am. These are ticketed events and details have been sent out to families last week on how to purchase tickets. Our whole school Christingle service will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 17th December.

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

Date	Theme/Event
Tuesday 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 9 th December	Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity 9.30am Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity 9.30am Sponsored Elf run for St John's Hospice 2.30pm Nursery New Starters Meeting
Friday 12 th December	PTA Festive Non Uniform
Tuesday 16 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas Service St Mary's 9.30am
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Pre School/Nursery finish at 12 noon. Reception to Year 6 finish at 2pm
Tuesday 6 th January	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 7 th January	Spring Term begins.

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