



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



**St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.2 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Wow!** What a busy and jam packed half term this has been. We have had a fabulous Year 5 residential to Patterdale, Mini police water safety adventures with the Lake Wardens, Year 6 outdoor trip to Easedale Tarn, Zebra dentist visiting Key Stage 1, children rehearsing for The Lakes School 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary choir, new radiators installed in Key Stage 2 and sporting events galore!



Arbor

**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;  
**[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App.](#)**

**Reminders** Please can I remind 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 can be found on our [website](#).

**Outstanding payments** – Please can all outstanding payments be settled as soon as possible. Wrap around care, swimming lessons and trips have not been paid for. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying please contact the school office.



**Acceptable Use Agreement** – If you haven't done so yet, please can you click on the relevant link below and discuss this agreement with your child. Many thanks.

Link for children in [Reception, Year 1 and Year 2](#)

Link for children in [Year 3, 4, 5 & 6](#)

**Staffing Updates** After 32 years of dedicated service to our school, Janet Lewis has retired. Janet has been a cherished member of our school community, working tirelessly as both a midday supervisor and cleaner. Her commitment and kindness has left a lasting impact on generations of children and staff alike. We wish her a restful retirement.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Deputy Headteacher Sue Britton will be retiring at Christmas after an incredible 35+ years of dedicated service to firstly Windermere CE Junior School and then St Martin and St Mary CE Primary School. Sue has been a cornerstone of our school community, contributing tirelessly to the education and wellbeing of countless children and staff over the decades.

**Year 6 secondary school application** If your child is in Year 6 and you haven't yet applied for a secondary school place please remember to do this by 31<sup>st</sup> October on the [W&F website](#).



**Social Media** Recently a letter was sent out to you asking you to complete this [form](#) if you do not wish for your child to be featured on our school Facebook page. Please do this today.

**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](#)

**Pre-School & Nursery open afternoons** We will be offering tours to prospective parents of our Pre-School and Nursery on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon.

**World Mental Health Day 2025** Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our **YELLOW** day. It was so lovely to see so much yellow amongst school. Well done on raising £227.50 for [Young Minds](#).

**Shoebox Appeal** Please bring filled shoeboxes to our school office before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We do have empty shoe boxes if you need one.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme/Event</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 Tenner Project at The Lakes School 9am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	The Lakes School 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration 4.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre-School and Nursery open afternoon
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre-School and Nursery open afternoon
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity 9.30am Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity 9.30am Sponsored Elf run for St John's Hospice 2.30pm Nursery New Starters Meeting
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Festive Non Uniform
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Service St Mary's 9.30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up at 2pm

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