

## St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School

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Dear families,

**Welcome back** to the new academic year at St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School! We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

As we begin this new school year, we are delighted to welcome both returning children and families, as well as those who are new to our school community. Our vision remains at the heart of all we do: to nurture confidence, a thirst for learning, and resilience in every child within a safe and loving environment. We continue to prioritise the development of the whole child—spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically.

Please do take note of the following important information for the start of term:

- School starts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time and is prepared for the day with the correct uniform and equipment.
- School start times can be found on our website <https://www.windermere.cumbria.sch.uk/our-school-day/>

As we begin a new cycle with our curriculum this will be updated throughout the term. Information about this can be found on our school website; [www.windermere.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.windermere.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Absence** – Just to remind you about the rules enforced by Westmorland and Furness Council. Any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more in a 10 week period will trigger a fine of £80 per pupil per parent. Further absence could lead to a second fine of £160 and the potential for an appearance in court. Please avoid absence in term times at all costs to avoid this. We cannot authorise holidays in term time. Just to reiterate, school does not benefit financially from any fine.

If you do need to request an absence, you must inform the school office, as well as your child's teacher, and complete an absence request form. The form is also available to print or download from our school website or you can request/collect one from the school office.

**Communication** – Our school working hours are 8.30am until 4.30pm each day. Teaching staff and the office will not respond to messages or emails outside of these times. We will endeavour to respond to requests for updates and information in a timely manner but parents will understand that this is often difficult in a busy school day. If you do have a concern or a query, please feel free to contact the office.

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**Mobile phones in school** – As a rule, we don't want children to bring mobile phones and devices to school. If there is a particular circumstance where this might be necessary for a child in Year 5 or Year 6, please contact the school office for more information. Any mobiles will be locked away securely and children will not have access to them during the school day.

**Tuck Shop** – Toast will continue to be 25p and we will continue to monitor the usage of our tuck shop. Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 may purchase toast at morning break. Reception will now have snack time incorporated into the morning session in the classroom and they will not be having snack during playtime. They will be offered fruit or rice cakes. This is due to recent changes to early year's guidance.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. Together, we can make this a successful and happy year for all.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With warm regards,



Louise Swindlehurst  
Headteacher

*'Life in all its fullness' John 10.10*

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

Date	Theme/Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School reopens
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Swimming starts (Will normally be Thursday)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming starts
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Westmorland Show Mini Police – Water Safety Year 4 Camp over at school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual School photographs
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3/4G Stone Age trip to the Footprint Building
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3/4H Stone Age trip to the Footprint Building
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 5 Patterdale
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y3/4B Stone Age trip to the Footprint Building
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6N Outdoor Education Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6BW Outdoor Education Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6F Outdoor Education Day
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's evenings

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Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15am KS2 Harvest Festival 1.30pm St Martins
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half –term