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Newsletter 338, 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,



This week has been an exciting week in school, not least because of our London visit. We also had a 'pre-SIAMS' visit in both schools. SIAMS is the church inspection and we are expecting our next one to be next academic year. Everything went well this week and the children shared our golden words and RE lessons with our visitor, who also came to Collective Worship at St Martin. What we do need though is more people to lead our Worship sessions – so if you know anyone, of any faith who could do that please let me know.



Partnership News

Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week has focussed on James Chapter 2 verse 8; the royal law: If you really keep the royal law found in scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself' you are doing right. Our golden words embody this, and we all need reminding at times.

We invite parents of children who receive certificates to join us for worship on a Friday in school. However, you can still join us virtually if it is easier for you. Monday – Thursday we have whole school worship at 2.45pm. On a Friday it is 1.05pm at All Saints and 2.30pm at St Martin. You are welcome to join us at any of these sessions.

DEMAT Education Principles

This week's Trust wide principles that we're focussing on:

Assessment

The curriculum is the progression model which underpins our approach to assessment and prioritises the formative aspect of this at the point of learning for ALL children.

Entitlement for all

Where necessary, through robust and rigorous assessment processes, we make intentional decisions to adapt and make reasonable adjustments ensuring that ALL DEMAT pupils receive their entitlement because their identified needs are addressed.

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Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%



All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	97.5%	Explorers	96.11%
Jupiter	94.44%	Adventurers	95.71%
Neptune	95%	Investigators	99.33%
Mars	95%	Seekers	98.18%
		Voyagers	97.81%
		Researchers	96.36%
Total for the school		Total for the school	97.58%
Oh no, not again.		Well done!	

All Saints		St Martin	
Deer	596	Sandringham	409
Badger	635	Blickling	369
Owl	640	Houghton	368
		Oxburgh	458

All Saints				St Martin			
	Mathematician	Writer	Presentation		Mathematician	Writer	Presentation
Saturn	Jonas	Brooklyn	Brooks	Explorers	Tobias	Alba	Edith
Jupiter	Jacob	Lyla	Elanna	Adventurers	Oliver	Indy	Freddie
Neptune	Jonathan	Daisy	Joshua	Investigators	Roan	Fred	Oliver
Mars	Jonah	Leticia	Toby	Seekers	Maths	Evelyn	Elodie
				Voyagers	Ethan	Leo	Eve
				Researchers	Evie	Sophia	Esmae



Times Tables Awards



Jupiter	Bear	Investigators	Evie-Mae
Neptune	Riley	Seekers	Arthur
Mars	Millosz	Voyagers	Lexie
		Researchers	Jenni



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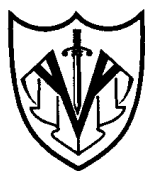
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<div>  <h2>CALENDAR</h2> <p>Our special value this half term is: Friendship</p>  </div>			
	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
22 nd September			
24 th September	9am Parent Chat		Photographs
25 th September			2pm Parent Chat
26 th September			Disco
October is Black History Month			
29 th September		Nature Table week FGB	
30 th September			Mobile library
2 nd October			Friends AGM
3 rd October	Friends AGM	Harvest	
13 th October	Photographs		
16 th October	Mobile Library		
17 th October			Adventurers & Investigators visit to Watatunga
23 rd October	Archery Enrichment		
Half Term: 27th – 31st October			
3 rd November	All Saints Day Celebrations		
4 th & 6 th November		Parent Consultation Evenings	
Week beg 10 th November		Anti-Bullying Week	
11 th November	Mars visit to Gressenhall	Remembrance Day	
13 th November	Mobile Library		
14 th November			St Martin Celebrations and Fair
20 th November			Flu Immunisation
24 th November		FGB	
25 th November			Mobile Library
1 st December		DEMAT Carol Service	
3 rd December		Parent Chat	
5 th December	Christmas Fair	Elf Day	
9 th December		Pantomime	
11 th December	Mobile Library		
12 th December		Christingle	
Week beginning 15 th December		Productions TBA	
19 th December	10am	Church	1.30pm
Last Day of term: Friday 19th December First Day of next term: Tuesday 6th January			
Non-contact days this year: 1st & 2nd September, 24th October, 5th January, 13th April			



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London Visit



We had a really interesting visit to London this week. The KS2 school councillors and both worship groups visited the Houses of Parliament and the London Central Mosque.

The children were very taken with 'New Dawn' a contemporary sculpture by Mary Branson celebrating the campaign for women's suffrage in Westminster Hall. It is linked to the tide in the River Thames, so it changes!

We were welcomed as VIP friends at the mosque having just missed President Trump driving past. The children were very quiet at first but soon relaxed and enjoyed hunting for facts and enjoying the prayer hall.

If only the trains were more reliable!



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School Governors Wanted

We are currently seeking committed and enthusiastic individuals to join our Board of Governors.

About the Role

As a School Governor, you'll play a vital role in supporting the leadership of our schools. Working closely with the Headteacher, staff, and fellow governors, you'll help ensure our schools provide a challenging, supportive, and inspiring environment for all pupils.

Key Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the strategic direction and vision of the schools
- Support and challenge school leadership to achieve excellence
- Monitor performance and ensure accountability
- Champion the needs and interests of pupils and the wider community

No Experience? No Problem!

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds. No prior experience in education is required — induction, training and ongoing support are provided.

Who Can Apply?

Must be 18 or over and living in the UK

Must pass a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Must have a passion for helping young people.

Interested?

To find out more or to express your interest, please contact Gordon Mitcheson-Smith, Chair of Governors:

gmitchesonsmith@st-martin.norfolk.sch.uk or the school office.

You'll have the chance to speak with current governors and learn more about what the role involves.

Further information can be found at the Governors For School charity website:

<https://governorsforschools.org.uk/become-a-school-governor/>

Shape the future. Make a difference. Become a School Governor.



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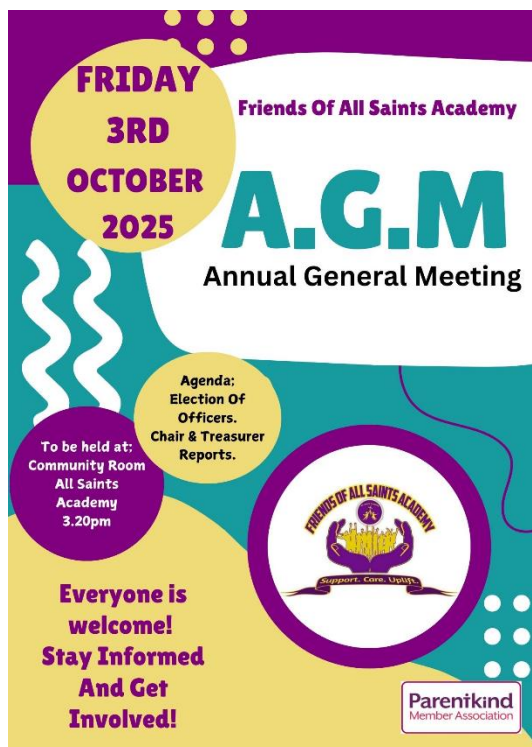
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St Martin at Shouldham



All Saints News

Have a lovely weekend.
I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday.

Don't forget that *lessons start* at 8.45am.
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Do you have space in your home and heart to foster a child?

As a not-for-profit, we reinvest in our foster carers, providing full training, a dedicated social worker, monthly funding, and all the support you need so you're never alone on this incredible journey.

break-charity.org/foster



Ask Norfolk Parents

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of Ask Norfolk Parents.

The Ask Norfolk Parents online community is a safe and supportive place for families of children and young people in Norfolk to share experiences, find information and gain peer-to-peer support from each other and it's FREE to join.

The group is hosted on HealthUnlocked, a social networking service for health.

HealthUnlocked is a safe and secure environment where people can join communities and conversations about health. They can share experiences and get questions answered by peers and professionals, all led by trusted organisations.

Join Today!

healthunlocked.com/one-norfolk-parents



could you foster?



we urgently need foster carers in your area



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We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home.

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family hubs

Young person in West Norfolk?

Need advice or support this summer holidays?

Get in touch with your local family hubs team.

Call: 01553 669651

Drop In: Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LB

Visit: norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

Advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- relationships
- activities and groups
- housing
- SEND
- substance misuse
- transition to adulthood

and so much more...

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Swan Youth Project

Swan Youth Project is based at the heart of the community in Downham Market. We support young people from age 8 plus their families with a wide range of high quality services.

We work with a Trauma Informed approach, getting to know our young people really well.

One size does not fit all

Our current services are:

- Open Access Youth Groups
- 1:1 support for mild/emerging mental health
- Family Support
- Parents Drop-in
- Young Carers Support
- Hygiene Bank
- More than a Bike
- Alternative Provision
- Assemblies and workshops
- Vocational Trips/sessions
- Residential Trips

“ I like seeing my friends and having a place I can go to feel supported and appreciated and I feel welcomed ”

www.swanyouthproject.org
01366 386259

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