



The Village Saints Partnership

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Newsletter 339, 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,



Thank you to those parents who joined me in school this week for our parent chat group. It was great to share the academy development plan key points with you and to discuss actions that we might take this year. Lots of ideas and support at All Saints for Fairtrade, worship and ways of loving all our neighbours. At St Martin we celebrated some of the things we love about the school and discussed how the curriculum and structure may evolve in the next years. Thank you all for working with us for the benefit of the children.

Partnership News

Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week has focussed on James Chapter 3 verses 1-12.

James continues to be concerned about the way people are speaking to each other. He talks about the capacity that we have to build people up or to destroy them by what we say. Once again we are challenged to ensure we try our best to build a kind and caring community wherever we are.

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 principle that we're focussing on:

The curriculum provides the platform for opportunities to ensure that powerful knowledge develops understanding and takes children beyond their otherwise lived experiences, allowing them to think better, and opening up life choices.

Have you seen your child's curriculum map on their class page on our website?

<https://villagesaintspartnership.demat.org.uk/remote-learning#>

Young Carers

Please read the letter that you will be receiving about young carers. If you think your child could be a young carer please let us know. We are hoping to start a support club and include these children in some great visits that are set up for children who care. If you're not sure if this is your child or not then please ask.



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Harvest Festival



Next Friday, 3rd October we are celebrating harvest festival in school. We are doing this in two ways. We are once again collecting for the Downham Market Foodbank. These are the items they need:

Urgently needed food items

toilet roll
washing up liquid
fruit juice
UHT milk (1 litre)
cat/dog food (dry)
noodles
instant mash potato
snacks/treats

As well as giving these things we would also love to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest in the fields and hedgerows around us, so once again we will hold a class nature table competition.

Items for both celebrations can be bought into class any time next week. Nature tables will gradually take form and be judged on Friday. Harvest produce will be stored in class and presented in worship on Friday by the children.

Thank you for your generosity, loving all our neighbours. If you would like to join us for harvest festival it's 1pm at All Saints and 2.30pm at St Martin.

We've got plenty of

baked beans
dried pasta (500gms)
tomato soup

Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%			
All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	96.25%	Explorers	98.89%
Jupiter	94.48%	Adventurers	95%
Neptune	95.45%	Investigators	97%
Mars	93.19%	Seekers	95.45%
		Voyagers	93.75%
		Researchers	95.45%
Total for the school	94.63%	Total for the school	95.77%
Oh no, get well soon		Oh no, after such a great start	

Norfolk Children's Services Attendance Strategy: Attendance is Everyone's Business

All children and young people can make the most of the opportunities provided by attending school.



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All Saints		St Martin	
Deer	873	Sandringham	563
Badger	962	Blickling	509
Owl	952	Houghton	519
		Oxburgh	649

All Saints				St Martin			
	RE	Writer	Golden Words		RE	Writer	Golden Words
Saturn	Benjamin	Skylah	Ragnor	Explorers	Ollie	Wilma	Thomas
Jupiter	Dylan	Valentina	Ivy	Adventurers	Libby	Ewan	Oscar
Neptune	Talia	Eleanor	Freya	Investigators	Abbie	Pip	Harper
Mars	Annie-Mae	Elissia	Tommy C	Seekers	Poppy	Arlo Gi	Chester
				Voyagers	Emily	Brady	Lucy
				Researchers	Lily	Oaklie	Charlie

Times Tables Awards			
Jupiter	Billy	Investigators	Ava
Neptune	Oakley	Seekers	Beatrice
Mars	Milosz	Voyagers	Mimi
		Researchers	Jacob



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<div>  <h2>CALENDAR</h2>  </div>			
Our special value this half term is: Friendship			
	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
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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After school snack inspiration

Running out of after-school snack ideas? Skip the battles with our simple tips to keep kids fuelled, happy and ready for whatever's next - whether it's to tide them over until dinner or fuel for a club or activity.

[Check out the snacks hub!](#)



Dip, dunk, crunch!

Snack time doesn't just give kids an energy boost after school – it can spark a little fun too. Adding a dip turns simple nibbles into a mini adventure - giving them the chance to get hands-on and creative with their food.

It's an easy way to mix things up, add a splash of colour, and tempt a few more healthy bites along the way.

[Explore some quick & tasty dip ideas here!](#)



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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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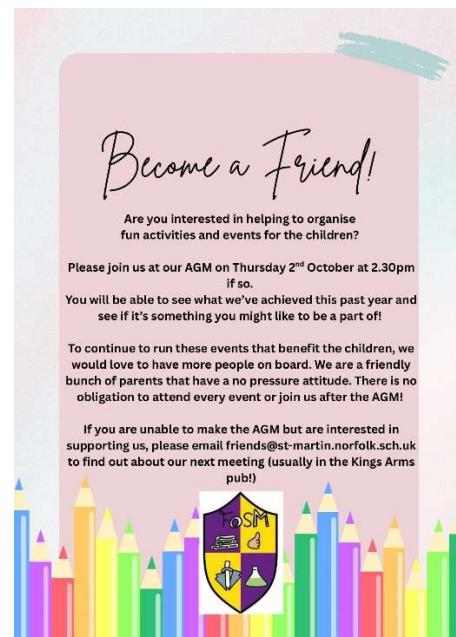
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Little Troopers Club

Dates for your diary



All Together Online workshops

4th October, 10am – Dinostar

18th October, 11am – The Brick People

29th October 11am – Cookstars

26 - 28th September - Portland

Reconnection Weekend

Details of all our events will be sent to
our mailing list, keep an eye on your
inbox!

DEPLOYMENT CLUB
For Little Troopers
ALL TOGETHER - ONLINE 2025

Month	Date	Time	Event
SEPT	20th	11am	Devon Science
OCT	4th	10am	Dinostar (Dinosaur Museum and School)
	18th	11am	The Brick People (Bapt)
	29th	11am	Cook Stars
NOV	15th	11am	Space Detectives (Blue Oct)
	29th	10am	Art Base
DEC	13th	11am	Zest Dance (Christmas theme)

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PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED. ONLINE ACCESS
WILL BE SENT TO ALL REGISTERED
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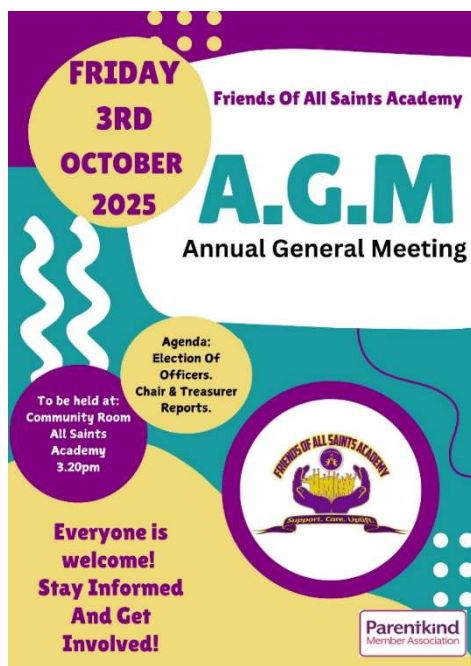
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All Saints News



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.*

Katherine Howe



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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

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Changing young lives

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

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

nexus fostering

We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home.
Call us on 0800 389 0143
Visit us at www.nexusfostering.co.uk

Play Football
Wildcats
Have Fun!
Make Friends

Watlington Wildcats Girls Football Sessions!

Wildcats Girls' Football Centres provide girls from ages 5-11 the opportunity to get involved in football, whilst making friends, building confidence and having fun!

Come and meet the team, bring your friends, have some fun!

Sessions run every Monday 6:00-7:15pm at Watlington Village Hall, PE33 0HE

For more information contact:
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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...

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).



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- parenting
- relationships
- activities and groups
- infant feeding
- money and work
- housing
- SEND
- support for dads
- 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
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