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Newsletter 340, 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,



What a joy national poetry day was this year, centred on the theme of 'play'. We had a lovely time in worship listening to BBC Sound Library at St Martin and we wrote this poem:

The waves of the sea are

Like a chatterbox chattering

The waves of the sea are

Like a washing machine going round and round

The waves of the sea are

Like scraping the dinner plates into the sink

Have you read a poem this week?

Partnership News

Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week has focussed on James Chapter 3 verses 13-18.

James is now talking about wisdom. He doesn't just mean knowing a lot, rather being clever enough to make choices that help people and bring peace.

We have also celebrated National Poetry Day together and had a reminder of the NSPCC teaching 'PANTS'.

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:

Pedagogy (the theory and practice of learning and teaching)

Our research-informed pedagogy ensures that what is taught is designed to help pupils to remember in the long term, the content they have been taught, and to integrate new knowledge into larger concepts.











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Earrings

We have changed our policy regarding earrings, I expect you have seen the message that Mr Fulcher has sent out.

We expect children not to wear earrings on PE days. We will not be providing coverings for them and we will ask children to remove them if they are wearing them.

On days that it is not PE only studs will be allowed. If a child is wearing bigger earrings they will be asked to remove them.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generosity, the children will be taking the food to the foodbank soon. We hope that they will also be able to have a slot helping to sort the food there.

Thank you too for all the beautiful and creative things that you have sent in for the children's nature tables.

















Executive Head teacher: Katherine Howe Executive Deputy Head teacher: Rachel Beasley







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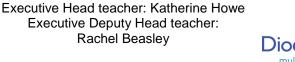


















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Attendance Road Map

Our daily actions & processes aim to promote relationship building with children & families to prevent absence. This involves monitoring data trends & absence patterns to inform our conversations with you (& your child where age allows). The trigger for conversations is where absence becomes a cause for concern. Other daily actions involve promoting attendance positively, using praise & incentives, swift absence follow up, texts, school apps, email &/or letter communication to raise your awareness of emerging concerns, processing requested or unrequested 'term time exceptional absence' & doing home visits to meet our safeguarding duties as required.

Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%				
All Saints		St Martin		
Saturn	92.41%	Explorers	97.78%	
Jupiter	90.23%	Adventurers	98.46%	
Neptune	95.98%	Investigators	100%	
Mars	87.11%	Seekers	95.76%	
		Voyagers	98.12%	
		Researchers	95.45%	
Total for the school	91.13%	Total for the school	97.25%	
Oh no.		Well done! Much better this week.		



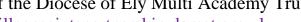








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All Saints		St Martin					
	Science	Writer	Friendship		Science	Writer	Friendship
Saturn	George	James	Phoebe	Explorers	Vonnie	James	Albert
Jupiter	Jadon	Poppy	Tilly	Adventurers	Leonardo	Poppy	Finley
Neptune	Finn	Abigail	Teddy	Investigators	Wilf	Joseph	Indie
Mars	Patrick	Olivia	Jacob	Seekers	Jesse	Jaxon	Hayley
				Voyagers	Stellan	Hector	Annabelle
				Researchers	Betty	Zak	Arabella

<u>Times Tables Awards</u>			
Jupiter	Tabitha	Investigators	Orla <u>Times Tables</u>
Neptune	Ethan	Seekers	Florence
Mars	Tommy S	Voyagers	Lina
		Researchers	George

Friendship Certificate

Our focus value this half term is 'friendship'.

Being a friend shows we respect others and are generous with our time, it demonstrates that we love our neighbours.

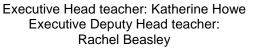
Friendship is an undisputed value in our society, with children often spending more time with their friends than with family. It is a key concept in the Christian framework, with Jesus being criticised for being 'the friend of sinners' and eating with those whom society rejected.

Sharing a meal with someone is an explicit sign of friendship and the word 'companion' literally means 'one with whom you share bread.'















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Change of School Catering Company



From the 1st November our school lunches will be supplied by a new company called Caterlink. They will continue to provide tasty, nutritious lunches for the children and the kitchen staff members will remain the

The hot pasta with tomato sauce option is now going to be offered. The jacket potato and ham or cheese sandwich options will also remain, along with a main hot dinner and vegetarian option.

Monday will be a meat free day.

The cost will be rising to £2.93 per child, per day. Children from Reception to Year 2 will continue to receive a free school meal, along with anyone entitled to free school meals.

The new menu will run from week commencing 3rd November (after half term) up until week commencing 26th March 2026. Please find the menu attached.

Orders for school lunches will continue to be taken daily at registration time but they are also available to book in on MCAS.

As always, if you have any questions please contact the school.













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		October is Black History Month	
13 th October	Photographs		
16 th October	Mobile LIbrary		
17 th October			Adventurers & Investigators visit to Watatunga
23 rd October	Archery Enrichment		
	Half Term	: 27 th – 31 st 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

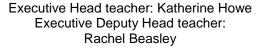
Last Day of term: Friday 19th December First Day of next term: Tuesday 6th January

Non-contact days this year: 1st & 2nd September, 24th October, 5th January, 13th April















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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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St Martin at Shouldham

Wrap Around Care

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out and have some good quality games looking for a new home we would be very grateful to receive them. The children in breakfast club and after school club will all enjoy them. Thank you!



When you are dropping off your children at breakfast club or collecting them from after school club please remember that you are on a school site. Please no smoking or vaping.















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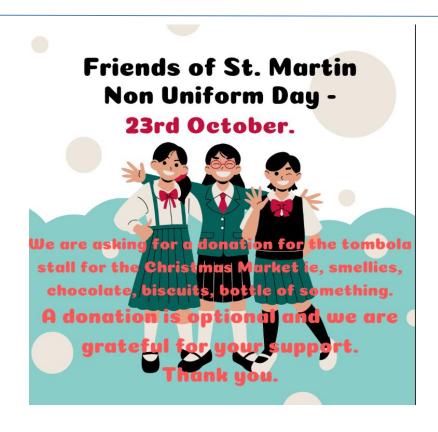
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All Saints News



Wrap Around Care

Breakfast and after school clubs are now available at All Saints! Please inquire at the school office for further details.

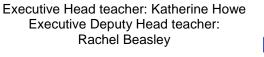
Have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday.

Don't forget that lessons start at 8.45am.

Katherine Howe













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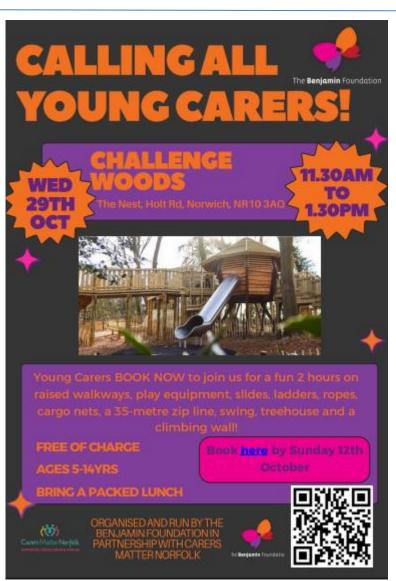
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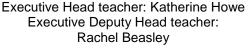


















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Swan Youth Project is based at the heart of the community in Downham Market. We support young people from age 8 plus their families with a wide range of high quality services.

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

www.swanyouthproject.org



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