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Newsletter 344, 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,



It has been lovely to see so many of you at our parent consultation evenings this week. Working together is the best support that we can give to your children. If you haven't managed to get in then please get in touch with your child's teacher and make an appointment. Let's celebrate together all the achievements and work together to reach the next step. Thank you for all your support.

Partnership News

Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week focussed on how wonderful our world is and that each of us is just a very tiny part of that. Our bible reference is from the difficult story of Job; Job chapter 38, verses 1-7. The message we were left with was that God will never leave us.

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.

Vacancy

At St Martin we are advertising for a cleaner. The job is two hours a day (before or after school), Monday-Friday. To see the advert please look at our website: <https://villagesaintspartnership.demat.org.uk/staff-vacancies>

We are also adverting for a support assistant at All Saints, two days a week:
<https://villagesaintspartnership.demat.org.uk/staff-vacanciesc51e2e2a>



Christmas Dinner in a Box

Downham Market Foodbank have contacted us to say they are aware that Christmas can be an extremely difficult time of year for some families whether this is financial or circumstantial. They are able to bless a limited number of families with a complete Christmas day food hamper with everything needed for a festive meal. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a hamper, with no questions asked.



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Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%			
All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	93.75%	Explorers	92.36%
Jupiter	98.28%	Adventurers	94.3%
Neptune	96.88%	Investigators	93.33%
Mars	97.5%	Seekers	98.48%
		Voyagers	100%
		Researchers	96.02%
Total for the school	95.92%	Total for the school	95.89%
Almost there.			

					
All Saints		St Martin			
Deer	226	Sandringham	111		
Badger	246	Blickling	108		
Owl	236	Houghton	132		
		Oxburgh	182		

		Times Tables Awards					
Jupiter	Arthur R	Investigators	Hugo				
Neptune	Joshua	Seekers	Elsie				
Mars	Teddy D	Voyagers	Leo				
		Researchers	Evie				

All Saints				St Martin			
	Mathematician	Writer	Reader		Mathematician	Writer	Reader
Saturn	Skylah	Ivar	Mya	Explorers	Levison	Thomas	Albert
Jupiter	Elanna	Dylan	Jacob S	Adventurers	Bonnie	Libby	Indy
Neptune	Ridley	Oakley	Talia	Investigators	Cillian	Alexandra	Ella
Mars	Lilly	Tommy C	Annie-Mae	Seekers	Sienna	Elodie	Finley
				Voyagers	Oscar	Jessie	Rosie-Lee
				Researchers	Jenni	George	Lily

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 CALENDAR 			
Our special value this half term is: Peace			
	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
Week beg 10 th November		Anti-Bullying Week	
11 th November	Mars visit to Great Cressingham	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			Coffee and Chat 8.45am and 2.15pm 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	
15 th December			PM KS1 Nativity
16 th December			AM KS1 Nativity
17 th December	PM Nativity		
18 th December	PM Nativity		
19 th December	1.30pm	Church	10am
Last Day of term: Friday 19 th December			
First Day of next term: Tuesday 6 th January			
Non-contact days this year: 1 st & 2 nd September, 24 th October, 5 th January, 13 th April			



Please see the parent flyer accompanying this newsletter.



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St Martin at Shouldham

Maternity Best Wishes



Yesterday Miss Plain left us to start her maternity leave. In our assembly we realised Miss Plain has worked with all but the newest children in KS1 and KS2 – virtually all the children in school, and she has worked here longer than any of our current children have been alive. We will really miss her happy, peaceful, constant presence. However, what an exciting time. Thank you Miss Plain for all that you have done for the children, staff and whole school. Very best wishes, lots of love and we look forward to meeting baby.

After School Club

When you collect your child from after school club please could we ask you to leave the site promptly so that we can lock the gates and keep everyone safe. Please keep your children close and don't let them go to play on the field or outdoor equipment, as this is delaying us being able to lock the gates too. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



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Christmas market raffle prize gifts

Raffle tickets are £1. Here are some of the lovely prizes you could win:

- Chocolate
- Pensthorpe family ticket
- Metal wall clock
- Hamper
- Pleasure Beach voucher
- Biscuits
- 1 night in a Shouldham Air B'nB
- Smellies
- One Free month of Legacy Dance classes
- Alive Corn Exchange voucher
- Plus much more

Don't forget to buy your tickets before 14th November.

The parents' lottery

Support your school with every ticket

£25,000 jackpot!

Support our school

Scan this QR code and enter our school name to join The Parents Lottery

How does it work?

There will be guaranteed prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot! Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.

Choose us on The Parents Lottery list → £1 ticket entry into each weekly draw → Play with up to 10 tickets → Prize draw every Friday → Each ticket supports our school

Parentkind The parents' lottery

Friends of St Martin have teamed up with Parentkind's Parent Lottery! This is an exciting new opportunity to win some big money and support St Martin's all at the same time.

Each £1 ticket sold earns our school 60p!! If you'd like to be 'in it to win it', as they say and support the school, please find the details of how to do this on the poster attached.

Thank you again for your support and GOOD LUCK!!



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All Saints News

Lunchtime Support

This term we have had a bit of a restructure amongst our wonderful support staff. Our class learning support assistants are now also providing support for the children during the lunch hour. Many schools have made this change and seen it be very beneficial in a number of ways. Do let us know any feedback that you might have about this.

All Saints Academy



The Friends Association have teamed up with Parentkind - The Parent's Lottery to bring you an exciting opportunity to win big money and support All Saints Academy at the same time!

Each £1 ticket sold earns the school 60p!!
Prize draw is every Friday!

Autumn/ Winter 2025

Schedule

14TH NOV

Non Uniform Day

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes (school appropriate) - as "payment" we are kindly asking for an item for our Raffle Hampers. Eg: chocolate, biscuits, smellies, gifts, non perishable food. Thank you.

24&25TH NOV

Elfridges Gift Shop

Pre booking only. Bookings forms and payments to be handed in by Monday 10th November.

28TH NOV

Xmas Tree Decoration Competition

Help us decorate the school tree! Best Christmas Tree Decoration in each year group will win a prize! Every participant will win a certificate.

5TH DEC

Xmas Fair & Grotto

A fun filled afternoon with Games, Raffle, Grotto (pre booking only), cakes and more.

From 3.15pm

Date TBC - School Xmas Play evenings - Whilst watching your child perform in the school Xmas play we will be selling refreshments and cake. Plus a cheeky raffle too!

How does it work?

There will be **guaranteed prizes** up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.



If you'd like to be in it to win it and support the school please find our page below to purchase your lottery tickets.

Thank you and Good Luck.

<https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/allsaints-academy1737982978>

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CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

CAN YOU HELP US DECORATE THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE, BY MAKING A CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION?!

ONE ENTRY PER PUPIL AND PLEASE NAME THEM.

EVERYONE WHO ENTERS WILL BE AWARDED!!

PLUS ONE WINNER FROM EACH YEAR GROUP WIN A PRIZE!

DECORATIONS TO BE HANDED IN BY FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER!

A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO NORFOLK NORDMANNNS FOR THEIR KIND DONATION OF THIS YEARS TREE!

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Santa is here!

ho ho ho

5TH DECEMBER
£4.00 PER CHILD

Santa's Grotto

Organised by Friends Of All Saints Academy

COME SEE SANTA, HIS ELVES AND RECIEVE A GIFT!

SANTAS GROTTO WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WITH ALLOCATED TIME SLOTS ON A PRE BOOKING ONLY BASIS.

PLEASE HAND YOUR BOOKING FORMS AND PAYMENTS IN BY MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



DONATIONS NEEDED

can you help?

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ACADEMY ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS/PRIZES FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE ON 5TH DECEMBER

This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year. Without support from local people and businesses we would be unable to offer the children of Stoke Ferry and surrounding villages that attend All Saints Academy the experiences and educational aid that we provide.

We are hoping that you may be able to assist us by kindly donating to this cause in the form of a prize or hamper item for the Christmas Raffle. Any donation would be very gratefully received.

WRETTON ROAD, STOKES FERRY, KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. PE33 9QJ
E-MAIL: FRIENDSOFALLSAINTSACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

Registered Charity No. 1009794

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Have a lovely weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning.

*Don't forget that **lessons start** at 8.45am.*

Katherine Howe

FLORAL SISTAS

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

£5.00 Discount for St Martin's Parents please use code StMartins

DATE: FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
VENUE: SHOULDHAM BOWLS CLUB
TIME: 6.30PM PRICE: £50.00

All Materials Included- BAR OPEN
Workshop last approx 1.5-2 hours

TO BOOK
Scan or visit
www.floralsistas.shop



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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).



could you foster?



we urgently need foster carers in your area



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



Introducing Solid Food, Messy Food & Weaning Workshop 1

Join us for fun sessions with practical tips if you are getting ready for weaning or in the early stages of giving your baby solid food

Friday, November 28
1 - 3pm
St Augustine Healthy Living Centre
Columbia Way King's Lynn PE30 2LB

Book now!



Coming soon!
Session 2: Moving On – Eating as a Family
Session 3: Common Feeding Worries



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Voices Through Art

Are you aged 25 and under?

Do you have special educational needs and/or a disability?

Join Lauren and Henry for this
free, creative and fun art group.

You do not need a formal
diagnosis to take part.

In these sessions we will:

- Make a new art piece each week
- Find out about your hobbies/interests and what is important to you!
- Listen to you and make sure your voice is heard.



"These sessions have kept my child in contact with the outside world while she has been out of school. They have helped her trust in people again. The sessions have been fun & relaxed, with people who love what they are doing and who they are working with."

Norfolk
County Council

Meet the team!



Where?

Gaywood Library,
Kings Lynn, PE30 4HD

When?

Monday 17th November

2.30-4pm

Monday 15th December

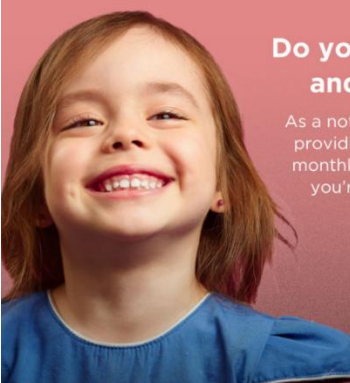
2.30-4pm

To Book please email:

csparticipationteam@norfolk.gov.uk

or call us on:

01603 303378



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



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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

West Norfolk Soccer Schools

- Swaffham Town FC
- West Winch Village Hall
- Downham Market Academy
- Heacham Minors FC
- Thetford Leisure Centre

AGES 5-11

Scan here to book
communitysportsfoundation.org.uk

Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, Norwich City FC Centre Road, Norwich, NR1 1UE | Registered charity No: 1084239

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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Ben 07545 625354

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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

 [theswanprojectl](https://www.facebook.com/theswanproject/)
 [dmswanyouthproject](https://www.instagram.com/dmswanyouthproject/)



family hubs

Community Drop-In for Parents, Carers & Young People

Come along and meet **Sarah**, your Community Worker, who will be ready to answer your questions and share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help you with family and parenting issues.

If you would like to make an appointment for a different day, please ring our family hub on 01553 669673

Tuesday 4th November Downham Market Library 15:00pm-16:30pm

Tuesday 11th November Swan Youth Project 9:00am-11:00am

Tuesday 18th November Downham Market Library 15:00pm-16:30pm

Wednesday 19th November Everyday Living, Money Matters
Downham Market Library 11:00am-12:30pm

You can find out more about our family hubs approach online, just click on the QR code



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