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Newsletter 351, 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,



Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you had a lovely Christmas. It has been exciting to start the week with some snow, really lovely to see the children having fun outside with it. Such beautiful sunrises and sunsets too. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world. I hope we all have chance to have more fun outside this weekend.

Partnership News

Weekly Worship Focus

Our worship this week has been focussed on Epiphany. We remembered the Kings visiting Jesus and were thankful again for our own Christmas presents. Our bible reference has been Matthew chapter 2 verses 1-12.

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

We have a vacancy at St Martin for a mid-day assistant, four days a week. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this the advert can be found here: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140870/EDV-2026-SMSCEPA-34060>

Visits and chats welcome.

Readers

Do you have an hour you could spend listening to children read each week?

Reading is a life skill and a wonderful gift to give to a child in either of our schools.

Please let the office know if you can help our children to love reading.

Training will be given.

Please let your class teacher or the office know if you are available and interested in this opportunity.

Handwriting

Handwriting is so important across the curriculum!

You can read about our English curriculum here: <https://villagesaintspartnership.demat.org.uk/english-curriculum>

If you are concerned about your child's handwriting please talk to your teacher and they can give you some extra practise to do at home or give you advice regarding other interventions.

Here's a quick memory aide:



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- Letters that end at the top join horizontally: f o r
v w (for, work, van)
- Letters that end at the bottom join diagonally: a c
d e h i k l m n u t s (taps, man, head, chair)
- Letters that are traditionally not joined: b j p g q
y z x. These are not joined because they end in
the opposite direction (to the left) to the direction
of writing (to the right)
- The letters g, j and y are not looped. (got, goat,
you, jolly)
- Children are to use the letter 'k' (a curly kay)

London Visit this Week

We had a wonderful visit to London yesterday and the trains ran (almost) to time. We visited a Buddhist Temple and observed Lords, Baronesses and MPs at work in Parliament. We even saw Rishi Sunak.



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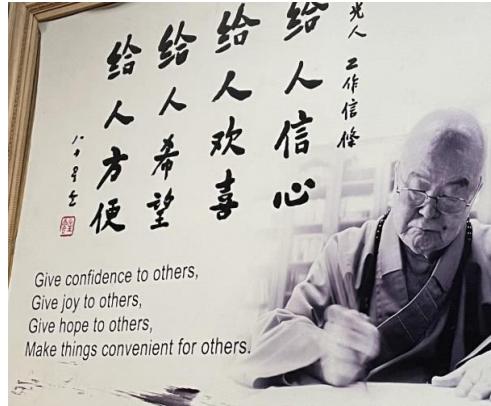
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Attendance

Every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.

This New Year give your child the best gift you can give and ensure they are in school every day that they possibly can be.

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%			
All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	98.44%	Explorers	99.21%
Jupiter	90.27%	Adventurers	88.37%
Neptune	97.22%	Investigators	99.01%
Mars	91.5%	Seekers	94.83%
Total for the school	92.83%	Voyagers	95.11%
Oh no!		Researchers	95%
		Total for the school	95.19%
		Almost there.	

CLASS DOJO			
All Saints		St Martin	
Deer	274	Sandringham	143
Badger	250	Blickling	163
Owl	287	Houghton	157
		Oxburgh	213

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CALENDAR			
Our special value this half term is: Forgiveness			
	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
20 th January			Library Lorry
29 th January		Parent Chat Group	
5 th February	Library Lorry		Voyagers Visitor
6 th February		Number Day Researchers and Mars on Visit	
10 th February		Safer Internet Day	
16 th – 20 th February		Half Term Holiday	
17 th February		Chinese New Year Start of Ramadan	
18 th February		Ash Wednesday Start of Lent	
27 th February		Seekers & Voyagers Vsit	
1 st March		St David's Day	
4 th March		Holi	
5 th March	Library Lorry	World Book Day	
9 th March		Science week Starts Vocational Days TBC	
15 th March		Mothering Sunday	
17 th March		Parent Consultations	Library Lorry
18 th March		Parent Consultations	
20 th March		Red Nose Day	
23 rd March		FGB LKS2 production TBC	
26 th March			Investigators Visit
27 th March		Church	
Last Day of half term: Friday 13 th February			
First Day of next half term: Monday 23 rd February			
Last Day of term: Friday 27 th March			
Non-contact days this year: 1 st & 2 nd September, 24 th October, 5 th January, 13 th April			



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St Martin at Shouldham

All Together ONLINE – Live Science Workshop for Service Children

Saturday 10th January 2026, 11:00hrs

Kids love to learn and how better than with hands-on and interesting activities using easily accessible items. Delivered by the resident scientist, you will know that your child will get the correct scientific information during the sessions.

Learn how to make a Fire Extinguisher, Sink or Float balloons & inflate balloons with CO2.

 [Book your family space here](#)

All Together sessions run every other weekend until April 2026.

Sessions are free, but places are limited. Please only book if you are confident you can attend so that as many families as possible can take part.

About All Together Online

All Together is a club that brings military children together. As part of this, *All Together Online* offers a series of exciting, live, online events especially for military children under 11 years old.

Everyone from the serving military community is warmly welcome to join us.

[More information & book here](#)

JAN	10th 11am Devon Science
FEB	7th 11am Zest Dance Studio 18th 11am Space Detectives
MAR	21st 11am Dinostar - Dinosaur workshop direct from dinosaur museum
APR	18th 11am Art Base - Learn how to draw



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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.
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No charge, other than for parking.

This half term at Holkham they are celebrating THE FESTIVAL OF LITTLE STORIES

Join them for some fun book related activities including storytelling, local author meet and greets, illustration workshops and a whodunnit story trail around the Park. The Norfolk Children's Book Centre pop-up shop will be with us for the festival duration too.

https://www.holkham.co.uk/whats-on/february-half-term/?utm_source=Holkham&utm_campaign=1ededef80d6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_WHATS_ON_IN_JANUARY_2026&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8f49541780-1ededef80d6-345368005



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Date	Time	Venue
06 January	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
13 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
20 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
03 February	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
17 February	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library



Family Hub Drop In

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

Your local family hubs team are ready to help, and this month your Community Worker, Sarah will be at the following venues ready to listen and support you to find the right help.

Family hubs can help with advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- parenting
- relationships
- finding 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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New, Free PEEP Move group for parents, carers and their toddlers

Join the family hub and Alive Active Community for fun move and play sessions

When:
6 sessions in January and February starting from Tuesday January 13th 10:00am-11:00am

Where:
St. George's Hall, St George's Hall Complex, 16/18 High Street, Methwold, IP26 4NT

Cost:
Free

Email cspartnercommunitywest@norfolk.gov.uk to book and receive more details.

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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

 [theswanproject1](#)
 [dmswanyouthproject](#)

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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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





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