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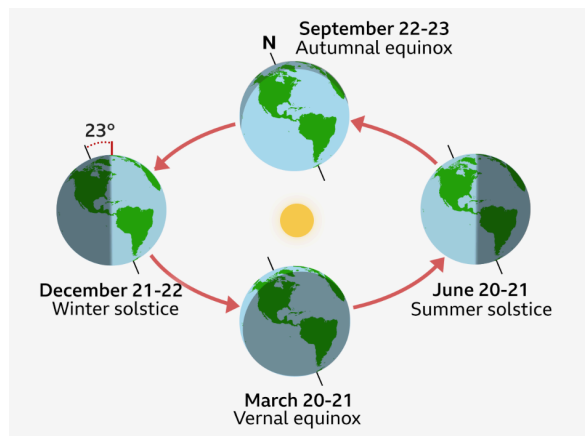
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Newsletter 376, 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,



This week we have officially passed from summer to autumn, with the autumn equinox on Wednesday. The autumn equinox is the precise moment in time when the Sun crosses the celestial equator and neither hemisphere is tilted towards or away from the Sun, meaning day and night are roughly equal in length across the world. The word "equinox" comes from Latin and means equal night. Because of light refraction the time when day and night are actually equal happens after the equinox. This year, that happens in the UK on Friday 25 or Saturday 26 September, depending on your latitude. Have a happy autumnal weekend. There are so many conkers around!

Weekly Worship Focus

This week in worship we asked the question 'Is it easy or hard to forgive people?' We reflected on our own behaviour- do we treat others how we'd like God to treat us?

Loving all our neighbours. Respecting, generous, achieving.

Our biblical reference this week was Matthew chapter 18, verses 21-35.

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 1pm or 2.30pm, please check with the office. You are welcome to join us at any of these sessions.

Vacancies

We still have one mid day supervisor vacancy at St Martin that we would really like to fill as soon as we possibly can.

At St Martin at Shouldham Church of England Primary Academy we are committed to creating the foundations to build successful futures. We are looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Midday Supervisor to join our supportive team and play a key role in the supervision of our pupils during their midday break

The advert can be viewed on My New Term

(<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140870/EDV-2026-SMSCEPA-65361>). It will also be shown on our website, however at the moment the websites are unavailable. If you are interested (and we hope you are) please pop in to the office or give us a call. Thank you!



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Sounds-Write
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Help Your Child Learn to Read

At our school, we teach phonics using a linguistic phonics programme called Sounds-Write – a proven Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme validated by the Department for Education (DfE). It starts with what children learn naturally, the sounds of

their own language, and teaches them to represent those sounds in writing. Sounds-Write is a complete phonics curriculum that teaches the skills, concepts, and code knowledge necessary for children to read and spell.

Please see the accompanying leaflet for more information about this great gift you can give to your child.

Here are some links to the 'Help your child' courses:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

(Units 1 to 7)

[https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write-part-](https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write-part-2/)

2/ (Units 8 to 11).

<https://youtu.be/cXoNZoKWQu4>

video link for how to read with your child

New Websites

As you are aware we have recently become a 'Google' school and we all have new email addresses.

We also have new websites. Apologies, there is lots of work to do on it still.

These are the links: all.graceschools.org.uk and sma.graceschools.org.uk

Every Day Counts ☒

Support

is available

If you're struggling with routines, worries, behaviour, money pressures or your child's wellbeing.

Attendance

Attendance: Our expectation is at least 96%			
All Saints		St Martin	
Saturn	89.91%	Explorers	98.67%
Jupiter	96.17%	Investigators	99.66%
Neptune	97.24%	Navigators	98.52%
Mars	95.34%	Voyagers	95.62%
		Researchers	96.25%
Total for the school	95.36%	Total for the school	97.56%
Oh no!		Hurrah!	

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Awards

Times Tables Awards

All Saints		St Martin	
Jupiter	Ivar	Investigators	Forrest
Neptune	Amaris	Navigators	Roan
Mars	Talia	Voyagers	Mia
		Researchers	Lyan

All Saints			St Martin		
	Achievement	RWE		Achievement	RWE
Saturn	Peony	Robin	Explorers	Ophelia	Isabella
Jupiter	Arthur	Poppy	Investigators	Ewan & Oliver	Oscar
Neptune	Tilly	Elanna	Navigators	Aluna & Oliver	Cillian
Mars	Olivia	Nancy	Voyagers	Arlo Ga, Arlo Gi & Elodie	William
			Researchers	Scarlett & Lauren	Tilly



All Saints		St Martin	
Deer	1642	Sandringham	588
Badger	1328	Blickling	372
Owl	1517	Houghton	508
		Oxburgh	407

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Calendar



Our special value this half term is: **Thankfulness**

	All Saints	Partnership	St Martin
29th September			Mobile Library Visit
5th October		Cycle to School Week Nature Table Week	
9th October		Harvest Festival	
14th October	Flu Immunisations		
15th October	Mobile Library Visit		
22nd October		Just Purple for Polio Day	
Half Term 26th - 30th October			
2nd November	All Saints Day Celebrations		
11th November		Remembrance Day	
12th November	Mobile Library Visit		Flu Immunisations
13th November		London Visit for Worship Group and (some) Pupil Leaders	St Martin's Day Celebrations
16th November	Photographs	Anti Bullying Week	
24th November			Mobile Library Visit
4th December		Elf Day	
7th December		Grace Schools Carol Service	
8th December		Pantomime	
9th December			Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumpers
10th December	Mobile Library Visit		
Week beg 14th Dec	Christmas Productions PM 16th & 17th		Christmas Productions PM 14th, AM & PM 15th

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Last Day of Half Term: Thursday 22nd October

Back to School Monday 2nd November

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

Non Pupil Days this year: 1st & 2nd September, 23rd October, 4th January and 12th April

School Council News

Congratulations to our new school councillors. There will be an opportunity for those in Year 3 and above (with some other leaders) to visit Parliament on 29th January.

Saturn: Earnest and Gabriella

Jupiter: Jonas and Ivy

Neptune: Dylan and Jemima

Mars: Tommy S and Nancy

Explorers: Joshua and Carolann

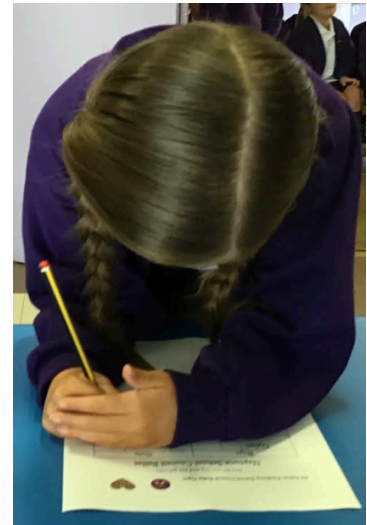
Investigators: Indy and Forrest

Navigators: Alfie and Winnie

Year 4: Chester and Elodie

Year 5: Lyan and Bea

Year 6: Jesse and Daisy



All Saints News

Library Help Needed

Do you have any spare time that you could spend helping to run our school library? Please let us know if you do. The children need you. Thank you.

Trimtrails

As you are aware the trimtrails in the Early Years area and on the field are rotting and can't be used.

We'd like to buy something that is not wooden and that would last longer, but first we need to get rid of the crumbling wooden ones.

Do you have the equipment and technology to help us with this? Do you know anybody who could help?

Please let Mrs Raven De Burca know if you can help, we'd really appreciate it. Thank you.

Friends

Sadly, The Friends of All Saints Academy have informed me that they have disbanded as per their AGM process. They tell me that they have advertised the meeting via various channels and also with a lot of notice but unfortunately no volunteers stepped forward wanting to take on the officer roles. The closure of the PTFA Friends of All Saints Academy has now been set in motion

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends for all the support they have given to the school over the years. The children have really benefitted from your work. Thank you.

If anybody wants to start up a new parent teacher association please do let us know.

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St Martin at Shouldham News



Attendance Prize

Our friends from bikeability entered us into a competition and we have won!!

We are now in a position to offer a new bike from Halfords to one lucky person just before Christmas.

Everybody with 100% attendance will be entered into a draw. Good luck!





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Community Council

Change of date. Come for a chat at 9am on Thursday 1st October.

Can you help on 7th October?

Now that Early Years have moved classrooms we would like to re-vamp their old home so that we can use it for other things. We're still thinking about the best uses for the room but we'd really like to make a space where we can do something together with village residents (amongst other things). There is a certain amount of furniture moving and a lot of display boards changing. Can you help? If only for an hour it would be really appreciated, many hands make light work. Thank you!

Wrap Around Care

Here is a reminder of the message we sent out this week:

In accordance with our policy:- Cancellations to contracted or adhoc bookings will only be accepted if they have been made prior to 10:00am on the day before the booking. If cancelling breakfast club on a Monday morning, this MUST be done by 10:00 am on the previous Friday. Sessions cancelled after this time, will be fully chargeable.

Payment for all sessions should be made using the MCAS App or a tax free childcare account. The termly bill should be paid in full one week prior to the end of term.

Please do not ask staff to make changes to clubs on the day. We can not guarantee that the message will get to the child and we don't want anyone getting lost.

Thank you for working with us.

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

Remember **lessons start at 8.45am**.

Katherine Howe



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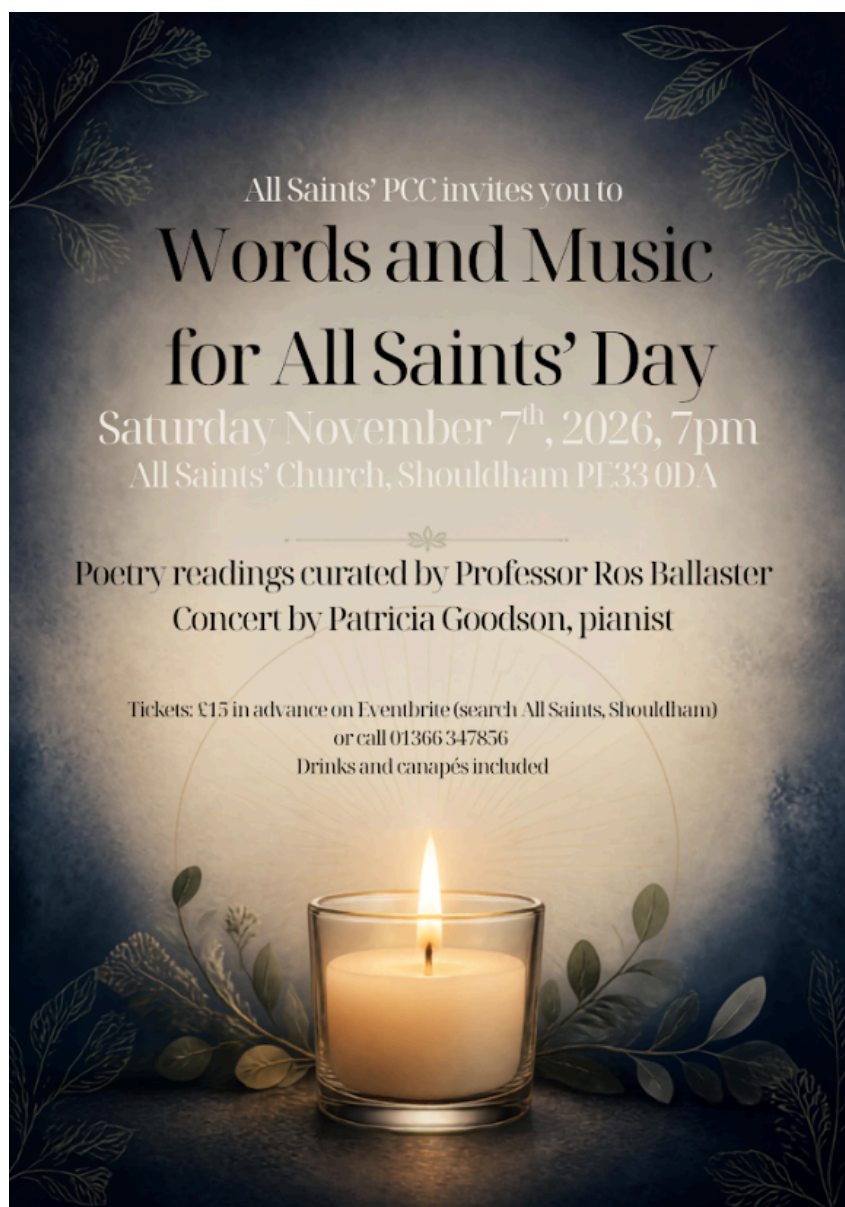
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What's on at the King's Lynn Family Hub this October ...

Find more information:



www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

Monday

Katie from Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS) on 23rd October 10:00am to 4:30pm will be offering families support which includes:

- Family Law and Court Support
- Welfare Benefits
- Debt and Money Advice

Tuesday

Matilda from Leeway Domestic Abuse Services on the 3rd and 17th October 10:00am to 1:00pm will be offering family support with:

- Emotional Support
- Practical guidance
- Referrals to other domestic abuse services.

Thursday

Emma from the Department of Work and Pensions on Thursdays between 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Emma can support parent/carers with:

- Benefit related queries
- Finances difficulties and debts
- Childcare funding

Friday

Thursday 1st of October the Health Visitors are at the Family For the 0-5 Healthy Child Drop-in session:

- Get you 0-5 age child weighed
- Get Health Visitor advice and guidance on any questions you have
- Get connected to local community groups

Danii from SEN Socials and Georgie our Community Worker welcome you to join them on.

Monday 12th of October 2026

10:30pm to 12:30pm

For a cuppa and an informal chat about all things SEND parenting.

No diagnosis needed.

Children are welcome and there will be an activity each session provided by **Voices Through Art!**

Contact sensocialsdownham@gmail.com for further information or to request a social story and venue walk through.



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Kings Lynn and West Norfolk – October 2026 Engagements

Community Events - for Parents, Carers & Young People

The family hub team will be available at these community venues to answer your questions, share information on a wide range of activities, groups and organisation that can help you and your family

Thursday 1st October Midwifery Hub South Lynn 10am - 12pm

Tuesday 6th October PEEP Move Outwell Village Hall 10:00am - 11:00am

Thursday 8th October ECFS Fairstead Community Centre Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am

Thursday 8th October Downham Market Library 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Saturday 10th October Kings Lynn Library 10am - 12pm - please note 30 minute appts for this date are to be made via email cspartnercommunitywest@norfolk.gov.uk

Monday 12th October Family Hub (St Augustine's) SEND Café 10:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday 13th October Gaywood Library 9:15am - 11:15am

Tuesday 13th October Swan Youth Project 9:00am-11:00am

Tuesday 13th October Morrison's Café (Kings Lynn) Peer Support Group 1pm - 3pm

Tuesday 20th October Swan Youth Project 9:00am - 11:00am

Thursday 22nd October 0-5 Healthy Child drop-in Downham Market 9:00am - 11:00am

Thursday 22nd October Dersingham Library 12:30pm - 2pm

Thursday 22nd October Marshland Hall 1pm - 2:30pm

Monday 26th October Kings Lynn Library Peer Support Group 10am - 12pm

Tuesday 27th October Cornerstone Church South Lynn 9am - 12pm

Tuesday 27th October ECFS Downham Market Stay and Play 9:30am-11:00am

Wednesday 28th October Downham Market Library 3:00pm-4:30pm

You are also welcome to drop-in at the
Family Hub at St Augustine's Centre, North
Lynn or call

01553 669651



**BEST
START
IN LIFE**

Community and Partnership (C&P) team reserves the right to cancel event due to circumstances beyond C&P's control or not reasonably anticipated by C&P.

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Swan Youth Project

youth work works

Who are we?	Swan Youth Project is a youth and community project based at the heart of it's community. 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 and families really well.
Support for young people	• Open Access Youth Groups • 1:1 support for mild/emerging mental health • Young Carers Support • Hygiene Bank • More than a Bike • Holiday Activities • Duke of Edinburgh Award
Support for families	• Family Support • Parents Group • Roots and Wings Group (parent and child) • Courses
Support for the community	• Workshops and assemblies • Employment/work readiness support • Vocational tasters and trips • Residential Trips • Love Downham shop • Garden Project

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Downham Market
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Changing young lives

Timetable 2026

Monday More Than A Bike: 4pm - 6pm Roots and Wings: 4.30pm - 5.30pm	The best thing is making new friends and the people here are all really nice. I don't have many friends at school If we need help with anything or if we don't feel safe you're there
Tuesday Parents Drop-in: 9am - 11am Young Carers Check-in: 4pm - 4.30pm Young Persons Committee: 4pm - 4.30pm Duke of Edinburgh: 4pm - 4.30pm (alternate weeks) Open Access: 4.30pm - 6.30pm (from age 8) Garden Project: 4.30pm - 6.30pm	
Thursday Young Carers Check-in: 3.30pm - 4pm Junior Open Access: 4pm - 6pm (from age 8, at primary) Employment Support: 10am - 3pm	
Friday Garden Project: various times (please check) Young Carers Check-in: 4pm - 4.30pm Senior Open Access: 4.30pm - 6.30pm (high school age)	
Daily 1:1 Support Family Support	

We welcome visits to our project, so please get in touch if you would like to look round and speak with staff

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Year 6 Open Evening 1st October 5.00 – 7.00pm

Introductory presentations at 5.15, 5.45 and 6.15pm with the Head of School, Dr Paine

We hope that children currently in Year 6 and their parents & carers will join us at our Open Evening to experience a small taste of life at Downham Market Academy.



Find out more

- Tour our school to see the excellent facilities, top quality resources and warm welcome that our students and staff enjoy.
- Hear from leaders about our ambitious vision for the young people in our community.
- Talk to teachers about our diverse and exciting curriculum and the broad range of enrichment opportunities such as clubs, trips and competitions on offer.
- Take part in activities and mini lessons in subjects such as Cooking, Drama, Science, Art, English, PE and more.
- Quiz our students about their experience of the school, the academic and pastoral support they receive and the positive relationships they have with our staff.
- Experience our inclusive environment based around the core values in our "DMA DNA": **Passion; Progress; Perseverance; Pride; Positivity**



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