

1st May 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 01/05/26

I hope this update finds you well. Today, school has been closed to students as part of an INSET Day. We use our INSET Days to get the staff team together so that we can continue to keep improving our knowledge and practice in helping us to support our school community.

Don't forget that school is also closed on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday. Fingers crossed that the weather stays nice for it!

New Logos

I am excited to share our new school and 6th Form logos with you. Building on the original St Martins School logo, we have refreshed the design while preserving its core theme; our vision of **shaping successful futures**, underpinned by our values: **we learn, we respect, we're family**.

The updated design introduces a more modern look while maintaining this strong identity. We have also aligned the Horizons logo with the same visual theme to reflect the clear connection between the provisions.

The Horizons logo retains the sun element, symbolising opportunity and the range of pathways available to support young people in achieving their futures.

Over the coming weeks, our new logos will start to appear on our website and marketing, around the building and then eventually on to school uniform items. There is no expectation for Parent Carers to replace uniform items with our old logo on, although we will let you know when our stockist Uniform Direct, put these new logos on uniform.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on our new logos!



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MartinFest – Workshops for Students

As part of our MartinFest event on Friday 17th July, we have arranged for a variety of exciting workshops to take place over the day. Each class will have the opportunity to sign up for a few different activities which may include:

- A variety of Dance styles
- African drumming
- Stick fit drumming
- Junk Yard Percussion
- Animal Encounter
- Poetry or Spoken Word
- Hubbub
- Boxing
- Circus skills

To support with the cost of the workshops, we are asking for a £5 donation per child towards this. This is payable on ParentPay.

More information about MartinFest; including performers, food vendors and how to get your wristband will be shared soon!

Best wishes,

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Dates for your diaries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Information</u>
Friday 1 st May	INSET Day	School closed to all students.
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed.
Tuesday 5 th May	Exams start for students in relevant year groups	Letters have been sent home.
Friday 8 th May	Options Taster Day	Information will be sent to students in Year 9 and Yer 10.
Tuesday 12 th May	Options Evening	Parent Carers will be invited to attend along with students in Year 9 and Year 10. Information will be sent home.
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term	
Monday 1 st June	Students return to school	
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 26 th June	Last day for Year 11 and Year 13 students, Prom	Information will be sent home regarding the Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Prom.
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Day	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th July	'Moving-up' and city-wide transition	Students spend time in their September pastoral groups, and the new Year 7 students will be in school.
Tuesday 14 th July	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Parent Carer Evening	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Friday 17 th July	Martinfest!	Parent Carers invited – information will be sent home.
Tuesday 21 st July	Prize Day	Parent Carers of winners invited. Information will be sent home.
Wednesday 22 nd July	Students break up for Summer.	

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Summer Term 2026

INSET Day – Friday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22nd May

School Starts Back – Monday 1st June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day – Thursday 23rd July

Term Dates for Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day – Friday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 7th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd October

INSET Day – Monday 2nd November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 3rd November

INSET Day – Friday 27th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

School Starts Back – Monday 4th January 2027

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 12th February

School Starts Back – Monday 22nd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027

School Starts Back – Monday 12th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

INSET Day – Tuesday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 28th May

School Starts Back – Monday 7th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 23rd July

INSET Day – Monday 26th July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these - <https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#>

Social Media Links

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