

3rd October 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 03/10/25

I hope this update finds you well. Over the next few weeks, we plan to share updates from the different Teams and Departments in school to give all families an overview of what we get up to at school!

Firstly, the Family Support Team have put together an overview of the fantastic work that they do to support students in school and the family at home. Next week, Key Stage 3 will share an update from their department. We are sure that you will find this information useful.

Introduction to Family Support at St Martins School

At St Martins School, we believe in working closely with families to provide holistic support – this work is facilitated by our incredible Family Support Team. The team – Jess, Marie and Monika have put together a flyer to share information on what they are able to offer – this is further in the update.

Family Support Coffee Mornings

Throughout the year the Family Support Team host Coffee Mornings at St Martins. Each Coffee Morning has a different focus, giving us the chance to cover a wide range of themes including:

- supporting wellbeing,
- keeping children safe online,
- understanding how learning happens in the classroom.

We have planned several Coffee Mornings throughout the year which will have a focus on the following areas:

- Online Safety,
- Mental Health,
- Wellbeing/Zones of regulation,
- Futures focus
- Parent Carer social event at our café in Arboretum Park

The Team is really excited to deliver these sessions to you! We want these mornings to be informal, friendly, and supportive – so please grab a drink and join in the discussion as much or as little as you would like and take away whatever is most useful for you and your family. We always welcome feedback on our sessions, and themes for future sessions too. We aim for all sessions to provide useful information, practical tips, and, just as importantly, a space for you to ask questions and share your own experiences. It would be great to see you there!

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Date of first Coffee Morning

Thursday 23rd October from 9:30am-10:30am. This session will take place at St Martins.

Focus: This session is an opportunity for all Parent Carers to meet the Family Support Team and find out what they are able to offer.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by clicking this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/J6SVkYfiUd>

Dates will follow for the additional Coffee Mornings.

With best wishes,

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Family Support



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

The Family Support Team have a holistic approach providing a range of services to support you and your child on their journey with us at St Martins and Horizons. Our aim is to ensure that all our students are happy, confident and secure.



We work closely together to provide support on:

- Information on services and funding
- Tailor-made support for home to help with routines, behaviour, E-Safety and preparation for changes
- Opportunities for sharing experiences with other Parent Carers
- Parent Carers sessions with outside speakers and staff who can offer training and advice

We encourage you to talk to us, no issue is too small to share.

Please contact the school office if you would like some support on [01332 571151](tel:01332571151)



Our Family Support Team consists of:

Jessica Longhurst - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Marie Chadwick - Lead Practitioner for Families

Monika Wood - Family Support Worker

Dates for your Diaries:

Date	Event	Information
Thursday 9 th October	Next Steps Event at Noel Baker	Information has been sent home.
Tuesday 14 th October	Flu Vaccinations in school	Information has been sent home via email to all students in Years 7-11.
Thursday 16 th October	Tempest Photography in school to take student portraits for Years 7-11	Students will bring 'proofs' home so that photographs can be ordered online or via the order form.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Mini Monster Marathon	Letter has been sent home.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Monday 8th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 24th October

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6th January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13th February

School Starts Back – Monday 23rd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 13th April

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

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/#>

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