



7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent Carers,

**Weekly Update: 07/03/25**

I hope this update finds you well. It has been great to have a few warmer and brighter days this week, after the long winter. KS3JG and KS3SPS kicked off residential season with a visit to Mount Cook in Cromford on Monday and Tuesday this week. The classes are looking forward to sharing what they've been up to on our social media soon!

**Arbor Parent App and Evidence for Learning (EFL) Family App**

Thank you for engaging with the survey that we sent out earlier this week regarding the Arbor Parent App. We appreciate your feedback, and look forward to making sure this App is purposeful for all.

Some of the feedback from the survey indicated that there are some queries regarding the purposes of the Arbor Parent and EFL Family Apps, so we have put these short overviews together.

**Arbor Parent App and Portal**

The Arbor App has been launched to support communication with school, allowing Parent Carers to view attendance and update personal information for their young person. In the future, Arbor will also be used for things such as Payments (instead of ParentPay), and booking Parent Carer Evening Appointments.

**Evidence for Learning (EFL) Family App**

The EFL Family App provides a platform to view snapshots of your young person's time in school, sharing both their academic and holistic progress against their EHCP targets. Through EFL, Parent Carers are also able to share learning and personal development moments from home. If you would like to know more about EFL, please view our website -

<https://www.stmartinsschoolderby.co.uk/parents/evidence-for-learning>

Please get in touch with the school if you require any additional support to access this fantastic resource.

**New Starters and Leavers**

We are pleased to welcome two new team members who have started recently. Welcome to Paulina who has joined us as a Classroom Assistant, and to Sophie who has joined us in a new role as Marketing Apprentice to help with our online engagement and general marketing. It's great to have you both as part of the team!

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### **Holiday Activity Vouchers**

Derby City Council have changed the way that eligible families are able to sign-up to holiday activities as part of the Holiday Activity Fund programme. A letter has been sent home today to inform you of a new online booking system that is being hosted by Holiday Activities. More information can be found on their website:

<https://www.holidayactivities.com/how-it-works/recipients/>

### **World Book Day**

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. Some students and staff dressed up in some amazing costumes, and then took part in book themed activities in the afternoon. Please see the images on the next page, as put together by our Marketing Apprentice, Sophie.

With best wishes for the weekend,

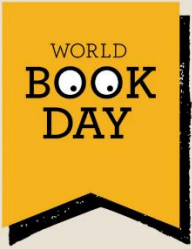
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# HAPPY World Book DAY



Some of our amazing World Book Day costumes on show. We had a variety of characters appear on Thursday. Great to see everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves!



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## **Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025**

### **Spring Term 2025**

School Starts Back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Starts Back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2025**

Bank Holiday – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Starts Back – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

INSET Day – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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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