

13th February 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 13/02/26

I hope this update finds you well. This half term seems to have flown by, and the mornings and evenings are starting to get lighter, brighter and possibly drier too! Students and staff are ready for a restful week off, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Looking ahead into next half term and beyond, preparations are well underway for lots of exciting residential activities. Groups are planning to go to places such as Mount Cook Adventure Centre, Bakewell, Manchester, Chester, Telford, York, Warwick, Whitby and Chapel St Leonards. To help make these opportunities possible and open to all, the school supports the cost of residential by subsidising the amount that Parent Carers are charged. We are sure that you will agree that residential experiences are beneficial for all of our students, and well worth the effort!

Derby City Youth Mayor Election

I am delighted to share that Anselmo Pedro, a Year 11 student at St Martins, has been voted as Deputy Youth Mayor of Derby! To take part in the election, Anselmo gave speeches to a variety of stakeholders and made his way through the initial selection rounds, before students from schools across the city voted for him.

In addition to his role as Deputy Youth Mayor, Anselmo is also one of our Head Students. We are so proud of Anselmo for stepping up in this way and can't wait to follow him during his exciting new responsibility.



February – Reading That Matters to Me

As part of our Year of Reading programme, we are holding a special reading session during English lessons on Monday 23rd February.

The theme for February is "Reading That Matters to Me", where students bring in a text that reflects their own interests. This could be a book, comic, magazine, or any reading material they enjoy. The aim is to:

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- celebrate each student's personal reading choices
- encourage students to share their favourite stories, facts, or comics with their peers
- explore reading for pleasure in a way that is meaningful to them
- link reading to students' own experiences and hobbies

During the session, students will:

- read independently or with adult support.
- take part in short, step-appropriate activities.
- discuss their texts and share their thoughts.

You can support your child by helping them choose something they enjoy and celebrating their participation.

We look forward to seeing the variety of texts and interests that students bring and to a fun, engaging reading session on 23rd February!

Congratulations!

We hope you will join us in sending congratulations and best wishes to Kobi-Kazia Green and family on the birth of baby Noah! Noah was born on Saturday 7th February, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Kobi and Noah are both doing well, and we can't wait to see them both soon!

Derby SEND Voice event

Derby SEND Voice are hosting an event at the Museum of Making on Sunday 8th March. Please see the flyer further in the update for more information.

With best wishes for the half term,



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National Year of Reading 2026



FEBRUARY: READING THAT MATTERS TO ME

**MONDAY 23RD: BRING IN WHAT
YOU LOVE TO READ!!!**

**STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A BOOK/
COMIC/ ANY READING THEY LOVE,
TO USE IN ENGLISH. IT'S A GREAT
CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR
INTERESTS AND SPARK
CONVERSATIONS THROUGH
READING!**



**WE'RE CELEBRATING THE IDEA THAT READING
MATTERS TO EVERYONE AND WHAT WE CHOOSE TO
READ SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT WHO WE ARE.**



Spring Family SEND Event

Sunday, March 8th

10am
till
3pm

Join Derby SEND Voice
for a SEND marketplace at the
Museum of Making!

Enjoy a day of information,
connection, and fun for the
whole family!

Museum of Making



For more information please email
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Term Dates 2025/2026

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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