
23rd January 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 23/01/26

I hope this update finds you well. The main focus of this week's update is the positive outcomes for students working with the Wellbeing Team. As you know, the strength of the Wellbeing Team is one of the highlights of our outstanding school, and the 'shout-outs' below reflect the progress that our students make. For us, progress isn't necessarily about grades, it's about the personal development of our young people on their journey to Shaping Successful Futures. I hope you enjoy reading this update!

Wellbeing Team Update

It has been a busy and positive start to the year for our Wellbeing Team, who continue to support an increasing number of students across the school and Horizons. We are incredibly proud of the progress many students are making and would like to take this opportunity to share a few highlights and celebrate some fantastic achievements.

Student and Session Shout-Outs

- Hayley Rice would like to celebrate Dylan P (Year 11) for his improved use of strategies, seeking out trusted adults, allowing co-regulation, and developing a more positive mindset. A fantastic achievement – well done, Dylan!
- Laura would like to celebrate the strong engagement with sensory circuits across the school, with three classes supported. Students have shown excellent participation and improved regulation.
- Lyndsey would like to celebrate Ruby for her creativity in designing pictures using AI, as well as her improved social skills when working within her class group.
- Shelli would like to celebrate Anthony P, who is now confidently interacting with classmates and has even set up and run his own Talking Tom Club. This reflects huge progress in confidence, emotional regulation, and learning in class.
- Shelli would also like to celebrate Alicia and Tanmay, who have both been on significant personal journeys, showing increased confidence and

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communication, alongside positive interactions with a wide range of peers and staff.

- Tammy has been working closely with our Occupational Therapist, supporting class teams to follow reports and recommendations. A special shout-out to Gabe for trying a range of different activities to support his learning and focus.
- A shout-out to Lily for continuing with her ELSA training, as well as supporting Lily and Keegan with self-esteem and confidence. She has also played a key role in supporting the Year 11 pastoral group with transition planning.
- Morgan would like to celebrate Yusaf for his growing confidence, conversational skills, and impressive bike-riding progress – now comfortably completing 6–7 laps.
- Will would like to celebrate his Dungeons & Dragons group, which has been truly inspiring. The students are now confidently running the sessions themselves, with a special mention to Liam. The group has demonstrated excellent role play, teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills.
- We are also proud of our recently established peer mentoring groups, with Kian and Ashley C taking ownership of their roles and demonstrating strong leadership skills.
- Nicole would like to celebrate her sports group, who have shown great engagement and noticeable improvements in behaviour.
- Although she is currently off work, the Wellbeing Team would also like to thank Hayley Dexter for her continued commitment and valuable support with the Year 11 and Year 13 transition process.

There are many more students making fantastic progress with the ongoing support of the Wellbeing Team, and we are incredibly proud of each of them.

Our Learning Mentors will be available at both upcoming Parent Carer Evenings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th February to share resources and chat about any student sessions. Please do come and say hello.

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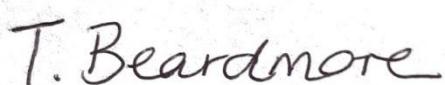
School Lunch Menu

Our lunch menu has been refreshed for the Spring Term. Please find this further in the update.

Derby SEND Voice

Please see the flyer further in the update for details of Derby SEND Voice's latest event – a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 28th January at Friar Gate Studios (in the same building as our 6th Form!).

With best wishes for the weekend,



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Menu Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken katsu curry Rice Spring roll	Beef Lasagne (H) Garlic bread Salad	Sweet Chilli Chicken Noodles Stir Fried Veg	Chicken tikka curry (H) Turmeric rice Garlic & Coriander Naan	Southern fried chicken Chips Beans
Butternut Squash Katsu curry Rice & Spring roll (V)	Vegetable Lasagne Garlic bread Salad (V)	Sweet Chilli Quorn Noodles Stir Fried Veg (V)	Vegetarian curry Turmeric rice Garlic & Coriander Naan (V)	Cheese & Leek croquets Chips Beans (V)
Grab & Go				
Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza	Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Falafel Wrap	Cheese & Pepperoni Panini Cheese & Bean Panini	Cheese Burger Quorn Burger	Sausage Roll Vegan Roll

Available all week:

Jacket Potato - Cheese or tuna mayo or side salad

Freshly made Baguette – Cheese or tuna mayo or egg mayo or ham

Salad – Cheese or tuna or ham

Pasta Pot

Food Allergies & Intolerance – If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a Team Member before you order your food and drinks All Halal dishes are identified with (H) All Vegetarian dishes identified with (V)

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Menu Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Chips Salad	Cottage Pie Mixed Veg Gravy	Chicken Pasta Bake Garlic Bread Salad	Chicken korma curry (H) Turmeric rice Garlic & Coriander Naan	Southern fried chicken Chips Beans
Quorn Burger Chips Salad (V)	Lentil Cottage Pie Mixed Veg Gravy (V)	Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Bread Salad (V)	Vegetable curry Turmeric rice Garlic & Coriander Naan (V)	Vegetable Fish Fingers Chips Beans (V)
Grab & Go				
Hot Dog Vegetarian Hot Dog	Southern Fried Chicken Wrap Falafel Wrap	Sausage Roll Vegan Roll	Cheese Burger Quorn Burger	Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza

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Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 3 rd February from 3pm-6pm Wednesday 4 th February from 3pm-4pm	Parent Carer Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 3 – Pastoral • Key Stage 4 – Pastoral and Subject Teachers • Key Stage 5 - Pastoral 	Letters have been sent home – please get in touch with school if you have not received a copy!

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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