



St Martin's Post

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★ Shooting Stars ★

Somto: For always coming into school with positivity.

Dylan (EYFS): For having a fantastic first term.

Zayn Ali: For using his English skills to write a letter to Santa.

Mia: For always being kind and helpful.

Form 3: For excellent behaviour and wonderful singing in the Winter Show.

Dylan, Kush, Mila, Naoto, Krishnan, Kabir and Tobias in Form 4 for achieving their personalised targets in their hero stories.

Ethan: For achieving highly with his powerful vocabulary in his narrative.

Sophia E: For achieving highly in her informative writing.

Form 6: For having a phenomenal Autumn Term. Every one of you have demonstrated the St. Martin's values throughout the term.

Headteacher Award

The Head Teacher's Award this week goes to **all of St Martin's** for having a truly wonderful term! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for welcoming me so warmly into the St Martin's community. The kindness and positivity I have experienced every day since joining have been truly heartwarming, and I deeply value the relationships I have built this term. We are such a strong and united community, and it's inspiring to see how our school values shine through in everything we do. Thank you for your support and dedication. Wishing you all a restful and fun-filled winter break!



This week at St Martins

As we approach the end of a fruitful term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable progress our **EYFS** children have made. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness how confidently they have settled into their routines, demonstrating both engagement and enthusiasm in their daily activities. Their passion for learning continues to be commendable, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. This week has been particularly busy and delightful as the children performed in our Winter Show. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the performances as much as they enjoyed preparing for it. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime, which not only provided great entertainment but also enriched their understanding of storytelling. In addition to these events, the children have been busy creating crafts, allowing them to express their creativity while developing fine motor skills. We have also focused on writing activities to enhance their literacy and encourage imaginative thinking. In Maths, we explored concepts of length and capacity, helping the children develop a practical understanding of these essential skills.

This week, **Form 1** has been brimming with creativity and festive spirit! In English, the children created and wrote their own Christmas cards for some very special people. They also wrote letters to Father Christmas, explaining why they believe they deserve a gift. In Maths, the children learned to measure in centimetres (cm) using a ruler. They put their skills to the test by measuring and crafting a fantastic beard for Father Christmas! During Art lessons, Form 1 designed and created their very own St. Martin's Value Tree. This beautiful creation has brightened up the classroom with its vibrant colours and thoughtful design.

Form 2 has had a wonderfully creative and productive week! They embraced the festive season with lots of singing, filling their days with music and holiday cheer. In Maths, the children tackled Christmas-themed challenges, seamlessly blending learning with seasonal fun. They also made significant progress in their photography project, capturing impressive shots and honing their skills. Additionally, the children explored the importance of healthy eating, engaging in thoughtful discussions about balanced and nutritious food choices. One of the week's highlights was designing, baking, and decorating dog bone biscuits for Claude, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It's been a week full of creativity, learning, and festive joy!

It has been an exciting and eventful week for **Form 3** as well. The children prepared and performed songs for the Winter Show, which, I'm sure you'll agree, was a spectacular success. In English, they wrote wintry poems, learning to use personification to bring their writing to life. In Maths, they revisited their knowledge of telling the time, strengthening their understanding of this important skill. In Science, the children concluded their learning about rocks and soil by studying and drawing fossils. They also had great fun creating stop-frame animation videos during their IT lesson. The class also enjoyed a delightful Christmas pantomime, which added to the festive atmosphere.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Return to School: Wed 4th Sept 2024
Half Term Break: Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1st Nov
Term Ends: Friday 13th Dec 2024

Spring Term 2025

Return to School: Wed 8th Jan 2025
Half Term Break: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb
Term Ends: Friday 28th March 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Return to School: Tue 22nd April 2025
Half Term Break: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May
Term Ends: Friday 11th July