

# William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery

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*Experiencing life in all its fullness*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe how fast this term is flying by, so much is happening in school, the children are learning brilliantly and are taking part in so many exciting lessons and activities.

We want to wish our wonderful Year 6's lots and lots of luck next week - you are all amazing and we are so proud of everything you have done this year - keep flying and remember tests do not measure how wonderful, kind, unique and amazing you are!

## The Big Question

**How can we help your child read a greater variety of books more often?**

We asked you this question and based on the feedback from parents the school has done the following...

- With the support of the PTA, funding from the local council and a grant from the Foyle Foundation we have installed an amazing new library
- We have invested £4000 on Library books to give our children a broader range of books that they can read for pleasure
- We have invested £6000 in new reading books in the Infants
- We have introduced a reward scheme for reading to encourage all our children to aim to read at last 3 times a week at home!
- Paired reading across year groups



## Curriculum News

This term's concept across the school is focusing on and celebrating learning in the arts.



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## Young Voices- The O2

After many weeks of learning the songs and dance moves, William Martin School choir sang at the O2 Young Voices event on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It was an amazing experience which all of the children and staff who attended thoroughly enjoyed. The children said it was awesome, fun and epic.



## Phoenix Theatre

Year 6 we're lucky enough to work alongside Harlow's Phoenix Theatre to think about our transition to secondary school. We discussed our worries and concerns as well as all the exciting opportunities we will be able to experience in the next chapter of our learning journey.



## New Bike Shelter

We are so excited to say that the bike shelter has been finally installed in the Junior School, Rachel went out to see it today and she was so thrilled to see it full of bikes and scooters. What an amazing achievement to raise all that money and finally achieve your dream! Well done Rachel!



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## Gymnastics Coaching

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Gymnastics lessons, being coached by our brilliant Amy.

Our thanks to her as always for providing brilliant lessons that all the children have loved!

## KS2 SATS and KS1 SATS

Our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs next week and we wish you all the best of luck. Don't forget you are welcome in from 8.15am to enjoy a special breakfast to set you up for the day!



Here is a message for you all written by Miss Campbell on behalf of us all:

To our fabulous Year 6s,

Next week, you will be sitting your SATs exams but there is a little something we want to say to you before hand...

Your SATs assessments may measure your Maths, Grammar and Reading, but what they don't assess is how wonderful, kind, unique and amazing you are. These tests will not define who you are. You are all strong, resilient members of our school community and we will all think highly of you because of this, not because of how many questions you can answer. We know you have put everything into preparing for these tests and we are immensely proud of you.

SATs don't see your laughter,

Or see you've come this far,

SATs are just a tiny glimpse,

Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,

With a pencil and your test,

Remember SATs aren't who you are

Remember, you're the best!!

The KS1 SATS will be taking place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Year 2 are also welcome to come in for breakfast during the two weeks from 8.30am.



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## Bikeability for Year 6

Mrs Cleary has organised two-day sessions of bikeability to take place during June and July for year 6 pupils. Separate letters will be sent out to year 6 soon for you to book on a course. The sessions run within school time and your child will need to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school on their course days.

### Class Photographs

Class Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May so can you please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. Year 5 are also on a trip this day- please ensure your child arrives as early as possible so they can have their photo taken before going on their trip.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We are busy planning, with the help of our school council, how we are going to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Events will take place after half term with a special day to be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow next week.



### PTA

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our PTA Volunteer email. We will contact you all to with information shortly.

### Polite requests and reminders

### ATTENDANCE

- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school we expect a phone call or email by 9.30am on the first day of absence. Please call 01279 424122 or email [admin.williammartin@dcvst.org](mailto:admin.williammartin@dcvst.org). This includes children who attend the NURSERY.



### School Dinners

Please ensure that **all** school dinners are booked in advance by Thursday evening, the week preceding (before) your child's booking. We need this information and payment to pre-order the food to ensure we have sufficient stock and avoid waste. Non-booking and payment will mean that your child will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home. This will be confirmed by text.

Best wishes,

Gina Bailey  
Executive Headteacher

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Head of School



Value of this half term: **Courage**



**Dates for your diary**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATS Week

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 5 to Stevenage Space Centre

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Class Photographs

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Last day of term- Normal finish time

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** May half term and non-pupil day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** First day of Summer Term 2

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Jubilee Celebration Day (More details to follow)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 2 to Harlow Town Park

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 4 to Epping Forest Museum (To be confirmed)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 3 to Epping Forest Learning Outdoor Centre

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 to Warner Bros Harry Potter World

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Art Gallery for nursery and infant pupils- more details to follow

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Art Gallery for junior pupils- more details to follow

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 1 to Thorndon Wood Country Park - Gruffalo Trail

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Bastille Day- special menu available on this day, more details to follow

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Last day of the Summer term- Early finish 1.10pm/1.15pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Non-Pupil Days

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** First Day of the New School Year



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