



# William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery

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*Experiencing life in all its fullness*



10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure everyone will agree that it has been a super busy term and that we all deserve a restful holiday to recuperate and refresh ready for return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

We really have fitted a lot of learning into the past five weeks, embracing our Christian Value of Perseverance! As always, we continue to feel privileged to work with such an amazing group of children, and so proud when we go out on school trips, where they demonstrate what brilliant role models and excellent ambassadors for our school.

So, we wish everyone a wonderful break with your families, and look forward to seeing you all a week on Tuesday!

**THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW HALF TERM IS TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

## Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, to raise money for the Earthquake Appeal. We will be asking those parents that can afford to, to donate £1 per child, for wearing non-uniform.

## Year 2 The Great Fire of London Workshop

This half term year two has been learning about The Great Fire of London and we enjoyed being transported back to 1666. We had an amazing day learning about the variety of jobs that people had, how the fire started, and how many days it burnt! We were all so excited and had SO much fun!



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## Sports for Schools- Sponsored Event on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

We were lucky enough to have a world class sportsman and adventurer, Sean Rose come into William Martin. Sean is a double winter Paralympian as well as a skiing and water-skiing champion. A freak ski accident in 2000 broke his back and left him paralysed from the waist down. We listened to Sean share his life story and the experiences that he has had. He showed us how important it is to have big dreams and to keep trying hard in everything that we do! It was a fantastic experience and inspired us to think about our dreams for the future.



We joined in with a range of different physical activities to get our hearts pumping, including star jumps, squats, running on the spot and frog leaps. These sponsored activities will raise money for our school to buy new PE equipment. It was the most exciting day! Thank you to everyone for bringing your sponsorship forms in, your well-earned wristbands will arrive in a few weeks!



## Uniform standards

We have noticed that a few children are not wearing the correct uniform, particularly school jumpers and cardigans. Jumpers and cardigans should be royal blue, with or without the school logo. Hoodies are not permitted, except the Year 6 hoodies in the summer term.

We believe that wearing school uniform promotes a positive attitude, high standards and a sense of belonging to the school. Uniform worn smartly helps pupils to feel good about themselves, which has a knock-on effect with regard to how they function within the school. We encourage the full wearing of school uniform appropriate to the weather at all times. This is in preparation for secondary school where uniform is more enforced.



As a school we understand the financial difficulties that uniform can sometimes cause and have therefore ensured that our uniform can be purchased from a range of sources to suit all budgets. If, however, you are still facing difficulties with this, please contact the office and ask for a confidential meeting with either Mrs Kearney, Mrs Jones or Mrs Harvey. We have also preloved uniform sales regularly in school. Details will be sent out via email and advertised on posters around the school.

### School Uniform

Trousers, Skirts & Pinafore Dresses	Charcoal Grey/Black
Polo shirts, cotton shirts & blouses	White or Light Blue
School Sweatshirt/Cardigan	Royal Blue
Summer Dresses	Blue/White
Summer Shorts	Charcoal Grey/Black
Socks	Black/White/Grey
Tights	Black/Grey



### **PE Days after half-term**

The gymnastics unit has now come to an end and pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning and perfecting new skills. Here are the PE days for next half term. Children are required to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days- high standards of uniform must still be maintained.



	PE Kit days
Reception	PE kit should be in school every day for children to practice changing
Year 1	Thursdays
Year 2	Mondays
Year 3	Wednesdays
Year 4	Tuesdays- wear normal school uniform and bring swimming kit
Year 5	Mondays
Year 6	Fridays
The other hour of PE each week is made up through Daily Dose- the children do not need to change for this.	

### Vine Passport



Children can bring in their Vine Passport by 24<sup>th</sup> February to show their teacher which zones have been completed, along with any scrapbooks too! Badges and certificates will be awarded on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the passport returned to them. Please ask your class teacher if you need another copy.

### THE BIG QUESTION at Parent/Carer Consultations on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Parents' views are really important to us to help improve our school. During the parent/carers consultations you will have an opportunity to help us answer this question:

*How can we help you to support your child at home with maths?*

Best wishes,

Gina Bailey  
Executive Headteacher

Claire Kearney  
Head of School



Value of this half term: Justice



**Dates for your diary**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of term (Normal finish time)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February-Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term (including a Non Pupil Day on 20<sup>th</sup> February)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Start of Spring Term 2, Year 4 Swimming continues

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** World Book Day- Dress as a Book Character

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Mad Scientist/Red Nose Day including a special menu!

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 5 History Workshop Day

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Reception trip to Boydells Farm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 trip to Epping Forest Museum

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Last day of term (Early Finish- 1.10/1.15)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Start of Summer term

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Nursery Non-pupil day- Nursery CLOSED

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May-** Bank Holiday Monday SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May-** Bank Holiday Monday- King's Coronation SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May-** Year 6 SATs Week

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Last day of term (Normal finish time)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May -Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Half Term (including a Non Pupil Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Start of Summer term 2



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