



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY
19/12/2025



We have had a fantastic Autumn Term. The children have engaged enthusiastically with their learning showing perseverance, dedication and success across the curriculum. In addition to learning in the classroom, the children have attended a number of sporting activities competing against other schools, attended a residential trip, took local visits to the woods, visited the SEm centre and welcomed in a history workshop amongst lots more. We have been so proud of the children this term especially when our visitors arrived at the start of December. The children shared their supper manners, learning behaviours and excellent attitudes to learning. We look forward to the Spring term and the excitement it brings.

Hannah Taylor & Zoe Phillips

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY FOR
THE START OF THE SPRING TERM.

SAPLINGS

Last week, Saplings welcomed a special visitor, several children spoke up reminding him that they had been good and what they had asked him to place under their tree. We have been speaking about festivals and special events and who had been to visit him in one of his grottos. The children dressed in festive jumpers and as a group activity we have played pass the parcel, waiting and taking turns. Learning maybe for the first time that we can all participate and yet there is only one winner and that's ok.



NURSERY

Thank you to everyone who joined nursery for our Sparkle and Shine stay and play on Monday 15th December. The children absolutely loved showing you the learning they have been working on through the term. It was wonderful to see you all joining in and enjoying the range of activities on offer. Thank you for helping the day be such a special and memorable experience for the children.



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RECEPTION

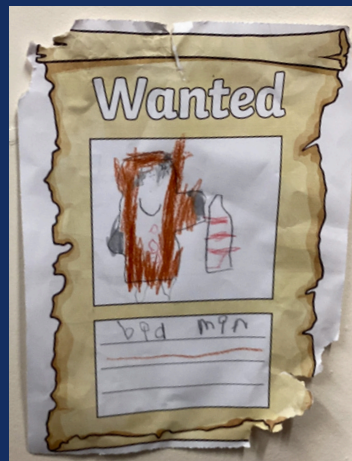
STAY & PLAY

Reception had a fantastic morning sharing what we have learnt in our Sparkle and Shine theme with adults. We have been exploring different religious and cultural festivals that centre around light such as Christmas and Diwali. Together we created sparkly crafts like salt dough stars and sun catcher candles. We also became storytellers and told the story of the Gingerbread man with actions to our grown ups.



GINGERBREAD MAN

We came to school one morning to find crumbs and icing sugar all over our carpet. We didn't know who had made all the mess until we saw the CCTV showing the gingerbread men running through our classroom. We hunted everywhere for them but couldn't find them. So we created wanted posters using our best spelling skills and put them up around the school to see if the adults and children could help us find them. We lay a trap in the dining room and the next day the school elf had caught them for us! They were all wrapped up and after decorating them were ready to eat! Yum!



BSL

The children were challenged to come up to the front of the class and use sign language to show what emotion they were feeling. Raphael signed happy.





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YEAR 1



Year One have been using their collage skills to create Christmas cards. They picked different colour paper and cut it into different sizes to create a collage Christmas tree. The paper they used was decreasing in size each time. They had a lot of fun making the cards.



YEAR 2

The children had a fabulous afternoon painting tints and shades for their calendars. Keep an eye out for your 2026 Calendar making a special appearance on your fridge at home!



YEAR 3

Year 3 used their learning of colour theory to make contrast paintings for their calendars.



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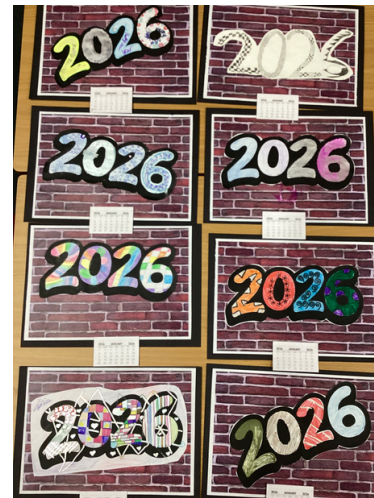
YEAR 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their biscuit decorating this week! They used plenty of icing and could take home the recipes to make their own during the winter break. A group of budding pastry chefs!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed many festivities this week including biscuit decorating and making calendars for the new year.



YEAR 4

Year 4 took part in a short BSL workshop this week. It was truly amazing to learn how some people communicate with each other through sign language. The children started by learning letters of the alphabet before moving onto some colours. Thank you so much to the adults for giving up their time to teach the children.



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A Special Christmas Visitor

Christmas lunch was made extra special with a surprise visit from Santa, much to the delight of the pupils. Thank you to HCL for the lovely Christmas meal, which helped make the occasion so enjoyable for everyone.



Ivy's Got Talent

Our pupils wowed us with their amazing performances at Ivy's Got Talent! A huge thank you to everyone who took part and shared their talents with us. Well done to all for making it such an entertaining and memorable event and good luck to the winning acts who will go to represent the school at Ivy's got talent final in March.



Thank You FOMW

Staff would like to extend their sincere thanks to Friends of Martins Wood for the wonderful treat provided recently. The generosity and continued support of FOMW is greatly appreciated and made a real difference to the team. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community.



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HOUSE POINT RESULTS AUTUMN TERM 2025

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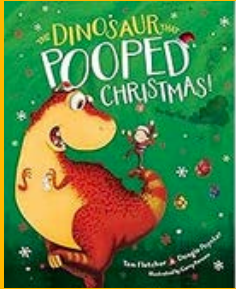
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RECOMMENDED READS



The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas! by Tom Fletcher & Dougie Poynter
A hilarious festive picture book where Danny gets a very hungry dinosaur for Christmas, and the dinosaur eats up all the decorations, presents (and more!) in a wildly silly, rhyming adventure that kids love.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
A classic Christmas poem describing a magical visit from Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, filled with warmth, excitement, and festive imagery that children love.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 19th December - End of Term - 2pm
- 5th January - Inset Day
- 6th January - Childrens return to school - 8:50am
- 23rd January - Y4 Mental Wellbeing workshop
- 16th - 20th February - HALF TERM
- 20th March - Rocksteady Concert
- 23rd - 27th March - Y5 Bikeability
- 27th March - End of Term -2pm

2026

Whole school attendance is currently at 95.3%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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