

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 14th Sept

Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

For our School Diary please follow the link below:

[Sandford St Martin's Primary School - School Diary](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK! We hope that you have all had a fabulous summer and we are raring to go for another exciting year at Sandford St Martin's School! It has been wonderful to see all the children settle back into school so well – especially our new children in Saplings Class who have settled beautifully into our Sandford family – a special welcome to all our new parents too.

The children look great in their uniform and we really appreciate the efforts you have gone to, to ensure they look smart at school.

Welcome!

We have been delighted to welcome Miss Rose and Miss Farrell into our Hub and they are enjoying getting to know our children and families.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

This year, we are introducing Meet the Teacher sessions. Parents will have the opportunity to pop into school and meet their children's class teachers and hear about the year ahead next week. We have arranged the times so that parents with siblings can attend each meeting.

Come and hear what your child will be learning this year and see their learning environment. Timings are as follows:

Monday 14th September at 3:30pm in your child's class.

Our School Vision

As you know, we have our School Values – **LEARN LOVE LAUGH**

This week, we gathered together for our first whole-school worship focused on our vision: "**We are growing to learn and learning to grow - together.**"

Using Jesus' Parable of the Sower, we reflected on how every child is like a seed with incredible potential. Just as seeds need good soil, care and nourishment to thrive, children flourish when they are supported, encouraged and inspired by those around them. At Sandford St Martin's, we believe that learning helps us grow into the people God created us to be, whilst every new experience helps us become better learners.

As we begin a new school year, we look forward to nurturing a community where everyone can grow in confidence, knowledge, kindness and faith, supporting one another as we learn and grow together.

At Sandford St Martin's, we believe that growing and learning is something we do together. Children, staff, parents, governors, our church and the wider community all play an important part in helping one another flourish. Just as a plant needs many things to help it grow, our children thrive when everyone works together to nurture, encourage and support them on their journey.

Competition Time – Let's Get Arty!

Over the summer holidays, our library and entrance space has been cleared and painted and is now a fresh new canvas! A huge thank you to Mr Street for all of his hard work in painting the walls and making it look fabulous!

We would like to create an art piece to illustrate our school vision "["We are growing to learn and learning to grow - together."](#) We are inviting our children to get creative and design an arty design for our library and entrance.

There will prizes for the 3 categories: Reception & Key Stage 1 (Years 1&2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) and all children who enter a design will receive a certificate. I have introduced this to the children today and they are super excited. All designs can be handed to Class Teachers and the **closing date will be Friday, 25th September.**

I can't wait to see what wonderful ideas the children have and thank you for supporting us with this!

Exciting Developments for Our School Community

Over the summer holiday, we were delighted to see significant progress in the development of our Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) Hub. These improvements represent an important investment in ensuring that all children at Sandford St Martin's can learn, thrive and feel a true sense of belonging within our school community.

The newly developed area now includes two purpose-designed inclusive classrooms and a dedicated sensory room. These carefully planned spaces will provide nurturing, engaging environments that support a wide range of learning and communication needs, helping every child to access the curriculum and achieve their full potential.

Alongside the indoor improvements, the outdoor area has been transformed with attractive planters, sensory play opportunities and dedicated spaces designed to encourage exploration, communication and wellbeing. We are excited to see these areas come to life as children enjoy learning, playing and growing together in a stimulating and supportive environment.

As part of the project, new fencing has also been installed around the SRP Hub and Reception playground. These enhancements have been carefully designed with the safety, wellbeing and safeguarding of all children in mind, helping us to create secure and appropriate learning environments across the school site.

We are incredibly proud of these new facilities and what they represent for our school. They reflect our commitment to providing an inclusive education where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to flourish. We look forward to sharing more of these wonderful spaces with our families over the coming months and celebrating the positive impact they will have on our children.

At Sandford St Martin's, our vision and values remains at the heart of all we do: to help every child Learn, Love and Laugh in an environment where they feel safe, cared for and inspired to learn and grow.

Dates for diary

We are currently planning an exciting term with lots of wonderful learning opportunities. We will send out a list of dates for you to pop into your diary next week.

School uniform

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the school's Uniform Policy. Please can you take the time to have a look at the website to remind yourselves of what children are required to wear. Please ensure that they are not wearing jewellery or nail varnish. Long hair should be tied back to stop the spread of headlice in the class. If your child, for any reason, cannot wear their school shoes, please can you send a note of explanation.

See our policy on our School website: [Sandford St Martin's Primary School - School Uniform](#)

Best Wishes
Emma Roberts
Headteacher

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

End of Day Pick Up

We only allow Y5 & Y6 children with express permission to walk to and from school without a responsible adult. Please do not ask these older children to pick up their younger siblings. Children in &4 and younger should be collected by a responsible adult from the class door. This is an important part of our agreed safeguarding arrangements.

Absence Reporting

This is a polite reminder that all absences from school **MUST** be reported to the school office by **9am** on each day of absence either via the absence line, phone or email, office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

Please make sure your child's name, class and the reason for absence is clearly stated.



Our Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Pampin



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Sampson



Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Roberts

SAFETY

Please can we ask that when dropping & collecting your child at school that they stay close with you at all times.

We have been a few incidents where children have been hurt by other pupils or been injured on the play equipment.

Please remember that children **SHOULD NOT** be on the play equipment before or after school.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

**All hot lunches will need to be booked by
MIDNIGHT on Monday 7th September
for the week commencing Monday 14th September 2026.**

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school without a booked hot lunch or a packed lunch.



**Please remember we are a
"NUT FREE" school.**

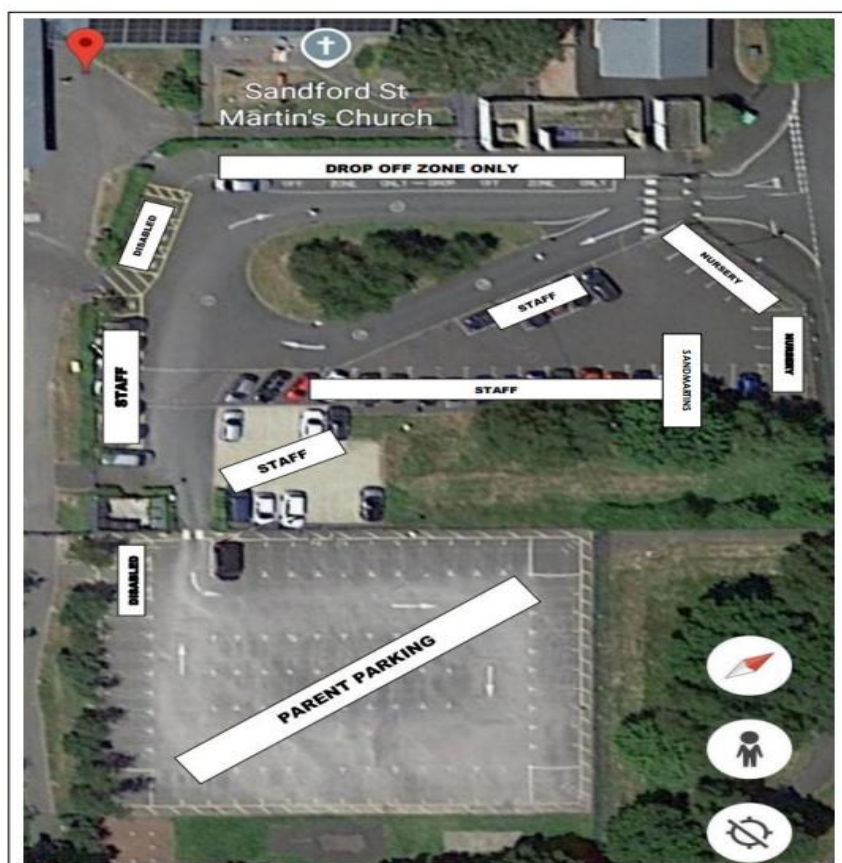
**This means no Nutella or any
products containing nuts.**

CAR PARK

Parents / Carers we please ask that you **ONLY** Park in the designated parking bays in the **Parent Carpark** as shown on the car park layout below and **NOT** in the Staff or Nursery parking bays.

Please **DO NOT** park in the **Drop Off Zone**, this is only to be used for dropping off your children.

The zebra crossing **must be kept clear at all times** and please **DO NOT** double park along the access road.



Please can we ask that you only park in the Parent Car Park and not in the Staff or Nursery spaces as shown on the map above.

Please only use the **DROP OFF BAY** if you are dropping your child/dren off, there should be **NO CARS PARKED IN THIS AREA** or left **UNATTENDED** at anytime.

Can we also ask that the approach road is **kept clear for 2 vehicles to pass each other** and that the **no one parks on the corner by the main entrance** as cars cannot pass and are having to reverse onto the zebra crossing which is going to cause a serious accident.