

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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Catholic Life of the School

This week, all the children in KS2 were presented with their own Bible, which they can use during their RE lessons in school. They will keep these Bibles through their time at St. Martha's and will be able to take it with them when they leave. The children were very excited to receive their Bibles and were desperate to stick their names inside!



Just a reminder for all year 3 parents whose child will be making their First Holy Communion this academic year, there is a parent meeting tomorrow at Holy Family Church at 11am.

Dear Families,

It was so lovely to see you all return for the start of the new academic year this week, with lots of smiling faces (the children did laugh when I told them how much you were all smiling as you left the school on Wednesday morning 😊). I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined us this year in Reception and across the school, I hope you enjoy learning here at St Martha's and settle in quickly.

This month we are busy preparing for our first Community Fun Day and I would like to thank you for your support so far with the very generous donations you made today for the bottle tombola. We want people in our local community to come and see St. Martha's and all we have to offer. The day will have lots of different stalls from local businesses but we will also be showcasing everything that is good about St. Martha's, as well as offering tours of the school for prospective families. We would love for you all to join us on the day and bring all your friends and family . . . everyone is welcome.

Next Friday, we will hold another non uniform day for those that wish to participate. We are asking for donations for our 'Jolly Jars' stall. Jolly Jars are jars filled with small toys, stickers, sweets, pencils, erasers or any item you would like to fill a jar with. Your child can decorate the jars if they wish. Please remember that donations are completely optional and only if you are able to. Please do not feel you have to donate every week or at all. Children can wear non uniform or school uniform - it is up to them.

***** Food and Drink *****

Please can I remind all KS2 parents, that children can bring a snack in for

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annely and Mrs. Bowman.

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Evelyn, Tessa, Harley

Year 1: Ellis, Chideziri

Year 3: Maria

Year 4: Arlo

Year 5: Poppy, Sophia S

Year 6: Kier, Alyssa

May God never stop showering you with His blessing!



breaktime. The snack should be as healthy as possible and limited to one item. On occasions last year, I saw children with lots of snacks for break time e.g. a whole packet of biscuits and a bag of crisps. This is not healthy and not needed. I would suggest children bring fruit, cereal bars, a couple of plain biscuits etc.

We have many children in school who have severe nut allergies and I would like to take this opportunity to stress that we are a nut free school. Please ensure you do not send your child in with snacks/packed lunch that contain nuts. This includes Nutella and items that contain Nutella, peanut butter etc. Thank you for your consideration ensuring we keep all our children safe at school.

All children should bring a named water bottle to school. I do not mind children having squash but they should not have PRIME drinks or fizzy drinks.

I have attached the diary dates again for this term, there have been a couple of extra dates added and a few changes (which I have highlighted) so please do make sure you know what is happening for your child. There may be some extra dates added as the term progresses to provide as many exciting opportunities for our children as we can.

I have attached the information regarding the changes to the penalty notice for attendance, which came into place on 19th August. The guidelines clearly state that I cannot authorise holidays. If you are requesting a leave of absence for a particular reason e.g. wedding, baptism etc, please attach evidence of the event with your leave of absence form. Thank you.

We will be once again sending out a parent questionnaire later on this term so that we can continue to build on our good practice already in place. We want to continue to build strong relationships with you to ensure that we are all working together for the benefit of the children. Please keep an eye on Dojo for a link very soon.

If you have any concerns, questions or would just like to pop in to say hello, please ring the Office to make an appointment to see me or send me an email to head@st-marthas.norfolk.sch.uk

I wish you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Edwards

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception Yellow and Year 1 Blue with 100% attendance this week!!
Well done!
Fantastic start to the year!

Every day at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.



Dates for your Diary Autumn Term

September 24							
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2 INSET Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3 INSET Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	6 Non-uniform (donation for the Bottle Tombola)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	4 Start of Term
29	30						13 Non-uniform (donation for the Filled Jar stall)
							20 Non-uniform (donation for the General Tombola)
							25 Year 2 – Year 6 Start of Year Mass – all parents welcome St. Matthew’s Feast Day (Officially 21st September) Children can wear a red t-shirt to school if St. Matthew’s house.
							26 Year 3 Class Mass
							27 School’s Mass in Norwich (selected children to attend)
							28 St. Martha’s Community Fun Day 1-6pm

OCTOBER 24						
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- Black History Month
- Year 5 Trip
 - Year 6 Yellow Class Assembly
 - Year 4 Class Mass
National Poetry Day
 - Family Fast Day
 - World Teachers' Day
 - Harvest Festival
 - Individual/Sibling Photographs
 - Year 6 Blue Class Assembly
 - Year 5 Class Mass
World Mental Health Day: Hello Yellow
 - Year 6 and Reception National Child Measurement Programme
 - Reception 2024 New Intake Information Evening 5:30pm
 - Year 5 Yellow Class Assembly
 - Year 6 and 2 Class Mass
 - St. Luke's Feast Day - Children can wear a blue t-shirt to school if in St. Luke's house.
 - Year 1 Trip to Sandringham
 - Year 5 Blue Class Assembly
 - Year 3 Class Mass
Year 4 trip to Banham Zoo
 - Last day of the half term
 - 28 – 1st Nov Half Term

NOVEMBER 24						
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- Back to School
Year 5 Shakespeare Week
- Year 3 Blue Class Assembly
- Year 4 Class Mass
- 11 – 15 Anti Bullying week
- Year 5 at Guildhall for Shakespeare Rehearsal during the day and production at 6pm
- Year 3 Yellow Class Assembly
- Year 5 and 2 Class Mass
- Children in Need
- Parents Evening EYFS/ KS1 1:30 - 4pm
KS2 3:30 – 6:30pm
EYFS/KS1 Enrichment Afternoon
- Parents Evening EYFS/KS1 3:30-6:30
KS2 1:30 – 4pm
KS2 Enrichment Afternoon
- Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
- Reception 2024 New Intake Information Evening 5:30pm
- Year 4 Yellow Class Assembly
Year 3 Trip to Flag Fen

DECEMBER 24						
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29	30	31				

- 1st Sunday of Advent
- Year 2 Nativity to Parents (afternoon and evening)
- 9am - 12pm Yr 4 Writing Moderation
- Year 1 Nativity to Parents (afternoon and evening)
- Reconciliation Service
- Advent Service (Choir at Holy Family Church – TBC by Fr. Peter)
- Reception Nativity to Parents (afternoon and evening)
- Carol Concert
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Whole School Trip to Pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange
- End of Term Mass
- Christmas Lunch
- End of Term: Finish at 1:45 pm



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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



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OUR TEAMS

We are proud to boast 4 Men's teams including the Men's 1stXI playing Premier League hockey, 3 quality Women's teams, 2 development and a strong Junior section ranging from Under 8's to Under 12's.

WHY PELICANS?

Pelicans Hockey Club is an **inclusive** family club for everyone. We are committed to providing a **friendly** environment in which each and every player no matter their ability, can **thrive** and **improve**.



Registration:

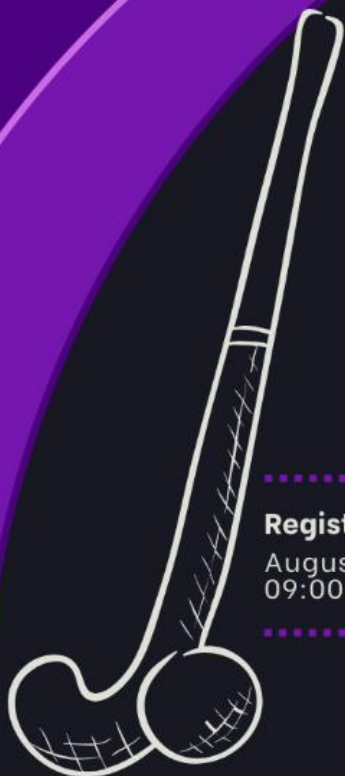
August 10-17
09:00am - 11:00am



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TRAINING TIMES

Mens Section

Tuesdays

Boys Development
6:00-7:30pm

All Men's Teams
7:30-9:00pm

Thursdays

Mens 1stXI
6:45-9:00pm

Saturday Fixtures!

Junior Section

The Junior Section includes
Under 8's, U10 Boys, U10
Girls, U12 Boys & U12 Girls

Trainings are **Saturdays**,
term time
8:45-10:30am

Ladies Section

Wednesdays

Girls Development
6:00-7:00pm

Ladies 1stXI
7:00-8:30pm

Thursdays

Ladies 2ndXI & 3rdXI
6:00-7:30pm

Saturday Fixtures!

Beginner Sessions

On **Monday Evenings** we
hold a **Back to Hockey**
session from 7:00-8:30pm

These are beginner and
refresher sessions for
anyone who wants to give
hockey a go at any ability!

Training times are from September!



