

# St. Martha's News

*'Be the best you can be'*



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## Catholic Life of the School

Our Mini Vinnies have been meeting regularly for a few years now and have done a lot to support the community, for example, making cards for people and raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves. We were lucky to have been asked to be part of the revised edition of the Mini Vinnies song. Please take a listen following this link . . . <https://act.svp.org.uk/page/161303/action/1>



The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been working really hard over the last few weeks to present their Nativity story. If you haven't booked your ticket yet, please head over to WisePay to get them before they sell out.



This Sunday is the start of Advent and we will be lighting the 1<sup>st</sup> candle of the Advent Wreath. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. It is often decorated with berries and pinecones. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. During the Advent season, we eagerly anticipate his coming and the promise of eternal life in heaven with him. The first candle is purple and represents Hope. It symbolises the anticipation of the coming Messiah and the hope that He brings to the world.



Around the school, we will be changing our cloths on our prayer tables to purple. Purple is the primary colour associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolises penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

### Dates for your diary:

- 2nd December Year 2 Nativity to Parents (2:15pm and 5:30pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> December Year 1 Nativity to Parents (2:15pm and 5:30pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Advent Service – Choir will be singing
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity to Parents (2:30pm and 5:30pm)

Dear Families,

Well done to Year 4 Yellow who shared their learning of the term this week for our final assembly of the term. It is always such a pleasure to listen to the children confidently and enthusiastically share their new knowledge with the school and their parents Thank you to all the parents who were able to take the time to come in and watch their child and look through their books with them. Year 4 Blue's assembly will be in the new year, please see below for the date in our Spring Term calendar. Please note in our calendar, I have made a change to the class assemblies – Year 5 Yellow and Blue assemblies will be next term and not Year 1. I have highlighted this change below.

Thank you to the choir and head students who joined us for our Reception Intake Information Evening this week. The choir, as always, sang beautifully and made Mrs Child want to perform a staff song!! Aiden and Imogen were great role models for the school

### 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.

as they carried out tours for prospective parents. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time on Tuesday evening to drop off/pick up or stayed to watch. We are so grateful for your support.

The Year 6 boys football team played against Anthony Curton school at St Martha's on Tuesday 26th November. St Martha's were 2 nil up thanks to goals from Max and Kamilas. Just before half time, we conceded a goal and it was 2-1. After half time, Max scored another goal to make it 3-1. Anthony Curton fought back and scored 2 more goals in the second half to end the game 3-3. Well done to all the footballers, sounds like it was a very tight match!

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Flag Fen this week. Despite the miserable weather they



had great fun sitting round the campfire and learning lots about the different Ages. They made clay pots and saw an original bridge from the Bronze Age!



Our new Rock Steady bands got the school and their parents rocking this week as they proudly performed what they have been working on this term. I was astounded by the progress they had all made and the talent amongst them. Some of the bands still have spaces so if your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, this is a great way to introduce them. The children are having so much fun and learning so much.



A special and well deserved congratulations to the four children who ran in the Cross Country County Finals yesterday. The results were absolutely fantastic especially as they were running in tough conditions!!

Julian - 5th  
Simon - 9th  
Joshua - 40th  
Lily - 52nd

School discos are on today. Please see the information posted on Class Dojo regarding logistics of dropping and picking up your child. If you want to stay, there will be refreshments provided in Year 2 Blue classroom, all are welcome.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm, we will be hosting a Parent Café run by Family Voice. It is aimed at parents of children with Special Educational Needs, but this also includes parents of children who are just starting out on the journey of diagnosis or have maybe not brought suspected needs to our attention yet, or children who are having difficulties at home but not displaying needs at school. Please see the poster below with more information, please do take up this opportunity should you need it.

Upcoming events . . . Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Christmas Concert on 11<sup>th</sup> December where you will be entertained by our musicians and Choir. Don't miss out, buy today!

### Happy Birthday!

Year 2: Nell

Year 3: Sarah

Year 4: Tommy, Maya A

Year 6: Lacey G

*May God never stop showering you with His blessing!*



### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2 Blue with 99.63% attendance this week! Fantastic!!

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



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 Message from our School Council . . .

Keep your eye out for dojos from our School Council for our St Martha's Family Bingo night on Friday 13th December, which promises to be a fun night for the family and should really get you in the mood for Christmas. With lots of prizes to be won. We will also be selling tickets from next week to win our adults and children's Christmas Hampers. More details to follow on Dojo.

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale or gave a donation for the non-uniform day. We raised £500 for worthy Children In Need causes.

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend and good luck to all those who will be welcoming back those cheeky elves on Sunday!

Mrs Edwards



**Well done to our Be the best you can be winners this week . . .**

Reception: Juan Miguel & Aithan

Year 1: Shania & Paloma

Year 2: Mia & Hansel

Year 3: Arlo & Fearne

Year 4: Evita & Kai

Year 5: Alfie & Alexa

Year 6: Finley & Maya

**Dates for the Diary(new dates highlighted in blue)**

DECEMBER 24						
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- 1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 2 Year 2 Nativity to Parents (2:15pm and 5:30pm)
- 4 Year 1 Nativity to Parents (2:15pm and 5:30pm)
- 5 Reconciliation Service
- 6 7pm Advent Service – now confirmed
- 10 Reception Nativity to Parents (2:30pm and 5:30pm)
- 11 Christmas Concert
- 12 Christmas Jumper Day  
2 – 3:15pm Year 1 Family day
- 16 Whole School Trip to Pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange
- 18 End of Term Mass  
Christmas Lunch
- 20 End of Term: Finish at 1:45 pm

## Spring Term Dates

January '25						
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- 6 INSET Day/Epiphany
- 7 Children start back
- 13 9:30 - 12pm Active Kids Festival Year 2
- 15 Start of Term Mass Year 2 – 6  
St John's Feast Day (celebrating from 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.)
- 16 Girls' Football League 4-5pm
- 21 Active Leaders (Sports Leaders to UEA)
- 22 Year 4 Blue Class Assembly
- 23 Year 3 Class Mass
- 24 2pm CMR Concert Yr4, 5 and 6 @HFC
- 26 Rehearsal for Joseph & TCDC
- 27 5:30 - 8pm Choir for Joseph & TCDC Rehearsal
- 29 **Year 5 Yellow Class Assembly**
- 30 Year 4 Class Mass

February '25						
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- 3 4pm WN Boys Football League
- 5 **Year 5 Blue Class Assembly**
- 6 Year 5 and 2 Class Mass  
4pm Girls Football League
- 7 NSPCC Number Day
- 11 Safer Internet Day
- 12 Year 2 Yellow Class Assembly
- 13 Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
- 17 - 21 Half Term
- 26 Year 2 Blue Class Assembly
- 27 9:30 - 2pm Girls Football 5 a side Yrs 4 and 6

March '25						
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- 3 9:30 - 2pm Quicksticks Hockey 6 aside Yr 6  
4pm WN Boys Football League
- 4 Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Races  
Burning of the Palms
- 5 2pm Ash Wednesday - pm Liturgy of Ashes
- 6 World Book Day
- 10 9:30 - 12:30pm Bee Netball Development Yr 4
- 18 6 - 8pm Choir Performing at Schools Make Music @ Corn Exchange
- 19 Parents Evening EYFS/ KS1 1:30 - 4pm  
KS2 3:30 – 6:30pm  
EYFS/KS1 Enrichment Afternoon
- 20 Parents Evening EYFS/KS1 3:30-6:30pm  
KS2 1:30 – 4pm  
4 - 5pm Girl's Football League
- 21 Red Nose Day
- 24 - 26 Year 6 to Kingswood
- 24 Choir & Yr 5 @ Norfolk County Music Festival (TBC)
- 27 Reception Hearing and Vision  
Reconciliation Service

April '25						
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- 1 **Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)**
- 2 9:30 End of Term Mass Years 2- 6  
**Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)**
- 3 4pm Girl's Football League
- 4 End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)

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# CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION



**Win £50 Amazon voucher, £200 book voucher  
for your school, story read on Radio West  
Norfolk & featured in the local paper**

WRITE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS THEMED  
STORY IN 500 WORDS OR LESS  
CLOSING DATE 9TH DECEMBER

 

## The Snowman & the Snowdog

Wednesday 18th December, 4pm & 6pm  
King's Lynn Minster

FREE  
Family  
Event

Watch this wonderful family  
film in our beautiful Minster  
Church, accompanied by a solo  
chorister performing  
'Walking in the Air'



Tickets are FREE but do need to be booked  
using the link or QR code:  
<https://buytickets.at/kingslynnminster/1441797>





# St Martha's Parent Café Friday 13th December at 1.30pm



**Please join us at our Parent Café to meet other parent carers of children with SEND and share your experiences of school life.**

**To register your attendance, please click on the following link:**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/iP7wxbdhn9>**

**Or scan the QR code below:**



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# Concert - Flute Music

Saturday 14th of December 2024

10am - 1pm

Greenland Music: Bridge St, King's Lynn PE30 5AB



Free entry - Retiring collection  
Access to this event at anytime

## Programme

### 10am - 11.30am **Concert part I**

*Flute students from:*

*West Norfolk Music Centre*

*Springwood High School*

*St Martha's Catholic Primary School*

### 11.30am - 12pm **Break**

*Warm drinks, home made mince pies,...*

### 12 pm - 1 pm **Concert part II**

*Sylvia Kewish & Anne Heemskerk (flutes)*

*Alistair Kewish (spinet, organ)*

*Stevie Wishart (hurdy-gurdy)*

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## Wraparound Care for

St Martha's Catholic Primary School

Before and after school care every day the school is open to children.





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**Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.**

Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with primary school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

## St Martha's Catholic Primary 2024-25

Before School Club:  
7.30am - 8.30am: £5.25

After School options  
3.15pm - 5.45pm: £11.25  
3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6  
4.15pm - 5.45pm: £6

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