

# St. Martha's News

*'Be the best you can be'*



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**Friday 31st January 2025**

*The Presentation of the Lord  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40*



In this week's Gospel, we hear about Jesus and his family and a special trip they took to Jerusalem. We hear about the special things that happened to the baby Jesus there and all that was said about him.

Jesus' parents Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple, to present him to God.

There were two other people in the story – Simeon and Anna, who see the baby Jesus and recognise how important he is.

Simeon is an old man, who has been promised by God that he will see Christ – the saviour of the world. When he sees the baby Jesus, Simeon knows that the child is the Son of God. Simeon tells everyone how special Jesus is.

Anna is also in the Temple. She has spent almost her whole life there serving God. She sees the baby Jesus and begins to praise God.

**How do you think Mary and Joseph felt to hear Simeon and Anna talking like this about their son?**

Even though he was just a baby, Simeon and Anna could see just how important Jesus was. They did not judge by what Jesus looked like. They were filled with faith and they knew in their hearts just how special and important he was.

**Have you had a time when you have judged someone because of what they look like? Or when you have been judged for what you look like?**

Simeon and Anna see that Jesus is important. Even though he was just a baby, and probably looked like all other babies, they could see that he would grow up to be very special.

**Our faith tells us that each person, no matter who they are, is made in the image of God. That means that we can see something special in each and every person.**

**So, how can we be like Simeon and Anna this week, and through our faith open our eyes to see God in each other?  
How can we treat others to show that we recognise how important and special all people are?**

**Dates for your diary  
No Class Mass this week**

7<sup>th</sup> February Bishop is visiting school. Mass will be at **10am** (Bishop's request). Everyone is welcome.

8<sup>th</sup> February Festival at Church – Mini Vinnies to help at Mass – more information has been sent on Dojo – please do reply if your child is available to help.

Dear Families,

This week has been a very busy week for many of our children and staff with lots of events that we would like to celebrate with you all. The children involved have shown them to be great ambassadors of the school in their conduct and dedication to the events. I am incredibly proud of them all. Thank you must go to all of you who have taken the time to take the children to the events and rehearsals, we really appreciate your support. I would also like to thank all our staff who work so

### **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

hard to make these opportunities a reality for our children. We really are lucky to have such committed staff who are invested in the children to be the best they can be. Mrs McGovern has also shared a bit more information about the Workshop and Concert from last week.

**Springwood feeder school Primary Instrumentalist Workshop**

On Wednesday 22.1.25, 32 of our 39 instrumentalists gathered at Springwood High School to take part in an afternoon's workshop that culminated in a short concert to the children's families. These workshops provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to come together with primary school players from across West Norfolk and experience playing in larger ensemble groups. The children split into 3 workshop groups: Woodwind - cornets, flutes, trombones and trumpets, Strings - cellos, violas and Violins and Percussion. Each group was led by one of the expert team of Springwood peripatetic teachers some of whom teach our own children. The concert that followed was accompanied by the piano and our very own Sara on the cajon. We received wonderful feedback regarding the performance but also with regard to the super behaviour of the children. Learning an instrument is a journey that requires patience and above all practice! Having a reason to practice really does make all the difference and we hope that we will be able to facilitate more frequent performance opportunities for our players to practice for such performances.

**Holocaust Memorial Service**

Last Sunday our KS2 Choir performed 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' absolutely beautifully at the annual West Norfolk Holocaust Memorial Service in the Town Hall, at which Iulia from Year 6 also read as part of the Service. January 27th marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau concentration camp, and West Norfolk holds its ceremony on the Sunday before the date to remember this as well as subsequent genocides. A wreath is laid immediately after the service at the tree planted for the first national Holocaust Memorial Day in 2001 in the Tower Gardens. St Martha's is proud to have been taking part in this event for almost 20 years

**Year 5 Yellow's Class Assembly**

On Wednesday, Year 5 Yellow shared with us their learning on the Beatitudes. These are not easy to learn but they expressed their understanding really well during their assembly. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate how much they have learnt this term already and hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books with them.

Year 5 Yellow and Blue have had a great week this week.  
More rugby training from West Norfolk Rugby coaches, a thermal insulators



Science experiment, a smashing Ukulele lesson with Ms Berners in preparation for Norfolk County Music Festival, many students conquering division in maths and some deep and reflective conversations in RE to name but a few!

Next week, we look forward to inviting all the parents from Year 5 Blue for their assembly.



**Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat**

Last year, Springwood's Music Director approached us to see if we would be interested in providing the children's chorus for their forthcoming production of JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT. As usual, we jumped at the chance and in October, Miss Brennock started to rehearse 22 Year 5 and 6 children ably assisted by Mrs Gray and when available, Mrs McGovern. The children's chorus is integral to the show and the children's performances this week were absolutely wonderful! We are incredibly proud of the children. They were a



school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annelly and Mrs. Bowman.

**Happy Birthday!**



**Reception: Aayan**

**Year 1: AJ**

**Year 2: Oliver R, William**

**Year 3: Helain**

**Year 4: Sammy, Francesca, William, Logan**

**Year 5: Chimbuchi**

*May God never stop showering you with His blessing*

**Attendance Award**

Congratulations to Year 4 Yellow AGAIN with 98.89% attendance this week! Fantastic!!

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



joy to work with and their enthusiasm infectious - it certainly helped the Springwood ensemble and actors.



We have been inundated with compliments and not just for their engaging and entertaining performances but for their outstanding behaviour.

As usual, the choir are looking forward to their next performances



which will be at Music for Youth on 5th March, the Norfolk County Music Festival on 10th March and Schools Make Music on 18th March.

### **Free Family Wellbeing Day by The Wild Hub**

The Wild Hub is a Community Interest Company dedicated to supporting children and families through creative wellbeing activities.

The Wild Hub are excited to be hosting a Family Wellbeing Day on Saturday 15th February 2025 at North Lynn Discovery Centre.

This is a free event designed to equip families with practical tools to manage everyday stress while encouraging connection and positive role modelling.



## **Free Family Wellbeing Day**

February 15th | 10 AM to 3 PM



**Free activities include:**

- Kids Yoga
- Movement Meditation
- Drumming Circles
- Creative Arts Workshops

And more!

**RSVP Today:**  
<https://www.thewildhub.co.uk/event-details/family-wellbeing-day>

# Congratulations!

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

Reception: Evelyn G, Issa, Kaira & Sonny

Year 1: Nia & Bella

Year 2: Hugo, Oliwia & Joshua

Year 3: Isabell, Artiom, Zuzanna G and Rokas

Year 4: Tommy & Danielius

Year 5: Eva & Abby  
Year 6: Iulia & Kier

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Edwards

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Spring Term Dates**

February '25						
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- 3 Bikeability (4 days)  
4pm WN Boys Football League
- 5 Year 5 Blue Class Assembly
- 6 4pm Girls Football League
- 7 NSPCC Number Day  
**10am** Year 2 – Year 6 Mass with the Bishop – all welcome
- 11 Safer Internet Day
- 12 Year 2 Yellow Class Assembly
- 13 Year 5 and 2 Class Mass  
Year 1 trip to Lynn Museum
- 14 Break the Rules day**
- 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
- 7 PTA Quiz Night**
- 10 9:30 - 12:30pm Bee Netball Development Yr 4
- 11 Year 6 Trip to the Aviation Museum**
- 18 1 - 7pm Parents Evening - Yr 2, 3 and 6  
6 - 8pm Choir Performing at Schools Make Music @ Corn Exchange
- 19 Year 3 trip to the Library  
1pm - 7pm Parents Evening Year R, 1, 4 & 5
- 20 4 - 5pm Girl's Football League
- 21 Red Nose Day
- 23 8:30 - 3:15 County Music Festival in Norwich - Year 5 and KS2 Choir
- 24 - 26 Year 6 to Kingswood
- 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 10am Rock Steady Concert  
4pm Girl's Football League
- 4 End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)



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OUT MORE



Academic year 2024-25

# 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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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

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3.15pm - 5.45pm: £11.25  
3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6  
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**Dates:** 20th - 21st February 2025

**Times:** 09:00 - 15:00 (08:00 - 16:00 extended day)

**Price:** £16.14 (£21.52 Extended day)

**Ages:** 5 - 12

**Additional info:** Childcare Vouchers Accepted

## PLEASE BRING

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Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
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