



Registered Charity 1155711

Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of a wonderful spring term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on how much the children have grown and developed over the past few months. It has been a joy to watch their confidence blossom, friendships strengthen, and curiosity flourish through all of our learning and play experiences.

The children have shown fantastic progress in so many areas, from communication and social skills to their independence and creativity. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

We are already looking forward to an exciting and busy summer term ahead. The children will have the opportunity to experience our much-loved living eggs programme, where we will watch chicks hatch, as well as caring for caterpillars and observing their transformation into butterflies, always a magical experience for everyone!

We would like to wish you all a very happy and restful Easter break.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April.

Warmest wishes,

Helen



TAPESTRY



Remember to log in to your child's Tapestry profile to see all of their amazing learning, next steps and outdoor learning adventures from the spring term.

WARMER WEATHER



As the weather is becoming warmer, we kindly ask that all children arrive at pre-school with sun cream already applied in the morning.

If your child is staying with us for the full day, staff will reapply sun cream at lunchtime.

We also recommend that children come with a sun hat each day to help keep them protected while enjoying outdoor play.

INSTAGRAM



Follow us and show some love on Instagram!
stmartins_preschool

PUNCTUALITY

We kindly remind all parents and carers about the importance of punctuality at collection times. Pick-up is at 11:45am for the morning session and 3:15pm for the afternoon/all-day session.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can occasionally arise; however, we have noticed an increase in late collections recently. Regular lateness has a knock-on effect on staffing and impacts our ability to prepare effectively for the next session.

We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children are collected on time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WEEKLY THEMES

Here are some of the themes we will be exploring next half term...

- Spring



- At the Seaside

- The Jungle



- Around the World



- Pets



- Pirates



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

In the last week of next half term we will contact you to give you an opportunity to talk through next steps for your child's development and progress. Please keep an eye out for an email with booking instructions.



SHOW AND TELL

Next term, we are excited to invite the children to take part in 'Show and Tell'.

Each day, two children are invited to bring in something small from home to share with their friends. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop their communication and language skills, and practise both speaking and listening skills.

A note will be sent home with your child's show and tell date on..

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing what the children would like to share!

STAFFING

We would like to share that Frankie will be leaving us to pursue an exciting new career path in nursing.



While we are incredibly proud of Frankie and wish her every success in this next chapter, she will be greatly missed by both the children and the team. Frankie has been a valued member of our setting, and we are so grateful for all of her hard work, care, and dedication.

We are pleased to welcome Lindsey to our bank team. We look forward to Lindsey working with us and getting to know all of the children and families.





DRESS UP COSTUMES



We kindly ask that dress-up costumes from home are not worn into pre-school unless it is a planned dress-up day. We have identified that some costume materials create a health and safety risk when children are using our equipment.

Pre-school provides a selection of suitable dress-up items for children to access during their sessions. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment.

SUPPORTING TINA



Supporting Tina's London Landmarks Half Marathon Fundraiser

We are delighted to share that Tina will be taking part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday 12th April to raise money for the National Autistic Society—a cause that is very close our hearts.

If you would like to support Tina, donations can be made quickly and securely via her JustGiving page. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference, and if you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can be added to increase your donation at no extra cost.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/tina-fox-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Thank you for your kindness and support in helping Tina reach her fundraising goal!

SEPTEMBER 2026

If you have any family or friends looking for a pre-school place for September 2026, please pass on the details of our 'Stay and Play' session.

St Martin's
PRE-SCHOOL

Stay and Play Session

Looking for a September 2026 place?
Come and explore our warm, welcoming pre-school!

- Let your child enjoy fun, engaging activities
- Meet our friendly team
- Ask questions and learn about life at our pre-school

Wednesday 22nd April 2026
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Book your place: 01372 721111
We look forward to welcoming you!

The poster features a vibrant, cartoonish illustration of a pre-school setting. On the left, a boy in a blue shirt and shorts stands next to a blue toy train. In the center, a girl in a green dress holds a small brown dog. On the right, a girl is sliding down a yellow slide. The background is a bright green field with white daisies, a blue sky with white clouds, a rainbow, and a smiling sun.



SUMMER TERM EXCITEMENT



We are delighted to share some of the exciting experiences planned for the summer term!

- Living Eggs, where our children will be able to watch eggs hatch into chicks
- Caring for caterpillars and observing their transformation

Stay and Play Sessions and Sports Day

Dates for the Stay and Play sessions and Sports Day will take place in the second half of the summer term. These will be confirmed and shared with you after the Easter holidays.

We are very much looking forward to a fun, engaging, and memorable term for the children.



COLD PACKS



As the weather becomes warmer and to help keep packed lunches fresh and safe to eat, we kindly ask that you include an ice pack or cold pack in your child's lunch box each day.



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



In the Community:

- Rhyme Time and Story Time in Libraries - www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events
- Family Centre Stay and Play sessions - www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/family-centres
- Home Start and Dad Matters - www.homestartsurrey.org

Online:

- Best Start in Life - www.surreycc.gov.uk/beststartinlife - or QR code
- Surrey Family Information Service - www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families
- Support for your child in the early years - SCC Local Offer - www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/parents-and-carers/support-for-children-in-early-years
- Best Start in Life - www.beststartinlife.gov.uk
- Togetherness - www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/parenting/relationships/togetheronlinemodules
- CBeebies Parenting - www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting

Apps:

- Baby Buddy - www.babyzone.org.uk/baby-buddy
- Surrey Child and Family Health - www.surreychildandfamily.co.uk/surrey-child-and-family-app/
- Anya - www.anya.health/download/