



2 October 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster
& Deputy CEO

Headteacher's Comment:

It has been wonderful to see so many positive opportunities taking place across our school community.

Our Year 7 House Night was a fantastic start to the year, with over 200 pupils coming together to enjoy an evening of activities, competition and House spirit. Congratulations to Turner House on securing the first Inter-House victory of the year, and my thanks to our JLT and PIP helpers for helping to make the evening such a success.

Our Year 10, 12 and 13 Music pupils also benefited from an engaging careers seminar with Chris Allan from WaterBear College of Music. Providing pupils with an insight into the music industry and the range of skills and opportunities available is an important part of preparing them for their future pathways.

I am also delighted that we are able to offer a free Community Cooking Course at St Martin's, funded by the Council and open to parents, carers, relatives and family friends. It is another opportunity for us to strengthen our links with families and the wider community. Please see the flyer later in this edition for further information and details of how to sign up.

The Headteacher's gallery goes to Lola H, in Year 8, for winning the Global Championships for Cheerleading in Canada. Lola has also been selected to be part of Team England Youth Cheerleading 2026/2027.

Congratulations and well done!



Year 7 House Night

Our annual **Year 7 House Night** took place on Friday 25 September, with over 200 of our new Year 7 pupils enjoying an evening of fun, games, friendly competition and dancing! Pupils took part in a mini sports day, competing in relay races, egg-and-spoon races, football skills, sack races and a three-legged race.

Turner House were crowned the overall winners, securing the first Inter-House Competition victory of the year!

The evening also included a fantastic mascot design competition, along with plenty of sweets, smiles and House spirit.

It was wonderful to see so many pupils getting involved, making new friends and embracing life at St Martin's.

A huge thank you to all our **JLT and PIP helpers**, whose hard work and support helped make the evening such a success!



★ Free Community Cooking Course



FREE COMMUNITY COOKING COURSE



FREE OF
CHARGE

Healthy Cooking and Budgeting

Council-funded • Hosted at St Martin's School



COURSE DETAILS



Group 1 starts Thursday the 5th of November



Group 2 starts Thursday the 26th of November



5:00pm - 7:00pm



St Martin's School



3 sessions per group

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



All ingredients and equipment provided



Practical, easy family recipes



Tips for healthy cooking and saving money



Take home everything you cook each week



Learn Cook Take it home



INTERESTED? SIGN UP NOW

Places are limited. Complete the short
Microsoft Form to register your interest.



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★ Music Industry Careers Seminar

Last Wednesday, our Year 10, 12 and 13 Music pupils enjoyed a careers seminar delivered by Chris Allan from WaterBear College of Music. Chris shared his experience as a live performer, session musician and tutor, giving pupils valuable insight into careers within the UK music industry.

Pupils learned about the importance of developing a range of skills beyond musical performance, supported by real-world examples from grassroots music to stadium tours.

Thank you to Chris and WaterBear for an informative and engaging session.



★ Parent Updates

We currently have a large number of items in Lost Property, including **PE kits, trainers and shoes**. All items are being held at **Reception**. If your child has lost anything, please encourage them to visit Reception and check for their belongings.

Any unclaimed items will be held until Friday 16 October, after which they will be disposed of.

PMG Schoolwear still has discounted school uniforms available, click on the link here:

<https://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/school/stmartinsschoolbrentwood>



Dates for the Diary

- 07.10.2026 – Bright Futures Event commences
Ski Trip Parent Meeting South Hall 17:00
New York/DC Trip Parent Meeting North Hall 17:00
09.10.2026 – Year 10 Art Trip to Paris

Word of the Week Week 5 fortify



verb: To make something stronger, safer or better able to face challenges.

Sentence: Daily reading helps fortify your vocabulary and confidence.

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates



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5th - 16th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October
	Zones of Regulation Online Live 12:30 - 2:30pm	Understanding ASC in Children Online Live 6:30 - 8:30pm Managing Big Emotions Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Children's Anxiety Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Understanding Teens Anxiety Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October
	Family First Aid Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm		Family First Aid Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am	



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19th - 30th October 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Managing Anger in Young People Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Primary) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Separation Anxiety (Early Years) Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Managing Conflict at Home Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	Building Better Routines Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October
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