



# St. Martin's Class

Every act of kindness is like a seed that you plant in the world,  
and it has the power to grow and spread love

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and are ready for what promises to be a very busy and exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day**, visiting **Skillzone**, taking part in a **Mock Trials** competition, and enjoying the upcoming **Wildlife Quizzes**.

## Curriculum

This term, our learning will focus on "**Equality for All**". We will be exploring how everyone has a place in the world and how different cultures and races have worked towards fairness and justice. This theme supports our ongoing aim to help children understand the value of treating others with respect and compassion.

We will also continue our **Mock Trials** work during REACH Fridays, giving children the opportunity to develop confidence, critical thinking and teamwork.

## Reading

Reading remains a key priority, as it supports children's knowledge, writing skills and readiness for secondary school—not to mention their SATs in May.

We encourage all children to read **five times per week** to an adult outside school, as well as independently. Please record this in their yellow reading diaries. I check these every Friday, and children who meet the target earn stamps towards their reading awards.

Children are also welcome to join my **Tuesday lunchtime Reading Club**.

## Homework

Thank you for supporting your children with their homework. Each task is designed to strengthen their understanding and build confidence as we prepare for the demands of secondary school and the upcoming SATs.

Homework will be set every **Friday** on Teams and includes:

- **Spellings** - Practised at home for a weekly test every **Thursday**.
- **Maths** - Completed and handed in by **Wednesday**.
- **SPaG** - Set on *SPAG.com*. Children will bring home login cards. Regular use helps me identify areas where additional support may be needed.

## Outdoor Learning

As part of our REACH activities, outdoor learning will take place on selected **Fridays**. Children will be outside in most weathers, so please ensure they have **wellies/boots or old shoes** and a **waterproof coat**. These sessions are a great opportunity for teamwork, problem-solving and a deeper appreciation of the outdoors.

## General Reminders

### **Blog**

Please check our class blog for updates and photographs of our learning.

### **Water Bottles**

Children should bring a water bottle daily and may keep it on their desks.

### **Uniform**

We continue with **winter uniform**, including **grey** tights. Children wishing to go on the field will need wellies.

### **PE**

PE takes place on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kit (trainers, house-colour top and navy shorts).

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like a chat. I am usually available after school on the playground, or you can contact me via email (FAO Mrs Knight) through the Admin Team: **admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk**

Mrs Pickering and I would also like to thank you for your continued support. As always, the children continue to show such positivity, resilience and kindness—qualities we are proud to nurture throughout St Joseph's.

**With warm regards**

**Mrs Knight**

*Year 6 Teacher - St Martin's Class*