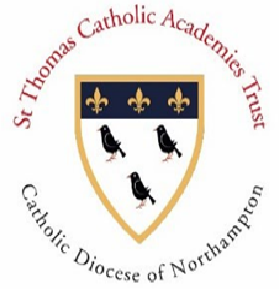




January 2026

Newsletter



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to January's Newsletter. Please take a moment to read this month's newsletter to stay informed and find out how you can support your child's journey at school.

Mrs Barnaville & Mrs Gallagher

Girls Football Team

Last Thursday our Year 5–6 girls' football team spent the day competing in a county tournament hosted by Luton Town Football Club, and they were absolutely brilliant! The girls showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day, with a particularly brilliant goal from our team captain, Sania. Well done Girls!

Teaching Talons

Teaching Talons, a Mobile Zoo experience for EYFS and KS1, visited our school yesterday, giving the children a wonderful hands-on opportunity to learn how animals adapt to their environments.

Pupils were fascinated by the range of creatures and showed great curiosity during the session.

This experience supported our science curriculum and encouraged thoughtful discussions across all classes.

For pictures of this, and other events in school, follow us on Instagram @smdpluton

Hello's , Goodbyes and Welcome Back's

This month we said a fond farewell to Mrs Scanlon as she and her family embark on an exciting new adventure in Australia. Mrs Scanlon has been a dedicated Teaching Assistant at St Martin's for over four years, supporting so many of our children with care and commitment. We thank her for everything she has brought to our school and send our very best wishes as she begins this new chapter.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Adedeji to our staff team next month, and we look forward to the wonderful contributions she will bring to our school community.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome back Mrs Bassett as she returned from maternity leave this week. She has been greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we are so happy to have her back with us.

Attendance

Please see below the attendance data for December

Please remember to consult our Attendance Policy for the correct process and time frame for you to request any Leave of Absence for your child. Under the new guidance, Leave of Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher in the most exceptional of circumstances and in accordance with your School's Attendance Policy.

A gentle reminder: Absences immediately before or after school holidays will be reviewed. We may ask for supporting information to help us record them accurately.

Class	%
Bears	94.0
Tigers	90.2
1M	95.3
1P	90.0
2M	94.5
2P	95.9
3M	98.6
3P	94.7
4M	97.2
4P	88.1
5M	98.6
5P	95.4
6M	94.4
6P	97.9
Total Average	94.8

COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please contact the class teacher via email at help@smdpluton.co.uk. Teachers are unable to speak with parents on the playground at the end of the day, as their priority is ensuring children are dismissed safely. They are often required to attend meetings, training, or clubs after school. They will respond to your message when they are able to give you the time and attention your query deserves.