

St Martins Day

St Martin was a Roman Soldier who on a bitterly cold winter's day saved a beggar's life by sharing his warm cloak with him, therefore saving him from freezing to death. The story of St Martin is one of compassion and it continues to shine a light on the importance of community. Every year in many parts of Germany and Austria there is a tradition for children to remember this good deed, to make lanterns and to walk with their lights, singing songs.



St Martin's Lantern Walk

To celebrate, JKPS usually have a procession where parents and children walk with their lit lanterns singing the much loved songs ending around the famous JKPS St Martin's bonfire! Unfortunately, this year due to COVID restrictions we are unable to do this. We would still like to encourage the children to make their own lanterns over the weekend (please find below some useful links on different ways of making lanterns) and celebrate within their family bubble. If your children would like to have their lantern on display in school, please bring along on Thursday 12th November and we will display them on the fence.

St Martin's Songs

Link to some of the songs that we usually sing:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiRiUD2J0mcq5gkiNEQUNMZrwBZso0Z64>

How to make a lantern

The links below provide some suggestions on how to make your own lantern at home:

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<https://www.redtedart.com/leaf-lanterns/><https://www.redtedart.com/leaf-lanterns/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K27-9aWm9Z4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j51s1AlqzM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcCyUw5lMyE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MA66wU17aX4&feature=youtu.be>

We look forward to seeing your beautiful lanterns!