



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

1 December 2023

I can't quite believe its 1 December already! We've got a few busy weeks left in school with lots of Christmas themed events to squeeze in!

Thank you to all the parents that attended our year 9 parents evening this week; all of our home—school communications are important particularly in year 9 when the students will be deciding on their final options choices for GCSE 's for year 10 and 11. Year 11 students today attended post 16 taster days at either North Shropshire College, Thomas Adams or Marches 6th forms to get a feel for the types of courses and providers they will apply to for September 2024.

Next week we are having to cancel our Christmas Jumper sale due to lack of donations but will still go ahead with Christmas jumper day on Friday (to be worn with school uniform instead of the purple sweatshirt/black jumper or blazer), £1 donation with monies raised split between MIND and Lingen Davies charities that are important to our students.

Do you need some time to get that Christmas shopping finished? On **Thursday 7th December**, we are holding a Christmas film night for pupils from **year 4 – 9. and by popular request a separate film for year 10 and 11. Both events will start at 4.15pm and end at 6.15pm.** Should students wish to stay in school at the end of the school day and have a hotdog before the film, the total cost will be £3.50. If students are going to go home after school as usual, and then return, the cost will be just £2. If they wish, students can bring a change of clothes to get changed in school if they are staying for a hotdog before the film. **Please make us aware of any dietary requirements when booking your child/ward's place.**

VILLAGE WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

AN EXCITING AND ENGAGING PROGRAMME OF FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12 YEARS

Lots of games and activities for children of all abilities

Children and young people are invited to join us to take part in lots of fun activities, sports and games, all supervised by fully qualified and DBS checked sports activity coaches and youth workers.

Limited places available. Registration essential. If your child would like to play football, please ensure they bring boots and shinpads (Gobowen and St Martins only).

The activities will be held on the following dates:

Wed 20th Dec	St Martins Centre	10:30am - 2:30pm
Thur 21st Dec	Whittington Senior Citizens Hall	12:30pm - 4:30pm
Tue 2nd Jan	Weston Rhyn Institute	1pm - 5pm
Wed 3rd Jan	Gobowen Pavilion & Playing Fields	1pm - 5pm

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire, funded by the Department for Education. Thanks also go to a number of other local funders who have provided additional support to enable our provision to be free for all children and young people attending. To find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to the HAF newsletter go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

Free food and beverages provided for all participants

FREE ENTRY

To book your place, visit: www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities

We will also be selling trays of ice cream on the night for students to enjoy whilst they watch the film. The cost will be £3 per tray, with the option of purchasing some toppings or an extra scoop for an additional 50p. Popcorn will also be available at a cost of 50p, and for a cost of 10p students can purchase a cup for juice and refill this as many times as they wish. We hope that bringing the students together for this festive celebration will be an enjoyable and memorable event for them; we look forward to welcoming them all!

Always a very popular evening, the whole school Christmas show takes place on Thursday 14 December from 6.30 pm—tickets are available to buy via parentpay for £2.50 each

Well done to our member of staff Ms Collins who has again smashed her Welsh swimming record at the European Championships last weekend bringing home 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal— fantastic!
Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy

To find out more about the Foundation, visit www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation or contact us at 01691 889791 or info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk.

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SPORTING UPDATE

VOTE FOR MEGAN!!

We are very proud that Megan from year 9 has been shortlisted by British Canoeing for **The Rising Star Award**, with only 3 shortlisted in the country. It's down to a public vote which is open until December 10th so we are sharing and asking friends and fellow students to vote for Megan.

A member of her local Shropshire Paddle sports club put the nomination forward and we all support her in school so get voting using the link below! Come on Megan!!!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0bN_49INwiRZ2Pa4M9zPXTC3wn6y-gVxgiH9PlcJ4QDoU5w/viewform

All year 7, 8 and 9 will be completing their swimming PE unit after Christmas and up to the Easter holidays.

Students will have one swim and one dry PE lesson per week. We have told your child when their swimming lesson is and these lessons will begin straight away after Christmas.

Please ensure they have the following equipment:

- Appropriate swim wear- a swimming costume or swim shorts (no bikinis) Students can wear t-shirts if they wish (any colour)
- A towel & Swimming hat and goggles

Whole school Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 12 December.

No need to book; for primary there will be no other food available. For secondary the break offering will be as usual and at lunch the hot option will be Christmas lunch or sandwiches/baguettes

The New Saints FC Foundation will again be offering free Holiday Activities and Food in St Martins as part of the DfE HAF programme over the Winter holidays. The activities will take place between 10.30am and 2.30pm at St Martins Centre on Wednesday 20th December. Book as soon as possible via this link : <https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities>

Children are also able to attend any of the other HAF sessions which we are offering over the Winter holidays. As part of our Rural Village HAF programme we will also be in the following locations:

Whittington - Thursday 21st December - 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Weston Rhyn - Tuesday 2nd January - 1pm to 5pm

Gobowen - Wednesday 3rd January - 1pm to 5pm

The tickets for the Primary Christmas plays will be given to the children on Monday. They are limited to two per family.

Year 5 will be holding a Christmas Sale on Wednesday 13 December. If you have any unwanted toys, games, Christmas decorations, toiletries sets that you would like to donate, please send them in with your child and they will be collected from classrooms. The sale will be open for pupils to buy during the day and then open later to parents/carers from 2.45pm until 3.45pm or whilst stocks last!





Christmas LUNCH

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Turkey/Gammon Christmas Lunch
Roast Turkey or Gammon with
Sticky Chipolata, Roasties,
Christmas Vegetable Medley &
Gravy
or
**Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry &
Cheese Puff Pastry**
with Roasties, Christmas
Vegetable Medley & Gravy

Cheshire Xmas Ice-Cream tub
or
White Chocolate Snowball Cookie

Primary £3.25 Secondary £3.50

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5-8 December —French trip

7 December—year 4 trip to Chirk Castle

8 December—Christmas jumper day, donation of £1 to be split between 2 charities MIND & Lingen Davies

12 December—whole school Christmas Lunch

14 December—whole school Xmas show 6.30pm start tickets available on parent pay £2.50

19 December—last day, normal finish time, no after school club—Fish & Chip lunch

3 January—PD day & 4 January—students return to school

Christmas at St Martins School

Nursery and Reception Classes—Friday 15 December in the Arts Centre (please sign in at our main Reception area). Doors open 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) - Thursday 14 December in the Arts Centre (please sign in at our main Reception area). Doors open 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) Please note there will be two performances, one for Years 3 and 4 parents/carers and one for Years 5 and 6 parents and carers.

The performance for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers and parents/carers who have children in 3/4 and 5/6 will take place on Tuesday 12th December in the Arts Centre. Please sign in at our main Reception area). Doors open 9.15am for 9.30 start.

The performance for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers will take place on Friday 15 December in the Arts Centre. Please sign in at our main Reception area. Doors open 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start.

Tickets for each performance will be issued nearer the time. There will be an allocation of 2 tickets per child. If you have children in Years 3/4 and year 5/6, you will be allocated tickets for the Year 3 and 4 performance as there are less children in these classes.

A Carol Service for **KS2 pupils and staff** will take place at St Martins Parish Church on Monday 18th December. If you **do not** wish for your child to take part in this, please email or speak to your child's class teacher. Your child will then remain in school with our KS1 children and staff.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 6.30pm. TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY AT £2.50