



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

It has been a busy week with Christmas Performances. I'm sure you'll agree that the children put in a lot of effort and were amazing. I would like to thank parents/carers for helping the children learn their lines, find costumes and come to watch such fantastic performances. The year 5 Christmas sale raised £107 and this together with money raised in the raffle will go to wards buying playground equipment in the new year. Again thank you to parents and carers for your generosity.



You may have seen our school choir at Stans and St Martins Church this week singing songs from the Christmas performances and carols. They also delighted the residents of Cedar Close with a performance.



In recognition of their hard work and dedication, our house champions were rewarded with an afternoon at Chirk castle ! They delved into the depths of the dungeons, and roamed around the beautifully decorated castle. They finished with a sweet treat and a hot chocolate at the café, and a wander around the gift and book shops. It was a very Christmassy celebration of our wonderful young people who have proved to be fantastic ambassadors for our school .

As well as making and selling Christmas cards Steven Evans Hughes took part in the Christmas illuminated tractor run in both Oswestry and Welshpool. ,it was a brilliant weekend, and Steven really enjoyed decorating the tractor, and continuing his fundraising for Lingen Davies charity.



The 318 Education Trust is inviting all parents , in all eight school's to complete a Parent Questionnaire. The questionnaire is based on the Ofsted parent questionnaire. If you can spare 5 minutes please do click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/r8w5q4bUfz> The link will remain open until the new year.

Our whole school Christmas show has been re scheduled to Thursday 25 January—perfect for that January pick me up! Tickets are still available via ParentPay.

This is the final newsletter for this year can I wish all our school and wider community a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year . See you on THURSDAY 4 JANUARY, Ms Lovecy

Pupils from Year 1 to 9 will begin swimming lessons in the spring term. Please can you ensure they have trunks/suitable one piece swimming costume . Yr 7-9 will also require goggles and a swim cap



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15 December 2023



GCSE Geography students went on a school trip this week looking at sustainability of the Christmas markets. Pupils were interviewing vendors and locals and will use their research in lessons.

A number of History students visited the "sick to death museum" that looked at health and medicine through time. This will support their learning in the History module that covers medicine in Britain.

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts.

For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online.

If you need any advice or support about on line safety please scan the QR code on the poster.

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

### It's Christmas Time!

**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**

**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**

**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Online Streaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**

**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**

**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**It's always best to be prepared**  
Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: 44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Children's Safeguarding Partnerships

**Skips** www.skipsafetynet.org



Times Tables Rock Stars has had an upgrade!

To ensure that students receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience they will need to upgrade as follows:

If using the website at home, parents please visit [play.trockstars.com/reset](https://play.trockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in their device's browser. Or parents can update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

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 20<sup>th</sup> December. Book 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:

Whittington - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 12.30pm to 4.30pm

Weston Rhyn - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - 1pm to 5pm

Gobowen - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - 1pm to 5pm

## VILLAGE WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

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

**Free food and beverages provided for all participants**

**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
Thu 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

**To book your place, visit:**  
[www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities](https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities)

**FREE ENTRY**

To find out more about the Foundation, visit [www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation](https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation) or contact us at 01691 889791 or [info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@tnsfcfoundation.org.uk).

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 December—last day, normal finish time , no after school club—Fish & Chip lunch  
NON UNIFORM—SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL BE DOING SPORTS SO MUST BRING/  
WEAR TRAINERS AND COMFORTABLE CLOTHING

3 January—PD day

4 January—students return to school

19 January—year 9 school leaver booster vaccinations

25 January—Christmas Show and staff panto ( new date)

30 and 31—Activate & Advance parents evenings

1 February—year 11 parents evening

2 & 3 February— Rewards trips

7 February—WOW day 2

12—16 February—half term

22 February—Bingo

26 February—World Book Day

29 February—Year 9 options evening—on line

4 March—MFL speaking Mock

11 March—yr 6 SATs mock

14 March—year 10 parents evening

25 March—Easter holidays begin

**New 2 you  
Baby and Childrens  
Preloved Christmas Event  
December 16th 2pm-3:30pm  
St martins school- sports hall**

**Preloved + Christmas stalls available**

St martins school-  
sports hall/centre  
Oswestry  
Shropshire  
SY10 7BD

• New & used  
baby & childrens items  
(pre-loved event)  
With added Festive/ craft stalls

• £2.00 entry - childrens FREE

• #shoplocal #community  
#New2youEvents

• Preloved + Christmas festive pitches available  
Preloved £15.00 fee/business £25.00 fee  
please email-new2you.events@gmail.com  
contact our social media platforms



**JOIN US ON SATURDAY FOR  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS &**



**SANTA'S GROTTTO**  
16th December  
St Martins Village Hall, SY11 3AY  
Craft making 12 noon - 4pm  
Meet Santa 2-4pm  
£1 Entry per child \* £2.50 Kids Meal Deal \* £2.50  
Santa's Grotto (inc gift) Refreshments available  
Proceeds to St Martins Village Hall Charity 1088872

