



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

28 February 2025

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our year 7 learning review evening yesterday which was an opportunity to meet not just tutors but subject teachers. There will be a school report towards the end of this academic year.

We are delighted to be gifted a beautiful stained glass window from Moors Chapel Lane, by the chapel steward Val Knowles. The chapel has recently closed. The window is absolutely stunning and a lovely piece of local history! We are just having a think where best to display it.

World Book day takes place next week on THURSDAY 6 MARCH—primary students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, which can include footballers!. There are some dressing up suggestions on the [world book day website](#). In Primary we will be sharing our favourite stories and teachers will share their favourite stories with other classes. We will be having an author visit on Wednesday from Sarah Parkinson which all primary children will take part in. There will also be a book swap so please encourage your child to bring in a book they have read to swap for another one! In secondary it is FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

**Monday**  
 Break: Year 7 Indoor Football  
 Lunch: Year 7 Indoor Football  
 After School: Badminton (CV), Drama Club 3.10-4.15 PM (HCP), Year 10/11 Science Revision 3.05-4.05 Pm (HS in S3), Year 10 GCSE French Revision (CV), Years 2-9 Pottery Club (EH & NP) 4 Weeks

**Tuesday**  
 Break: Year 8 Indoor Football  
 Lunch: Revision Café, Year 8 Indoor Football, Year 7/8 Invitation Maths Challenge (SS in M4), Science Revision (HS in S3)  
 After School: Netball (ZHJ), Year 9 D of E (Mid-April), Boys Football (JPO), GCSE Psychology (JHO), Year 11 Revision (ZM in Hub), School Band (CJ), Year 10 Spanish (ME)

**Wednesday**  
 Break: Year 9 Indoor Football  
 Lunch: Year 9 Indoor Football  
 After School: Chemistry Revision (MSS in S1), Trampoline/Table Tennis/Badminton (ZHJ), Art GCSE (NP), Year 11 Creative iMedia (JHO), Cadets 4 pm-6.15 pm (AM, KA, HS), GCSE D&T Catch Up 3.10-4pm (EH)

**Thursday**  
 Break: Year 10 Indoor Football  
 Lunch: Revision Café, Year 11 Indoor Football, Physics revision (ZW in S4)  
 After School: Staff Meetings

**Friday**  
 Break: Year 11 Indoor Football  
 Lunch: Revision Café, Year 10 Indoor Football, Trampoline (ZHJ)  
 After School: German Club (CV room with LS), Boys Rugby (JPO)

*After-school: Please sign up for the late bus Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday 8.30pm*

After school activities change on a regular basis here is the spring term offering for secondary students ([can also be found on the website](#)) There is a 'late bus' that school provides on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to enable students to stay for clubs. This can be booked each day via reception.

After school clubs for the primary phase will go live on ARBOR today at 6pm. They will start next week and have a fantastic

range of activities from Cross Country to Origami!

**The Sharing Sketchbook**

**How It Works:**

- When you get the sketchbook, add your own drawing, doodle, painting, or story.
- Look at the artwork from others—it might give you new ideas!
- Use any colours, shapes, or patterns you like. There's no wrong way to create!

• Have fun, be kind, and let's make something amazing together!

The new extension number for Breakfast (7.40am – 8.45am) and After School Club (3.25pm – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 3.25 pm – 4.30pm on a Friday) is **01691 776500 ext 306**. This number can be used to inform staff if you are running late or if someone else will be collecting your child.

Introducing Our Year 2 Sharing Sketchbook! A special book where children can take turns adding their own drawings, doodles, and creative ideas—building a wonderful collection of shared artwork. Watch their imaginations grow as they inspire each other! Look out for this coming home with your child!

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy



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Very well done to Demi Moreton who competed in a Vocal Solo section of the Oswestry Music Festival this week and was awarded First place out of 9 competitors.

She has been invited to sing at the Winners Concert on Sunday at Christ Church, Oswestry.



## LOCAL HERO AWARDS

The Oswestry Life Local Hero Awards honour and celebrate the person or persons who are and have been making significant contributions to our community, through their time, actions, talents and dedication. These awards are to celebrate the amazing things that local residents of all ages have done or are still doing to help make Oswestry a better and safer place to work and live.

The awards are to put the feel-good factor back into Oswestry and show how as a local community we can continue to support one another and rise up against challenges.

We would like to thank all the businesses that have kindly supported the magazine by sponsoring an award, therefore joining us in celebrating all the wonderful people, businesses and community groups that Oswestry has.

Special thanks go to the Flower Gallery, Pippo's Bakery and Widnall Bakery.

Congratulations to our very own local hero! Nathan Cutajar!



### BRAVERY AWARD

Sponsor: Tanat Valley & Light Railway  
Winner: Nathan Cutajar  
Nominated by: Alison Lee-Birch

During a day out with his mum, Nathan saw a young girl struggling to swim and was being taken under the water by the current. He swam over to her and managed to get her head above the water and swim with her in his arms until his mum was able to grab the girl and pull her onto the side. It happened in a split second, but he knew what he needed to do and didn't hesitate to help.



Nathan Cutajar from year 8 has been awarded a Bravery Award as part of Oswestry Life Local Hero awards for his bravery saving a young girl from the Horseshoe Falls, near Llangollen.

During a day out, he noticed that a young girl aged 5/6 was struggling in the water and started to go under. He swam over to her and brought her to the surface and took her to the water's edge where Nathan's mum helped her out. The girl was OK and parents were very appreciative.

## Dates for the diary

6 March—year 9 options evening on line

13 March—year 8 trip to a university

19 March—Welcome evening to new year 7 (2025) parents

3 April—BINGO

7 & 8 April—GCSE Art practical exam

8 & 9 April— Activate & Advance parents evenings

9-11 April—GCSE speaking exams for year 10

**10 April—nursery's last date before Easter**

10 & 11 April—Skool of Rock—whole school show (date change)

14-25 April—Easter Holidays

The Marches CAREERS HUB | THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY

### Understanding Local Market Intelligence (LMI): Supporting Your Child's Future

Helping your child to make informed decisions about their future.

Join our live broadcast to explore the local labour market and discover how you can support your child's next steps.

Topics:

- Why should parents/carers care about labour market information (LMI)
- LMI & Transition Decisions
- LMI for the Marches (Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin)
- Where to find LMI
- What next?

Wednesday 5th March  
09:15 - 10:00 (AVAILABLE ON DEMAND FROM 10:00AM)

Virtual Event  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN

www.marchescareershub.co.uk

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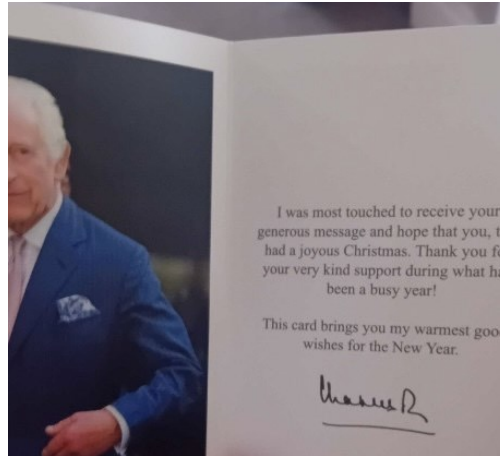
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One of our nursery pupils, Ava, took part in the school Christmas Card competition ... and won! Part of her prize was to have some cards printed with her design on.



Ava sent one of these cards to The King to wish him Happy Christmas.

She has just received a reply!

Thank you for sharing with us Ava this is a real treat!



Oswestry Town Council in partnership with SYA (Shropshire Youth Association) have set up Youth Forum for Oswestry. This is a chance for young people to share their opinions on issues that matter to them and get directly involved in discussions taking place at the Town Council. The long-term aim is to encourage input and involvement on specific topics and provide opportunities for young people to shape youth provision in Oswestry. The Youth Forum has a budget of £5000 to spend on agreed priorities and projects.

## ALL ABOUT YOUTH

If you are interested in getting involved, get in touch and help raise the profile on youth issues in Oswestry. The Forum is open to anyone aged 11 years up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and meetings currently take place half-termly, usually during school holidays. If you are a young person who would like to take part or know any young people who would like to contribute, please contact Corrie Davies on [corriedavies@oswestry-tc.gov.uk](mailto:corriedavies@oswestry-tc.gov.uk) or Amanda Hollinshead on [amanda@sya.org.uk](mailto:amanda@sya.org.uk)

How can we help you?



The Family Information Service provides info on all aspects of family life. From finding childcare and

things Find out more about the Family Info Service here: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/family-help-services/family-information-service/>

Scan the QR code to register OR Select Shropshire on our website [www.musicssquad.co.uk](http://www.musicssquad.co.uk)



MUSIC SQUAD

Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups)

We are absolutely thrilled to share that we're bringing the joy of music to St Martins Primary School with our uplifting piano lessons and after-school keyboard clubs, and we would love for you to join us!

Here's what you need to know:

- With Music Squad's exclusive Squad Star programme, all our Squaddies learn to read music properly. Without any of the stuffy.
- We prioritise communication and share weekly progress pictures and videos from the lessons so you'll always know exactly how your child is getting on.
- Brilliant and passionate musicians deliver all of our lessons and can support your child through recognised exams and regular performances (but no pressure).
- Signing up is hassle-free with our easy online registration and flexible monthly payments that you can cancel at any time.

**Day-time lessons**  
Piano lessons, but fun!

- Enjoy highly personalised, individual 20 minute lessons each week on Tuesdays, conveniently held at your school during the school day (no more school night commitments)
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for just £15.32 per week.

**After-school club**  
Discover music with friends

- Tuesday after-school until 4.30pm
- As well as learning to read music, the small group (10 max) will enjoy musical games, activities and enjoy learning pop songs as a group ensemble
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for only £9.95 per week.

To secure your spot, register online today at [www.musicssquad.co.uk](http://www.musicssquad.co.uk) and click 'Register now' on the Shropshire branch. Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

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