

ST MARTINS SCHOOL



11 July 2025



At last, the weather was on our side for both sports days this year with primary taking place last week (see last weeks newsletter) and secondary this week.

Students gave it their all in a full day of exciting track and field events, from sprints and relays to long jump, discus, and shot put.

House spirit was on full display, with loud cheers and fantastic support echoing across the field as teams rallied behind their house colours. It was a brilliant celebration. A huge well done to all our students for their effort and enthusiasm, and thank you to everyone who came along to support.



Our community engagement programme, supported by Paul Newman from *Be a Better Fish* in Oswestry, continues to grow in popularity among our Year 10 and 11 students.

In recent weeks, students have been actively volunteering at charity events held at Oswestry Memorial Hall. Most recently, three of our Year 10 students – Anna, Alesha, and Izzy – along with recent Year 11 leaver Bethany, lent a hand at the **Great Cake-Off**, part of the Oswestry Food and Drink Festival.



It was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and community spirit – a brilliant example of how St Martins students are making a positive impact locally.



Ms Lovecy receiving the VIP treatment for her final primary sports day!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

14-16 July—yr 5 trip

17 July—Summer Showcase and head teacher awards—letters will be sent to award winners on Monday!/ last day for nursery

18 July—last day before summer holidays—non uniform
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
22– 26 JUNE 2026



We would like to thank Laura at Usborne Books who delivered a bundle of gorgeous brand-new copies of various book titles.

Laura was able to gift these thanks to the kind funding from the 'Let's Sing Be Happy Chirk Community Singing Group'. We gave the books to 5 of our Star Readers over the year (from a mixture of primary and secondary) and wrapped them to increase the excitement! Pictured is Isabella, from year 8, who is one of the Star Readers we have mentioned. We hope all of our Star Readers will enjoy reading their new books over the summer! There are some great things happening in Oswestry library over the summer including the summer reading challenge!

Oswestry Library
Arthur Street SY11 1JN
oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk
01743 250351

Story Garden! Summer Reading Challenge

Children can register for the Story Garden Reading Challenge from 5 July to read 6 books and collect their rewards. (Shropshire's official launch is 19 July)

All children who are a member of the library can join the Reading Challenge over the summer holidays.

Join the library (if not a member)

- Fill in a Challenge registration card
- Pick up your sticker book and set your reading challenge goal (6 books recommended)
- Choose your library books
- Collect your free stickers along the way
- On completion, receive a medal and certificate
- Visit the Summer Reading Challenge website www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
- Visit our eLibrary for eBooks and e-audio - they are included in the challenge www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-book/e-library

Children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult to all activities.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Get ready for a reading adventure!

Story Garden! Illustrations by Daphne Adkins and © The Reading Agency 2025



Some great skills being shown at the recent Bikeability sessions held at

school with our early years classes. *Bikeability skills are crucial for early years children as they foster independence, boost confidence, and promote physical and mental well-being. Learning to cycle early on encourages healthy habits, social skills, and a sense of responsibility, while also providing a foundation for safe cycling in later life.*



Student Support Services Assistant Term Time only (32.5hrs per wk) Grade 7

(£21,030 term time only plus 1 week) Permanent



We are seeking a compassionate, dedicated, and highly organised individual to join our pastoral team in this key role. As Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), you will work closely under the guidance of the Student Support Services Manager to support safeguarding practices across the school. You will also coordinate support for Looked-After and Previously Looked-After Children, ensuring they receive the pastoral and educational care needed to thrive.

Full details of the vacancy can be found in the Applicant Information Pack available on the school website www.stmartins3-16.org/school-information/job-vacancies/ along with our Application Form.

Please contact clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk with any queries or if you would like this Information emailed to you.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. Thursday 17 July but interviews will be scheduled upon receipt and review of a sufficient number of applications.

St Martins School
Moors Bank, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7BD
01691 776500 - www.stmartins3-16.org

There is a consultation being carried out by Shropshire Council about proposed changes to some speed limits in St Martins.

Please find more details here: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/st-martins-school-20mph-and-40mph-speed-limits/>

Board Gaming with Mark!
Tues 2-4pm (HUB area)

22 & 29 July 5, 12 & 19 Aug

Drop in for some board gaming fun! Ages 5+, free drop in

Storytime in the Willow Garden

Wed 23 July & Wed 6 Aug
10.15-10.45am

Friday 8 Aug
1.30-2pm

Join us for some garden-themed stories in the Willow Garden, opposite the library **Pre-school+, drop in**

Wildlife Trust
29 July 2-3pm
Ages 5+, drop in

Crafts at the Library

1.30-2.30pm Thurs 24 July & Tues 12 Aug (different craft) **Age 5+, drop in**
2-2.30pm Sat 9 & 23 Aug (same craft)
Crafting fun! **Age 7yrs and up, booking**

Lego Extravaganza with Rob!
Tue 5 August 2-3pm

Come and build a lego masterpiece with professional Lego man, Rob
Spinks! **Ages 5-11 only.**

Planting in the Willow Garden
Monday 21 July 10.30-11.30am
Age 5+, free drop in

St John's Ambulance

TBC

Learn first aid! **Ages 5+, free drop in**

Bluey Storytime

Thu 14 & 28 Aug 2-3.30pm

Storytime with Bluey!

Drop-in, all ages welcome

Stories in the OSNosh Garden

Wed 20 Aug 11.30-12noon

Join us for stories in the OSNosh

Garden (at the Centre)

Ages 5-11 free drop in

Woodland Roots

Mon 4 Aug, 9.30, 10.30 & 12.30

Join Woodland Roots in the Willow Garden for a 60 min intro to bushcraft, stories and outdoor activities. Marshmallow toasting weather permitting!
£4 per child, Age 5+, booking
ESSENTIAL (book with Woodland roots directly on their website)

Collage Garden Wed 6 Aug 2-4pm
Join OSMAKES to make a garden collage!
Ages 5-11, free drop in

Climate Action Hub

Wed 13 Aug 11-12am

Join CAH for a seed craft and t-shirt printing (bring a t-shirt)

Ages 5-11, free drop in

Chirk Swifts

Mon 28 July 10-10.45AM

Come to learn about swifts!

Age 5+, free drop in

Storytime with Flossy!

Thur 31 July 2-2.30pm Come

and listen to stories, with Flossy the

therapy dog! **Ages 3+, free drop in**

Piano sing along!

Friday 1 & 15 Aug 1-1.30pm

Piano sing-along for children

All ages, free drop in

What Happens on the Farm!

Wed 13 Aug, 1.30pm

Find out what happens on a farm

with Babbinswood!

Ages 5-11, free drop in

Mark Bardsley!

Workshop: Tue 19 Aug 2-3pm

Join Mark all day Tue 19th and Wed 20 Aug for pet caricatures for sale, or attend his special free cartoon workshop on Tuesday. **Ages 5+, book for workshop**

Chess Club

Mon 4 Sat 16 & Fri 22 Aug 10-11am

Chess for young children.

Age 7+, free drop in

Learn about Composting!

Fri 25 July & Fri 22 Aug

2-3pm Join us for story time in our composting corner. Learn all about the critters in the compost and the magical methods of nature for recycling our waste. There will be activity sheets, games, books and planting. **Ages 5-11, free drop in**

Chakra Workshop

23 & 30 July

6 & 20 Aug 2-3.30pm

Parental supervision under 8. No pre booking - all welcome. Come to balance your energy with some breath work and creativity, connect through the magic of chakras! **Free Family event**

Primary pupils will be bringing all their books home during next week. Please can parents/carers send in a strong carrier bag, thank you.

Brooklands Ice Cream Van will be in the primary car park on Wednesday 16th July from 3pm. Scoops are £3.50.