

ST MARTINS SCHOOL



7 November 2025

In the wake of the recent fire, our school community has faced one of its toughest challenges — and come through it stronger than ever.

We want to extend our deepest thanks to you all. Your patience, understanding, and unwavering support have meant the world to us. Students have shown incredible resilience, adapting to change with maturity and courage. Parents and carers — your encouragement, flexibility, and kindness have helped carry us through.

Thanks to the combined efforts of staff, families, and the wider community, we're delighted to welcome all students back on site by Friday, 7 November. This moment is more than a return to classrooms — it's a celebration of what we can achieve together.

From all of us at the school: thank you. We are so proud to be part of this community.

As you may know, we've experienced some IT challenges this week. We want to reassure parents that the school remains fully able to respond to emails and contact you whenever necessary. Teaching and learning have continued as normal, and there has been minimal disruption to classroom activities. Parent pay accounts for food purchased this week will be updated today. Please check your account ready for next week





School welcomed author Donna David with her book Would You Rather? Dinosaurs!: A super silly this-or-that choosing game! She held an interactive workshop and signed books!

Temporary Reception and Parking Update -Our temporary reception, located in the building next to the main car park, will remain in place until at least the end of this term.

- **Early Collection:** If you need to collect your child early, please allow extra time for staff to bring your child to reception.
- **Dropping Off Items:** Staff will do their best to deliver lunches, medication, or kit to your child promptly, but we cannot guarantee immediate delivery.

Parking Restrictions: To ensure safety and accommodate school transport, the car parks will remain closed to parents as all available space is currently in use. We will continue to monitor the situation and inform parents and carers if plans change. Please consider using Stans, Lens Plaice, or the Cross Keys as alternatives. Morlas Meadows is an unadopted road—please do not use this for parking.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope



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U13 North Shropshire Netball Tournament players were:

Tegan Thomas, Taylor Thomas, Rita Tomkewycz, Sienna Watkins, Jemima Deakin, Maggie Pimble, Martha Hughes, Jasmine Cookman. This team developed through the group stages, drawing with Lakelands school. Special credit to the defenders Jasmine Cookman and Sienna Watkins. Sienna was also awarded the most nominated player's player.

U15 North Shropshire Netball Tournament players were:

Charlotte Jerrard Davies, Niamh Evans, Isobel Arnold-Hughes, Aku Otuo Serebour, Mair Hughes, Lilly Wright, Phoebe Vickers. These girls played against bigger squads in the group stages and did not have the luxury of swapping new players on and off games to rest players. I am sure that when they play again they would appreciate all eligible players to unite with them and compete in a more equal manner. Aku Otuo Serebour was nominated as their players player.

Year 9 Netball match away against Dinas Bran players were:

Isabella Davies, Lily Tudor, Lowri Hall, Lia Nunnerly, Ella Harrison, Violet Thomas-Evans, Zara Higman, Megan Vaughan, Nola Reese, Freya MacKune, Hannah Newman, Daisy Roberts. These girls played a series of tournament style games changing on and off court. They fought hard against an experienced squad that play against women in the adult league and at higher levels for their age range. Credit to these girls for keeping their dignity and trying to change positions to perform better. Unfortunately they did not win but hopefully they will understand why and know their worth. The fun picture they came up with absolutely encapsulates the spirit of our school. Wonderful!

Year 8 Netball match away against Dinas Bran players were:

Hannah Williams, Rita Tomkewycz, Taylor Thomas, Tegan Thomas, Jemima Deakin, Maggie Pimble, Isla Jones, Sienna Watkins.

These girls played a series of tournament style games changing on and off court. They were competitive, skillful and determined. This was truly a team effort. Fantastic scoring from Hannah and Taylor. Outstanding defence from Sienna for which she was awarded player's player. Beautiful link work from Tegan as centre. Great interceptions from all players which allowed the shooters to score. Final score 3-14 to St. Martins. Celebration!



Great team efforts from all these girls especially considering no netball lessons and club since school arrangements have changed. Immensely proud of them!



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