



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

28 November 2025

We were delighted to attend the reopening event at Dobbies Garden Centre this week. Our school was one of four local organisations chosen to receive a free Community Christmas Tree—a wonderful gesture to bring festive cheer!



A heartfelt thank you goes to our colleague Martine Grieve, whose thoughtful nomination which was one of 70, recognised the challenges our staff and students have faced since the fire.

The tree will take pride of place in our new diner so that every student can enjoy it throughout the festive season.

Students are encouraged to sign up to the Bauble Painting afternoon to make some decorations which will make the tree truly special!

There is still time to book a place on the primary St Martins (village) shuttle bus—please use this link [Shuttle Bus Place Request Form – Fill out form](#)

And please complete the travel to school survey—: [School Travel and Distance Survey for Parents – Fill in form](#)

We didn't include a link for our Wrexham students to check their eligibility for school transport please use this link [School transport | Wrexham County Borough Council](#), and for shropshire residents its [School transport | Shropshire Council](#)



St Martins School TOUR OF PRIMARY *Wednesday 3 December at 4pm*

Please report to the Primary Studio which is at the rear of the smaller primary carpark



01691 776500



www.stmartins3-16.org

The Just a reminder that students in secondary are spending more time outside either moving from class to class or at breaks and lunchtime, please encourage your child to bring a coat to school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope





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We will be hosting a MINI XMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 9th DECEMBER at the Miners Institute in St Martins. Further details about how to purchase tickets will follow. £3 each, 6.00pm start, students to be accompanied by a parent/carer

Christmas at St Martins School

Nursery : Wednesday 10th December 2pm – 2 tickets per pupil – please sign in at the Studio door

Reception: Thursday 11th December 2.30pm – 2 tickets per pupil – please sign in at the Studio door

Years 1 and 2 – Wednesday 17th December – 2.15pm – At St Martins Parish Church

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Thursday 18 December – 2.15pm – At St Martins Parish Church

Further information will follow regarding clothing and permissions.

Pantomimes

Wednesday 10th December – KS1 and Year 3 (Mrs Pritchard's Class) visit to Pantomime – tickets available on Parent Pay – normal homework arrangements

Wednesday 12th December – Year 3/4, 5/6 and Year 6 visit to Pantomime – tickets available on Parent Pay

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school or Free School Meals can be ordered by emailing class teachers.

A snack and drink will be provided by school.

Pupils should wear their normal school uniform but can bring a Christmas hat or headband if they wish.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December – pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas dinner – whole school

The last day of term will be non uniform for primary pupils only as there will be class parties.

Christmas Card Competition

Open to All Ages at St Martins
School 3 to 16

Hand-in Deadline
1st December

Submit to Miss Price or Your Primary
Teacher

HOUSE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Do you love Christmas trees as much as we do?
Then you'll love this winter competition!

Task: create/design a Christmas tree. It can be made out of ANY material, any colour, 2D or 3D. Unique trees welcome!

Give your entry to your class teacher/tutor before **Friday 12th December** to be in with a chance of winning! There will be two winners from each house (8 winners in total!)

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VILLAGE WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

AN EXCITING AND ENGAGING PROGRAMME OF FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR SIX

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:

Mon 22nd Dec	Gobowen Pavilion & Playing Fields 1pm - 5pm
Tue 23rd Dec	Weston Rhyn Institute 1pm - 5pm
Tue 30th Dec	St Martins Centre 1pm - 5pm
Mon 5th Jan	Whittington Senior Citizens Hall 10am - 2pm



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.

To book your place, visit:
www.tnsfcreg.uk/foundation-events



FREE ENTRY

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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WHITTINGTON WINTER YOUTH EVENTS!

Join us over the winter holidays to take part in a range of fun activities at Whittington Senior Citizens Hall and Park Hall Stadium.

There will be a Nintendo Switch, table tennis, bingo, and plenty of games and activities to enjoy, along with space to relax and spend time with friends, or join us for a game of footie at Park Hall Stadium

Come along and get involved - everyone is welcome!
We have free food on offer too!

Whittington Senior Citizens Hall
Monday 5th January 2026

3pm to 5pm. Anyone aged between 10-16 is welcome to join us!

Park Hall Stadium
Friday 2nd January 2026

Teen Football
2pm to 4pm
(11 - 16 years)

Register to attend at: <https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities>



Dates for the diary

- 11 December—year 10 parents evening
- 16 December—whole school Xmas lunch day
- 17 December—Flu vaccines
- 18 December last day for nursery
- 19 December—last day NON uniform primary
- 5 January—first day back
- 15 January—year 9 parents evening
- 21 January—year 10 mock interviews
- 28 January—Year 9 DTP boosters
- 11 February—Moreton Hall careers fair for some yr 11
- 16-20 February half term



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Lunchtime Assistant

12 hrs per week, Term Time Only
Salary Grade 2, Point 2
(£6,665 per annum/£12.65 per hour)
Required As Soon As Possible

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a cheerful and approachable person to join our Lunchtime Supervisory team.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills and be able to communicate in a professional but friendly manner to both students and staff.

Full details of the post 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@stm318education.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 3rd December 2025 – interviews will be soon after

What we can offer you:

Willingness to support your completion of further professional qualifications.
The opportunity to develop your career further, as part of a growing Trust.

The 3-18 Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

In line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), online checks will be carried out on the successful applicant

