



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

27 February 2026

The move back to our permanent reception and admin area has been welcomed this week and marks the start of school getting back to some of the buildings and areas affected by the fire. Work continues in the Hub,. In other areas of school, work is due to start in May following a tendering process. I will keep you updated .

Following the recent fire, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by our local community. At what has been an incredibly challenging time, the support we have received has reinforced the strength and kindness of our local community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to STAR Housing, who have generously donated bookshelves, bean bags and book vouchers to help us replenish our library/Hub. These contributions will make a real difference to our pupils, creating a welcoming and comfortable space for reading and learning as we continue our recovery.

STAR Housing have utilised both their Hardship Fund and Social Values Fund to provide this support, demonstrating a strong commitment to the wellbeing of children, families and the wider community.

Acts of kindness such as this remind us that our school is not facing recovery alone.

We are extremely grateful to STAR Housing and to everyone in the community who has offered help, encouragement and support following the fire.



Continuing with the book theme, World Book Day is on **Thursday 5 March** – **ALL pupils** and staff are invited to dress as a character from a book and bring in their favourite book to share. **There is a £1 donation or a book donation to go towards our library. Pupils that do not wish to dress up as a book character must wear full school uniform.**

There will be book and reading themed activities during the day and I look forward to seeing the costumes and sharing some photos of these next week.

This week we are relaunching our **school council** for years 7-11 with pupils being appointed to represent their tutor group. For year 1-6 we will have a representative from each house to work with Mrs Jones as House Champions.

We are also introducing **student leadership** positions for year 10. They will carry this through to year 11 with roles involving representing the school and their house. Please see letter on the website for more information, using this [link](#).

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope

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Dates for the diary

- 5 March—year 11 parents evening
- 12 March—year 8 university trip
- 23 & 24 March—whole school show Oliver Twist
- 24 & 26 March—primary parents evenings
- 30 March—easter holidays begin
- 30—2 April—Holland trip
- 13 April—school re opens after easter

Easter Service times for primary students have been confirmed and are as follows:

Tuesday 24th March, KS1, At St Martins Parish Church 2:15pm (Years 1&2)

Wednesday 25th March, KS2, At St Martins Parish Church 2:15pm (Years 3,4,5,6)

Further details will come out nearer the time regarding consent and collection arrangements.

26th March, EYFS, In school, with Rev. Jermy, just for the children.

Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a fun filled TNS assembly, followed by Active 5 sessions in each class and a chance to meet mascots Friday the Dragon and Ozzy the Lion. All primary pupils who took part today will also be invited to join the mascots at a match to demonstrate the Active 5 on the pitch at half—time, with further details to follow.

FOOD FESTIVAL

WORLD BOOK DAY

5th March

Neverland Beef Burger
with Wedges and Magic BBQ Beans

Or

Jack's Beanstalk Bean Burrito
with Wedges and Garden Salad

And

Paddington's Orange
Marmalade Sponge



All primary classes are invited to make an A4 picture, to be submitted by Friday the 13th of March. Please hand your entry to your class teacher, making sure your name and class are on the back of your picture. The theme this month is Easter, so things like eggs, chicks and bunnies would be lovely. An example is on the winners board.

The winner from KS1 and KS2 will be featured on the board opposite Mrs Jones office and will get a chocolate surprise!

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Monday

Break:

- Year 7 Indoor Football

Lunch:

- Year 7 Badminton
- LAT room - Quiet space and reading room

After School:

- DMi - KS3 Drama club
- CV - yr10 & yr11 Sports Science Revision in CV room
- HS, KA, McK - Yr10 & 11 Maths and Science
- CV - French MFL 1 & MEd - GCSE Spanish MFL 2
- AM - Drama Club (yr 5-11), 3.05pm - 4.15pm
- JW - IT room for homework until 4:00

Tuesday

Break:

- Year 8 Indoor Football

Lunch:

- Year 8 Badminton
- Creative Writing Club (LR)
- NP - GCSE Art Club

After School:

- Netball (ZHJ)
- JPO & Mr Wall - Football Girls and Boys
- GCSE revision (ZM and McK when possible)
- School Band (CJ)

Wednesday

Break:

- Year 9 Indoor Football

Lunch:

- Year 9 Badminton
- ZHJ - lunch time Cross Country All Years

After School:

- JMa / LAT / MM / ZW - House Club, JMa room
- KA - 20mins of Maths Watch, JMa room
- ZHJ - Girls sports matches / yr6 girls netball
- NP - GCSE Art Club
- EH - Pottery Club (yrs 4 - 8 to be confirmed)
- AM, KA, HS - Cadets (yrs 8-11), 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

Break:

- Year 10 Indoor Football

Lunch:

- Year 10 Badminton
- FRENCH & SPANISH - BD CY and LG
- ZHJ - lunch time 1.40pm - 2pm Just Dance (Dance studio)

Friday

Break:

- Year 11 Indoor Football

Lunch:

- Year 11 Badminton

Afterschool: Please sign up for the late bus Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 4.20pm

Kids Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service

Kids offer warm, supportive services for parent carers and families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Shropshire. We help provide families with practical tools, emotional support and confidence to help families thrive.

"Kids are here to support families every step of the way."

Families can access a bespoke package of support including:

- Riding the Rapids programme
- Coffee mornings and drop-in sessions
- Neurodivergency workshops
- Autism, ADHD and Demand Avoidance Workshops
- EBSA workshops
- Sleep support
- Behaviour workshops
- One-to-one support

Child and young person:

- Understanding Me - group sessions
- LEGO® therapy sessions
- Managing emotions and feelings therapeutic activities/sessions

Kids Disabled children say we can

Registered office: 249 Birmingham Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield B72 1EA
Company limited by guarantee no: 1346252
Registered charity number: 275936

Tel: 01743 644506
Email: kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for a relaxed coffee morning on Tuesday 3rd March where we'll be chatting about school attendance and the support available to help your child thrive.

Whether you have questions, concerns, or just want to learn more, this is a great opportunity to connect with staff in a friendly, informal setting.

Location: St Martins school

Date : 3rd March

Time: 9-10am