



# ST MARTINS SCHOOL

17 April 2026

## Holland Sports Tour – Easter Break

Over the Easter break, 31 students from Years 9 and 10 took part in a fantastic four-day sports tour to Centre Parcs in the Netherlands. We are incredibly proud of all the students who represented the school. Throughout the trip, their behaviour, attitude and effort were outstanding, and they were a real credit to themselves and to our school.

Our netball and football teams competed against very strong opposition and performed exceptionally well, showing great resilience, teamwork and determination in every fixture. We were delighted to receive the following email from another school who shared the tour with us:

*“Your students and staff are an absolute credit to your school. There were many schools on this trip, but my colleagues and I were extremely impressed with how your students conducted themselves. They were polite, respectful and showed high levels of resilience. I’ve run this sort of trip several times and your school is one of the only ones I’ve been truly impressed with.”*

A huge thank you to Ms Weaver, Ms Owen, Mr Powell and Mr Ward for giving up their time to support the trip. The students really appreciated everything you did to make the experience such a success.

Well done to everyone involved! We hope to run this trip again.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have contributed their feedback and insights about Behaviour and expectations, Uniform, Mobile phones and Changes to the Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) guidance. We are collating this feedback and findings and actions in the next few weeks.

I have been consulting with the headteacher at Weston Rhyn Primary and Shropshire Council about proposed changes to school transport for secondary students from Weston Rhyn. The letter for parents can be found on our [website](#). When I receive an update from Shropshire Council I will inform parents.

The new primary and secondary break/lunch menu's are on the website—click on these links to the page on the [website](#).  
Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope



## Dates for the diary

- 30 April—year 8 parents evening
- 4 May—bank holiday
- 5-8 May English speaking exams for year 10
- 11 May—SATs week for year 6
- 11 May—written GCSE exams start for year 11
- 18 May mock interview for year 10
- 21 May—vaccinations for year 8
- 25-29 May—half term
- 1 June—KS1 SATs
- 15 June—year 11 leavers assembly
- 17 June—GCSE exams finish
- 18 June—year 7 parents evening
- 22 June—year 10 work experience week
- 22– June whole school enrichment week
- 23 June—year 11 Prom at Lion Quays
- 27 June—3 July—Cadet camp
- 29 June—Primary sports day
- 30 June—secondary sports day
- 6-7 July—year 7 (September 2026) taster days
- 13 July—year 6 “move up “ assembly
- 14 July—sports day reserve
- 22 July—Last day
- 2 September—return to school for autumn term

**A huge well done to all GCSE Art students.** Our GCSE Art students have been outstanding during their two-day, 10-hour exam. They demonstrated excellent commitment, focus, and resilience throughout, and it has been fantastic to see their ideas develop into such thoughtful final pieces. I am incredibly proud of the progress they have made and the effort they have shown—very well done to all of them.

Miss Price and Mrs Herbert

PRIMARY after school club's list will go live today on Arbor, with the clubs starting next week

## More photos from the Sports Trip



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Music Squad lessons take place in school for primary students—please see poster for more information or contact school

## Keyboard Club and Day-time piano lessons in your school now!

Limited spaces available!

Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups)

The emotional, wellbeing and confidence benefits children can get from piano lessons are immense. But traditional, stuffy piano lessons don't cut it... which is where we come in. We haven't invented piano lessons, just really good ones!

### Day-time piano lessons

*Like normal piano lessons, but fun!*

- Weekly one-to-one piano lessons, totally personalised
- Delivered at school during the school day = no extra after-school stress!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for just £15.90 per week

### After-school keyboard club

*Unique, relaxed group setting*

- 1 hour club every Tuesday until 4.15pm
- Small group (10 max) learn to play musical games, activities and pop song performances as a class band!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience from £10.30 per week

Whichever format you choose, you can expect:

- Learn to play the piano and read music properly - without any of the stuffy!
- Regular picture and video progress updates, straight to you
- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate, engaging musicians
- Support through recognised exams (but no pressure)
- Easy online sign-up and flexible monthly payments, cancellable anytime.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.musicsquad.co.uk](http://www.musicsquad.co.uk) and click 'Register now' on the Shropshire branch.

From,  
Laeti Amodio- Music Squad Shropshire, Squad Owner

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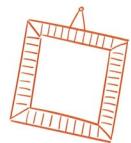


EVERY FRIDAY 10.30-11AM  
OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Join us for a delightful storytime followed by fun colouring activities!

Free drop-in

Suitable for children under 8. Parental supervision required



## TRUST SCHOOLS' ART CHALLENGE

Can you help us decorate our central Trust office?

Create a piece of artwork at home over the Easter holidays. Selected pieces will be showcased in our Trust office for staff and visitors to enjoy!

PRIZES: £10 AMAZON VOUCHER FOR EACH SELECTED ARTWORK



SUBMIT ENTRIES TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026



## Art competition deadline extended to 1 MAY!!!

