



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

16 October 2026

What a fantastic Open Evening! A huge thank you to all our students who gave their time to support the evening and helped us welcome so many prospective Year 7 students and their families. You were wonderful ambassadors for our school!.

It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase how far our school has come, the improvements already made, and our exciting plans for the future. With the rebuild due to be completed early next year, the best is still to come!

You will notice some improvements to the planters outside of school, they have been tidied up and work has started in planting out a variety of colourful plants. Thank you to Heather Lloyd and the St Martins Rainbows for planting some bulbs as part of their weekly session this week. We look forward to the Spring when we will see the results.



It was wonderful to see members of our Primary Choir supporting our local community last Friday, joining the Porthywaen Youth and Training Band for a performance at the Methodist Church, Ellesmere Road.

The evening helped to raise an amazing £350 for church funds. Well done to everyone involved!



We're incredibly proud of the children who took part in the Junior National Reading Quiz this morning. They did a brilliant job representing St Martins and, with 22 teams competing, secured 16th place. Well done, super readers!

Please avoid parking in the bus stop as this prevents the Arriva bus pulling in safely. **Can I remind parents that there is no parking in Morlas Meadows; it is for residents only. There is no longer any parent parking available before or after school at Lens Plaice. or The Keys.**

Thankyou for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Pope

Dates for the diary

HALF TERM 19 OCTOBER—30 OCTOBER—PD day 2 NOVEMBER

3 November- students return to school

26 November—secondary flu vaccinations

3 November—GCSE tips session in school

9 and 12 November—Primary Parents evening

16 November—GCSE mocks exams start

27 November—mocks finish—YEAR 11 Taster days to either Thomas Adams or North Shropshire College

7 and 8 December year 4 parents evening

15 December—Whole school Christmas lunch

18 December—last day normal finish time

4 January—return to school for all

5 January—NURSERY RETURNS



Join Our PTA!

The St Martins PTA exists to support the education and wellbeing of pupils.

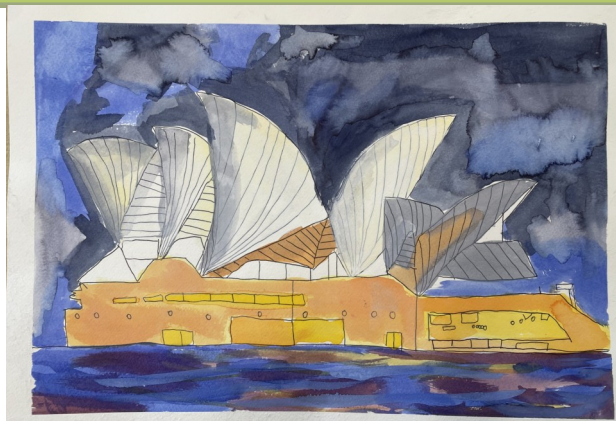
Help us raise funds for the school and organise fun events!

Contact school for more details

WHATS COMING UP!

Fire Drill Practise - Pupils have been shown what to expect by their teachers and we've also prepared a useful resource on the [website](#).

Are you a SEND parent - would you welcome the opportunity to meet other St Martins SEND parents, to share experiences. **DATE CHANGE NOW Thursday 5th NOVEMBER at 10.15am - 11.15am**— Main school reception. Stella Ellis SENDCO will be available to listen to general feedback but will not be able to take direct meetings about individual children.



A fantastic piece of home learning by Ayla Richards-Egerton 7R.

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Do I keep my child off school?

Yes

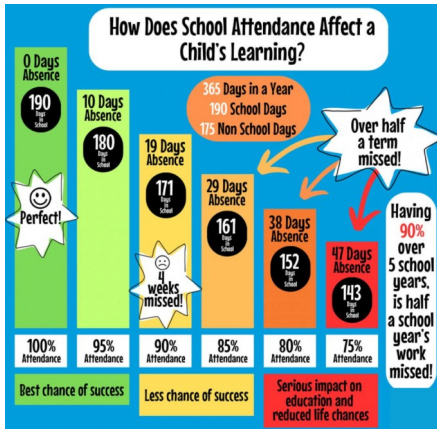
UNTIL...

- CHICKENPOX: AT LEAST 5 DAYS FROM THE ONSET OF THE RASH AND UNTIL ALL BLISTERS HAVE CRUSTED OVER
- DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING: DIARRHOEA IS DEFINED AS THREE OR MORE EPISODES IN A 24 HOUR PERIOD. KEEP OFF FOR 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE. VOMITING - KEEP OFF IF VOMITED MORE THAN ONCE - IF NOT CALL OFFICE FOR ADVICE. IF VOMITED MORE THAN ONCE, KEEP OFF FOR 48 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE. IF VOMITED THROUGH COUGHING, THEY CAN ATTEND SCHOOL. IF VOMITED ONCE, THEY CAN PROBABLY ATTEND SCHOOL. PLEASE CALL OFFICE FOR ADVICE.
- COLD AND FLU-LIKE ILLNESS (INC. COVID-19): ONLY IF THEY HAVE A HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR MORE, FOLLOW THE NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19
- IMPETIGO: THEIR SORES HAVE CRUSTED AND HEALED, OR 48 HOURS AFTER THEY STARTED ANTIBIOTICS
- MEASLES: 4 DAYS AFTER THE RASH FIRST APPEARED
- MUMPS: 5 DAYS AFTER THE SWELLING STARTED
- SCABIES: THEY'VE HAD THEIR FIRST TREATMENT
- SCARLET FEVER: 24 HOURS AFTER THEY STARTED TAKING ANTIBIOTICS
- WHOOPING COUGH: 48 HOURS AFTER THEY STARTED TAKING ANTIBIOTICS

No

BUT MAKE SURE YOU LET THEIR SCHOOL OR NURSERY KNOW ABOUT...

- HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH
- HEAD LICE
- THREADWORMS
- GLANDULAR FEVER
- TONSILLITIS
- SLAPPED CHEEK



Celebrating great attendance!

Congratulations to our Attendance Superstars from Primary and every Secondary year group! Regular attendance makes a real difference, giving pupils the best chance to learn, progress and achieve.



The Primary boys football team were in action this week taking on Gobowen Primary school. Although the boys lost 4-2, they were amazing and their respect for their team mates, the opposition and the referee were a credit to the school. Man of the match was Iwan Jones who pulled off a number of unbelievable saves.



We're excited to be launching a Scholastic Book Club after half term! Families will be able to browse and order books online while helping us earn free books for our school library. If you'd like to get a head start, why not have a look through the catalogues using the links? You might even spot a few ideas for Christmas gifts?

[YOUNGER READERS](#) - [OLDER READERS](#)

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MENU DATES

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2026

WEEK	DATES
1	2nd–4th September 21st–25th September 12th–16th October 16th–20th November 7th–11th December
2	7th–11th September 28th September–2nd October 3rd–6th November 14th–18th December
3	14th–18th September 5th–9th October 9th–13th November 30th November–4th December

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Baby Stop

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Next Babyshare!

Saturday 24th October 2026
2.00pm–3.30pm

Harlescott Grange Community Hub
Kynaston Road
Shrewsbury SY1 3JR

www.babystop.uk

The New Saints Foundation

COOK CREATE PLAY TOGETHER

COOKING & JAMMING YOUTH

Aged 10–17? Come along, meet new people, enjoy music, get creative in the kitchen, and learn cooking skills!

GET INVOLVED:

- Discover new music and have a go at playing
- Learn new skills and recipes with a qualified chef
- Cook, create and enjoy delicious food
- Have fun, socialise and make new friends

DATE Every Tuesday 4pm–6pm
VENUE The Centre Spot Quouslry
COST £2 per session (covers cost of food)

COOK · CREATE · JAM · BELONG

Our After School Club is very popular and places fill quickly. To ensure that we can provide adequate staffing, please book a place for your child(ren) via the Arbor App at least **48 hours in advance**.

If you are unable to access Arbor, please contact the school reception at **reception@stm.318education.co.uk**.

If you can access Arbor but are unable to book a place, this may indicate that all spaces have been filled. If you require a place, please contact **Julie Bott** at **ju-lie.bott@stm.318education.co.uk** with at least **48 hours' notice**, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Please note that cancellations must be made with a **minimum of 24 hours' notice**. Where sufficient notice is not provided, the usual charge will apply.

We would also like to remind parents and guardians that if collection from the primary setting is unavoidably delayed, children will be taken to After School Club. A nominal charge of **£1.00** will apply for collection before **3.40pm**.

Thank you for your support