



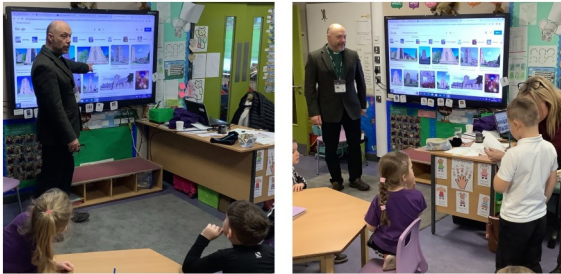
ST MARTINS SCHOOL

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I think its fair to say we did indeed raise the roof watching the England and Wales matches in school this week as reported by the Shropshire Star! Students and staff had to write to me for their place to watch one of the matches and gave up most of their lunch and morning break! Enjoy the rest of the tournament!!!

There was a 'near miss' this week with a parent car and a student on a scooter in the entrance to the smaller staff car park by primary. From Monday we will have a chain across the entrance preventing parking or pulling in which will be manned, this will hopefully prevent a more serious incident. Our police CSO has been informed.

Year 1 had a visit from Rev. Stuart Jermy of St Martins Parish Church. They asked him their own insightful questions about belonging to a faith community and forgiveness in line with their current Religious Education units



Following our successful careers focused day last Friday we continue to host a number of career focused assemblies. This week we invited Lily from Aico to talk to students about apprenticeships.



We would like to get some feedback from parents—if you have a child in year 7-11 and can spare 5 minutes please complete the short questionnaire in the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/JfNh3cbSba>



As Christmas approaches I know that some parents like to buy a small gift for some staff; this year Shropshire Council is inviting schools to write to parents that wish to do this and to suggest a donation to the local foodbank instead. If any parent wishes to do this, this can be either direct to the foodbank or through school.

We have been offering toast in secondary this term which is available from 8.25am—8.35am, from next week toast will be available on the primary playground when children arrive from 8.40am each morning. It will be brought out on a trolley and pupils can help themselves.

The whole school photo is now available to view and order using the following link:

<https://htmp.st/370187-227WSG>

Have a lovely week , Ms Lovecy





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A huge thank you to Stan's Superstore for their incredibly generous donation together with Nisa, of £5000 which was used to build our outdoor classroom!



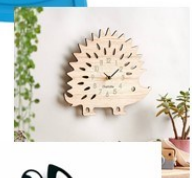
We are excited to be having a new drum teacher starting in school who will teach during school hours on a weekly rotation basis. There is limited space so if you are interested in your son/daughter taking part please contact Head of Music Mr James, ceri.james@stmartins3-16.org

There is also space still available for piano and guitar lessons



House Competition

- ▶ Design and colour a clock for your favourite subject.
- ▶ Make it as interesting and exciting as possible.
- ▶ We will choose two winners, one from primary and one for secondary.
- ▶ The winning clocks will be made by the tech dept and put up in your favourite subject's room. House points will be given out for all entries.
- ▶ Deadline for entries is: Friday 2nd December
- ▶ We look forward to receiving your entries!
- ▶ Please hand your entries into myself (Mrs Herbert) or Mrs Ellis





Friday 9 December – Christmas Colours/ Jumper Day - Christmas Service at St Martins Parish Church – Years 1 – 6 – Parents/ Carers welcome.

Monday 12 December – KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Performance – ‘The Sleepy Shepherd’

Doors open at 9am, performance starts at 9.15am

Tuesday 13 December – EYFS (Nursery and Reception Classes) Christmas Performance – ‘Shine, Star, Shine’

Doors open at 9am, performance starts at 9.15am

Tuesday 13 December – Christmas Dinner – Whole School (letter to follow with more information)

Tuesday 13 December – KS2 (Years 3 – 6) Christmas Performance – ‘Rejoice’

Doors open 2pm, performance starts at 2.30pm

A letter with more information and your tickets will be issued nearer the time. Please note that due to capacity, only two tickets per family will be issued for the performances in school.

Wednesday 14 December—Christmas showcase and staff panto—6.30pm start. Tickets £2 adult £1 child, family ticket of 4 £5.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5 DECEMBER—Mock exams start for year 11 & year 10 MFL

9 DECEMBER—Church Christmas Service

12 DECEMBER—KS1 Christmas performance

13 DECEMBER—NURSERY AND KS2 Christmas performance

14 DECEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW AND STAFF PANTO

16 DECEMBER—LAST DAY—2PM FINISH—NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB



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TNS—Winter HAF activities in the villages of St Martins, Weston Rhyn, Gobowen and Whittington on 19th, 21st and 22nd December. Those for St Martins are taking place at St Martins Centre on Wednesday 21st December, although children are very welcome to attend any/all of the locations. The programme is also open to all other families, but HAF eligible families the first option to book..

The HAF booking code for St Martins 3-16 school is L6YX8

Spaces are limited, and bookings can be made via the following link: <https://www.tnsfc.co.uk/foundation/holiday-activities>. When booking, parents are asked please to ensure that they select the date and start time (located to the right of the calendar) of the location they are booking, and if they answer 'no' to any of the questions, please ensure that a 'n/a' is inserted in to the following text box. This should ensure bookings complete without any hitches!

HUB NEWS

I had a fantastic trip to Shropshire School Library Service this week, who were selling off some of their surplus secondary fiction at a discount price. The staff there were absolutely wonderful, and let me spend ages choosing books that I think our children will really enjoy. As well as standard fiction, I bought a large number of books in dyslexia friendly font, some graphic novels (including a copy of GCSE set text, An Inspector Calls) and heaps of manga books. These books are making their way onto the shelves over the next week or so; please look out for them! My favourite title is 'Evil Librarian' – I just need a volunteer to read it and tell me if it's about me when books are overdue!



READERS OF THE WEEK

Darcie-Mai Hughes – Year 3 , Anna Poulter – 7ZW , Andrii Maliuk – 7EH, Lowri Jones – 8CY, Joey Locke – 9HS , Ryan-Lee Paige – 9JPO, Thomas Carle – 10JP

Ms. Lovecy will be giving out the certificates in assembly, and the children will be able to tell you exactly why they won one!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Paper Towns by John Green – We have a number of books that have been made into films; Paper Towns and The Fault in Our Stars are both written by John Green, and we have copies of both. If you find it hard to get into books, it's a good idea to pick one where you already know the story. Watch the film and then give this book a try. (If you are a keen reader, you can do it the other way around!)

The blurb reads: *Quentin Jacobson has always loved Margo from afar. So when she climbs through his window to summon him on an all-night road trip of revenge he cannot help but follow. But the next morning, Q turns up at school and Margo doesn't. She's left clues to her disappearance, like a trail of breadcrumbs for Q to follow. And everything leads to one unavoidable question: who is the real Margo?*

