



Mrs Alison Pope, Headteacher

## **St Martins School update 10 PRIMARY– Friday 10 October 2025**

Dear parents, carers and families of St Martins School primary students,

Work in school has really started to move at pace: I want to thank our site team for their fantastic work co ordinating all the various contractors in school. I am very pleased to be able to confirm that we are in a position to be able to welcome some students back into our secondary phase starting next week.

Thank you again to the support you have offered your children, our staff and the school.

I will send a more detailed plan for secondary to our secondary parents.

It has been wonderful to welcome Primary pupils and they have settled back into school well. They have enjoyed meeting up with their friends and seeing staff again.

Work has continued as normal and we are so proud of our pupils for adapting back so quickly to school based learning.

### **Harvest Festivals**

We have been busy rehearsing for our Harvest Festival Services next week.

We would like to invite KS2 parents/carers and family to a service from 2.15 – 2.45pm on Tuesday 14 October at St Martins Parish Church. Each class is preparing a contribution and we will sing some of our Harvest Songs. The 2.45pm finish will allow parents/carers to then come to school to collect any KS1, EYFS or Nursery siblings. Please don't worry if we over-run, staff at school will look after everyone until you arrive. A form will come out to parents/carers for you to state who will collect your child from the church or if they will return to school after the service or attend After School Club.

This event is weather dependent as we will be walking to the church. We will let you know that morning.

On Wednesday 15 October, Rev. Jermy will lead a Harvest Assembly in school for our EYFS and KS1 pupils and staff. We will take some photographs and record some of this to share on our website. Unfortunately, we are unable to have larger groups of parents/carers on site at the moment.

We will be accepting any donations of tins or packets from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. These items will be donated to the residents of Cedar Close, St Martins.

### **Halloween**

We know how much many of our children enjoy Halloween, so we would like to invite pupils to come to school in appropriate Halloween outfits/fancy dress/non-uniform on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October (our last day of the half term).

Please ensure that the outfit is appropriate for wearing all day. You may wish to pack an alternative set of clothing if your child becomes too hot. Please ensure sensible footwear is worn.

If your child has PE, please send in their PE kit in a plastic bag.

During the day, each class will have a little Halloween Party in the Primary Studio which will be decorated. We will serve a drink and a biscuit. There will be no charge.



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Below is the update for today.

- Free School Meals
- Open Event
- Reception
- Car Park

### **Current status – for information**

Secondary phase will be closed to MOST students 13<sup>th</sup> October to the 17<sup>th</sup> October. We have arranged face-to-face provision for Year 11 students for three days per week with no sessions on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We are also looking to arrange our first phased return of single year groups on the secondary site from Monday to Friday

### **Free School Meals**

Aspens are in school providing packed lunches for primary FSM and universal infant free school meals. Other students will need to continue to come to school with a packed lunch. Please do not include any items containing nuts and please do not send fizzy drinks

### **Open Event in the Sports Hall**

We hope to be able to invite prospective year 7 parents and students to an information session in the Sports Centre next Thursday 16 October. We have been able to secure a temporary risk assessment to host this session but will not have toilet facilities or heating. Visitors will be escorted to the sports centre where I will deliver a presentation. This is the same presentation I gave to our own year 6 so there is no need for you to attend if you were already present for this. Booking details will be communicated next week as numbers will be limited.

### **Reception**

Our Reception and Admin team are now in a temporary home in the old 'caretaker's bungalow' adjacent to the main car park. At this time, we cannot welcome drop in visitors but please do email or phone if you have a query. For students that arrive late or pupils who need to be collected early for an appointment please contact school so that we can explain the signing in/out procedures. Typically it does mean that for later arrivals and early pick up parents will have to sign their child out at our main reception.

### **Car Parks**

Limited use of the main car park for parents will start next week at the following times for PRIMAY 8.45am – 9.00am, SECONDARY from 9.15am -9.30am, please keep to these times. Buses will be coming on site as normal. Please be careful using the car park, there are contractors, please do not park by sports centre. Use of the car park is at your own risk.

Blue badge holders can continue to use the primary car park.



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Contractors are using both car parks. The preferred option is still that parents use The Keys, Lens Plaice and Stans who have all offered parents parking.

### **Next steps**

Please continue to email school with any queries or issues. Emails will be responded to Monday to Friday during normal school hours.

Half term is two weeks; Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a PD day.

### **Follow up questions**

If you have any follow up questions, please email [reception@stm.318education.co.uk](mailto:reception@stm.318education.co.uk). I will include responses in my regular updates, unless your question is of a very specific or personal nature.

Thank you once again for your continued support this week.

Kind regards,

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# KIDS FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH Knit & Natter



Bring along your project!  
Crochet, Knitting  
Embroidery, etc.

## FREE

10am - 12 noon

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

Under 11's must be  
accompanied by an adult



Oswestry Climate Action Hub  
36 Bailey Street

## aico KIDS CLUB



**Open to Year 6 Students  
Ages 10-11**

- Disco
- Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Activities\*

\*Dependent on weather

**Location:** Aico  
Maesbury Road  
Oswestry  
SY10 8NR

**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> &  
31<sup>st</sup> October

**Time:** 09:30 - 15:00

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