

ST MARTINS SCHOOL

24 April 2026

The inaugural School Council meeting took place this week and was chaired by the student leaders, Seren Smith and Seb Richardson, both from year 10 who will take this role into year 11 next year.

The meeting provided an important opportunity for students to share their views and raise issues that matter to them. Key topics discussed included the range of activities available at break and lunch times, the use and access to the school field, as well as issues and suggestions regarding toilet facilities and the dining area.

The discussion was thoughtful and constructive, demonstrating the School Council's commitment to representing the wider student voice and contributing positively to school life. I will be meeting with the primary house champions.

Year 3 pupils visited the Old Oswestry Hill Fort this week as part of their work on local history. They learnt about what the settlement would have looked like. They also enjoyed the extensive view!

St Martins School was delighted to welcome local author Tess James-Mackey, who visited the school to speak to students about her writing and her latest novel, *Better Off Dead*. Tess's books are fast-paced thrillers aimed at young readers aged 13–16 and proved popular with students who enjoy exciting, thought-provoking fiction.



During her visit on **22 April**, students in **Years 9, 10 and 11** had the opportunity to hear Tess talk about her writing journey, what inspires her stories and to ask questions about her books. They also enjoyed meeting Tess in person, making the visit an engaging and inspiring experience for aspiring readers and writers. She also did a book signing! Once the school library is back we will have her books ready to loan!

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

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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!

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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

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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!
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- Learn to play the piano and read music properly - without any of the stuffy!
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- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate, engaging musicians
- Support through recognised exams (but no pressure)
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Art competition deadline extended to 1 MAY!!!



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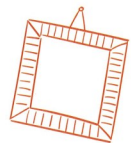


EVERY FRIDAY 10.30-11AM
OSWESTRY LIBRARY

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 17TH APRIL 2026

