



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

15 May 2026

A huge well done to our Year 6 and Year 11 students

This week has marked a truly important milestone for many of our pupils, and we could not be prouder of them.

To our Year 6 students – congratulations on completing your SATs. You have shown resilience, determination and maturity throughout the week, and this moment represents far more than a set of tests. It marks the culmination of your primary journey and the beginning of an exciting new chapter as you prepare to move into Year 7. You should feel incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and all the progress you have made along the way. As a celebration, they had a non-uniform day, a swimming party, a free ice cream from the ice cream van and take home a cup cake, curtesy of our lovely canteen staff. We hope they have a lovely week-end.

To our Year 11 students – well done on a full week of GCSE exams. Your hard work, focus and commitment have been evident, and we know how much preparation has gone into reaching this point. While there are still exams ahead, this is a significant step in your journey, and you are showing great perseverance and resilience in every paper you sit.

Exams are just one part of your story, but the effort, determination and character you have shown will stay with you far beyond them. Keep going, keep believing in yourselves, and remember that this is just the beginning of what you will go on to achieve.

Our cadets had a busy weekend at Oswestry School, where they learned all about the L98A2 General Purpose Rifle. Training covered safe handling, loading, firing, cleaning, maintenance, and weapon drills. All cadets successfully passed their weapon handling test, qualifying them to take part in live-fire range shooting and blank-firing exercises at camp next month. Thank you to our staff volunteers for giving up their weekend.



We break up on Friday 22 May. As a special treat we will have a Pop Up Tuck Shop in the Primary Phase which will be run by Year 6 pupils.

It will be open at breaktime and possibly after school if stocks allow.

Have a lovely weekend , Mrs Pope



Dates for the diary

- 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
- 6-7 July—year 7 (September 2026) taster days
- 13 July—year 6 “move up “ assembly
- 14 July—sports day reserve primary
- 21 July—SECONDARY SPORTS DAY (date change)
- 22 July—Last day
- 2 September—return to school for autumn term



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ATTENDANCE

MATTERS

ATTENDANCE affects your **FUTURE**, so make sure it is **GREAT** ✓

★ **WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?**

95% = **40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR**
8 days in total or 1 week and 1 day

90% = **80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR**
16 days in total or 3 weeks

85% = **120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR**
24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days

80% = **160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR**
32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

★ **BE SMART BE THERE!** ★

Percentages based on 190 academic days



Did you know that **17 days missed per year** (which equates to roughly **9% attendance**) can result in a pupil dropping a full GCSE grade in all subjects.

SPORTS DAYS 2026

Change to the SECONDARY SPORTS days because of the dates we've been given for the Cadet camps. **NOW TUESDAY 21 JULY (reserve 22 JULY)** Parents can attend the afternoon.

PRIMARY is MONDAY 29 June

Key stage 1 sports day at 10am (gates open at 9.50) and the Key stage 2 one at 1.30pm (gates open at 1.20)

PLEASE WEAR A HOUSE COLOUR T SHIRT IF YOU CAN for PRIMARY

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HOUSE NEWS!

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION
18TH-24TH MAY

IFTON HOUSE **MOORS HOUSE** **RHYN HOUSE** **HEATH HOUSE**

OSWESTRY Community GAMES
• FREE EVENT - ALL AGES WELCOME •
SUNDAY 7th JUNE
Cae Glas Park from 11am to 4pm
OSWESTRY - SY11 2SZ

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST
NICK BEIGHTON
Team GB Paralympian in rowing & Bronze Paralympic medalist in paracanoe

PLUS local sports clubs, dance groups, demonstrations, live music & much more!

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started taking 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	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tinea/ticks
Throatsores	Strep throat

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

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Lunchtime Assistant

12 hrs per week, Term Time Only
Salary Grade 2
 (£6,458 per annum/£12.85 per hour)
Required As Soon As Possible

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a cheerful and approachable person to join our Lunchtime Supervisory team.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills and be able to communicate in a professional but friendly manner to both students and staff.

Full details of the post can be found on the website 'mynewterm' via the link on the school website www.stmartins3-16.org/school-information/job-vacancies/

Please contact clare.ellis@stm.318education.co.uk with any queries.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. Friday 29 May 2026

What we can offer you:
Willingness to support your completion of further professional qualifications.
The opportunity to develop your career further, as part of a growing Trust.

The 3-18 Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check and, where applicable a prohibition from teaching check. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013, 2020 and 2023). Guidance on disqualifying convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website. Under the Immigration Act 2016, candidates for customer-facing roles must meet the necessary standard of spoken English. It is an offence to apply if barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. Employment is subject to medical fitness, satisfactory references, right to work in the UK, and an Enhanced DBS check. Online social media checks will be carried out on successful applicant