



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

18 September 2026

It's been lovely to see our oldest primary pupils supporting our youngest this week. The Y6 children spend time with their "buddies" in reception and will now be on a rota to read with the children and help out when they have their forest school session. The Year 6 pupils develop leadership, responsibility and communication skills as they support younger children, while the younger pupils gain confidence from having positive role models to look up to. Regular reading together helps to develop children's literacy skills and fosters a love of reading, while working together during Forest School encourages teamwork, friendship and resilience. It has been wonderful to see our oldest primary pupils embracing these responsibilities and helping our youngest children feel supported, valued and included.



Ms Heather Jones is our medical lead at school and is working with parents to complete any medical needs plans. If you've been contacted by Mrs Jones particularly for asthma plans please return them to school as soon as possible, so that we can ensure medication is available and we know what action to take if symptoms worsen. If you can't access the form online there are hard copies available in the school reception or we can provide a copy with your child to bring home.



Key Stage 2 primary pupils took part in a trip to see Horrible Histories Terrible Tudors and Awful Egyptians at Theatre Severn bringing history to life in a fun, memorable and engaging way.

A polite reminder that the primary car park is for primary staff, visitors and Blue Badge holders only. Thank you for helping us keep the site safe and accessible for everyone. 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. Thankyou for your understanding.**

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope

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Dates for the diary

21 September—reading workshop in primary after school

Microsoft Teams meeting - EYFS & KS1 Phonics - Join:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/365287796361256?p=OXPRJOWx4JbNNTYP68>

[Reading Information Session Years 2 - 6 | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

24 September—deadline for year 7 to take advantage of free delivery to school for Tempest photos

28 September—maths workshop in primary after school

30 September—year 9 learning review parent meetings 3.30-6.30

7&8 October—Quinta Camp for year 7

9 October—careers aspiration day in primary

12 October open day and evening for prospective students

W/c 12 October Harvest festival celebrations in primary

15 October—yr 7 careers day

15 October—Halloween disco for primary

HALF TERM 19 OCTOBER—30 OCTOBER

PD day 2 NOVEMBER

3 November- students return to school

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EDUCATION
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MENU DATES

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2026

WEEK
1

2nd–4th September
21st–25th September
12th–16th October
16th–20th November
7th–11th December

WEEK
2

7th–11th September
28th September–2nd October
3rd–6th November
14th–18th December

WEEK
3

14th–18th September
5th–9th October
9th–13th November
30th November–4th December

Great Food. Better Futures.

PE After School Clubs (until 4.15pm, late bus 4.20pm sign up at break time) LATE BUS DROPS AT THE SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP POINTS ONLY

Monday after school: girls football, yr7 and 8 boys football.

Tuesday after school: netball (for all) , yr9, 10. 11 boys football.

PE Break Time Clubs

Monday yr11

Tuesday yr10

Wednesday yr9

Thursday yr8

Friday yr7

PE Lunch Time Clubs

Monday yr11 indoor football

Tuesday yr10 indoor football

Thursday all years girls and boys **BADMINTON LEAGUE – everyone welcome.**

Friday yr9 indoor football

We are recruiting! Please see the [website](#) for details!



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AUTUMN TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Do I keep my child off school?

Yes

UNTIL...

✓ CHICKENPOX
✓ DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING

✓ COLD AND FLU-LIKE ILLNESS (INC. COVID-19)

✓ IMPETIGO

✓ MEASLES

✓ MUMPS

✓ SCABIES

✓ SCARLET FEVER

✓ WHOOPING COUGH

AT LEAST 5 DAYS FROM THE ONSET OF THE RASH AND UNTIL ALL BLISTERS HAVE CRUSTED OVER
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.

ONLY IF THEY HAVE A HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR MORE, FOLLOW THE NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19

THEIR SORES HAVE CRUSTED AND HEALED, OR 48 HOURS AFTER THEY STARTED ANTIBIOTICS

4 DAYS AFTER THE RASH FIRST APPEARED

5 DAYS AFTER THE SWELLING STARTED

THEY'VE HAD THEIR FIRST TREATMENT

24 HOURS AFTER THEY STARTED TAKING ANTIBIOTICS

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



What's On in October at Oswestry Library Early Help Coffee and Chat

Free sessions! You do not need a child to attend the sessions to access support for your family. Safe, comfortable, and informal space to talk. Early Help Family Support workers are available to chat every week. We look forward to seeing you.



Date: 1st October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help O-S Team
• Health Visitor
• SCAG
• Star Housing
• DWP
• Shropshire Council Support

Date: 8th October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help
• Parenting Team
• DWP
• Shropshire Council Support
• Star Housing

Date: 15th October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help and O-S Team
• Health Visitor
• Star Housing
• DWP
• Shropshire Council Support
• Parenting Team

Date: 22nd October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help
• Parenting Team
• DWP
• Shropshire Council Support
• Star Housing

Date: 29th October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help
• Parenting Team
• DWP
• Shropshire Council Support
• Star Housing



shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Castle View, Oswestry SY11 1JN
Thursdays 9.30am until 12.00pm

Looks what's on today...
AUTUMN THEME
Make a Hedgehog with dried leaves
O-S Team will be supporting your baby's and children's early speech and language development through everyday activities.

Looks what's on today...
AUTUMN THEME
Pouring and scooping with conkers

Looks what's on today...
AUTUMN THEME
Leaf rubbings with an Autumn Story
O-S Team will be supporting your baby's and children's early speech and language development through everyday activities.

Looks what's on today...
AUTUMN THEME
Make a Scarecrow & sing Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

Looks what's on today...
AUTUMN THEME
Halloween for older children - pumpkins, funny bones story, spooky colouring



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North Area What's On in October Early Help Coffee and Chat

Free sessions! You do not need a child to attend the sessions to access support for your family. Safe, comfortable, and informal space to talk. Early Help Family Support workers are available to chat every week. We look forward to seeing you.



Date: 6th October 2026

Who you can talk to today...
• Early Help

Date: 15th October 2026

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• Early Help



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Please see individual timings
and venues

Look what's on today...
Join the early help team at Gobowen Library 10.30am - 12.00
midday
You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Early Help Family Drop-In.
You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you

Look what's on today...
Join the early help team at Wem Library 13.00-14.45 pm
You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Early Help Family Drop-In.
You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you

Look what's on today...
Join the early help team at Ellesmere Library 9.30-11.30 am
You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Early Help Family Drop-In.
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How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

0 Days
Absence

190
Days in
School

Perfect!

100%
Attendance

Best chance of success

10 Days
Absence

180
Days in
School

95%
Attendance

Less chance of success

19 Days
Absence

171
Days in
School

4 weeks
missed!

90%
Attendance

365 Days in a Year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days

29 Days
Absence

161
Days in
School

85%
Attendance

38 Days
Absence

152
Days in
School

80%
Attendance

Over half
a term
missed!

47 Days
Absence

143
Days in
School

75%
Attendance

Serious impact on
education and
reduced life chances

Having
90%
over
5 school
years,
is half
a school
year's
work
missed!