

6th February 2026

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 06/02/26

I hope this update finds you well. I was glad to see so many of you at the Parent Carer Evenings earlier this week. Working in partnership with our families is one of the things that makes St Martins such a great place to be. Students and staff are starting to feel ready for the half term break, with school finishing on Friday 13th February for a week. I've included a couple of different half term activities in this update – workshops with Hubbub, and swimming at the Lonsdale Pool. I hope you find this information helpful as you plan for the week off.

Outward Bounds

At the start of this week, Outward Bounds came into school to lead outdoor learning activities for some of our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students. This was part of a programme initiated by the Shaw Education Trust. Students from two other SET schools joined in the fun too, with St Andrew's and Ivy House taking part in activities alongside our students. Our Outdoor Learning Mentor, Will, ensured all the young people thoroughly enjoyed these sessions; a huge thank you to Will! Please see the poster further in the update to see what they got up to! Additional images will also be on our social media channels.

Social Media Links

Facebook - [St. Martins School Facebook](#) Instagram - [St. Martins School Instagram](#)

Breakfast and Snacks in School

St Martins is fortunate to be part of the National School Breakfast Programme who provide subsidised bagels to the school. Students can choose to have a bagel with jam or butter for breakfast when they come to school in the morning. Alternatively, students can have a piece of fruit for breakfast if a bagel isn't suitable for them.

Should students require a snack at breaktime, they can bring one from home, please provide them with a healthy option – such as fruit or a cereal bar.

Welcome to Abi

This week we have welcomed Abigail Smith to our St Martins team as a Teaching Assistant at Horizons 6th Form. Abi has experience of supporting young people with SEND through Umbrella. I hope you will join me in welcoming Abi to St Martins.

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Term Date Consultation

Derby City Council are currently consulting for school term dates from 2027-2030 – to find out more and contribute, please go to: <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/school-term-dates-2027-2030>

Hubbub Clubs

Hubbub are running two days of free Percussion and Movement workshops during the half term break for young people aged 13-17. Hubbub also run a Rhythm club on Tuesdays and a SEND Dance session on Wednesday. Please take a look at the flyers further in the update for more information.

Lonsdale Swimming Lessons

Lonsdale Swimming Pool are running a swimming 'crash course' during the half term break, with lessons taking place Monday-Friday. Please take a look at the flyer for more information.

With best wishes,

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THE OUTWARD BOUNDS VISIT

THE OUTWARD BOUNDS TEAM CAME TO VISIT US ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THIS WEEK. OUR STUDENTS GOT UP TO LOTS OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES. THEY WENT ON TREASURE HUNTS AROUND THE SCHOOL FIELD, EXPLORED NEW WORLDS THROUGH VR HEADSETS AND GOT THE CHANCE TO BUILD SHELTERS. THIS WAS A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!



THE VR-HEADSETS



TREASURE-HUNT



5 DAY SWIMMING CRASH COURSE



Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026

Cost £25 per child for 5 days

**We are offering a special price of
£15 per child if booked before
9th February 2026**

**For a 30 min lesson each day at
LONSDALE SWIMMING POOL**

**To book a place please visit our
website:**

<https://www.lsst.org.uk/bookings/>



Free!

February Half Term Workshops 2026

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For Young Autistic and/ or
Learning Disabled people



We focus on:
wellbeing,
confidence,
creative
expression
and team
work.

Where?

Chapel Street Arts Centre

19 Chapel Street

Derby

DE1 3GU



Ages:

13 - 17



We will do:

- Percussion
- Movement

When:

Tuesday 17th Feb and

Wednesday 18th Feb 2026

Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm



> BOOK NOW

Email: info@hubbubtheatre.org
or call: 07405156800



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SEND Dance

Who?

People who want to dance aged 11-18 (who are Learning Disabled and/ or Autistic)

Where?

Chapel Street Arts Centre- Studio 2

When?

4.45pm - 5.45pm

Wednesday term times

How much?

Free

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To book by phone

07405 156800



To book by email

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Visit our website

www.hubbubtheatre.org



SEND Dance is a dance session for young people with learning disabilities and/ or Autism.

The group provides a safe environment to be creative and learn new dance skills.

We explore lots of different dance styles and create dances together using everyone's ideas.



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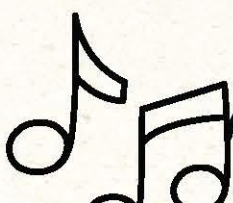
Come and join
Tuesday Rhythms!

When: Tuesdays
From 13th Jan - 24th March
Time: 4.45pm - 5.45pm



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Term Dates 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day – Monday 5th January 2026

School Starts Back – Tuesday 6th January

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 13th February

School Starts Back – Monday 23rd February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

School Starts Back – Monday 13th April

INSET Day – Friday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 22nd May

School Starts Back – Monday 1st June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 22nd July

INSET Day – Thursday 23rd July

St Martins follows Derby City Council's term dates. Dates for next year can be found on their website – please follow the link for these - <https://derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/term-holiday-dates/#>

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