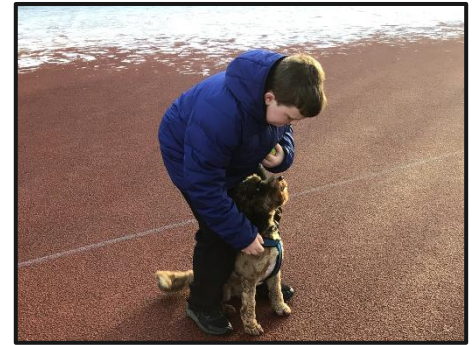


20th January 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 20/01/23

I hope this update finds you well. I wanted to share some photos of Martin hard at work. Martin has been spending time with one of our Year 7 students, Kaiden, and they have formed a lovely bond. Martin and Kaiden enjoy playing together on the MUGA and go out in any weather to play fetch and learn new tricks. We are so proud of the positive impact that Martin has had on lots of our students, including Kaiden.



Industrial Action

As you may be aware, as a result of the recent balloting of teaching staff by unions, the NEU have voted to take industrial action. The industrial action may take place in school on 1st February, and may also impact school on the 1st, 15th and 16th March.

Please be assured that as a special school, St Martins will plan to remain open to our community of vulnerable young people, however, the school day may look different as the number of teaching staff working may be limited. Once we have received confirmation of industrial action, we will let you know the arrangements that will be in place in line with advice from the Shaw Education Trust and government guidance.

Parent Carers Evening - *new date*

The Parent Carers evening due to be held on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February will be rearranged to the following week – Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. A letter will be sent out shortly with full details.

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Healthy Snacks

Please could we remind you about students having healthy snacks in school. Cakes and savoury snacks are allowed, but it is a good idea to choose healthier options where possible, such as:

- Whole or sliced fruit.
- Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber. Some vegetables are naturally baton shaped which can save you time preparing, for example, sugar snap peas and baby corn.
- Bag of plain popcorn.
- Bread sticks.
- Rice or corn cakes.

Please do remember that students are not to bring any products containing nuts or sesame seeds into school due to allergies. Students should also not bring sweets or energy drinks into school. Thank you for your support with this.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2022/2023

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 9th January 2023

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 16th February

INSET Day – Friday 17th February

School Starts Back – Monday 27th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 31st March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 17th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May *new date for Coronation of King Charles*

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 26th May

School Starts Back – Monday 5th June

INSET Day – Monday 26th June

School Breaks up for Summer – Friday 21st July

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