



29th November 2024

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 29/11/24

We hope this update finds you well. The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on...! Students and staff are starting to think about their entry for our annual 'Christmas Door' competition, where doors around the school are decorated by students (and staff!). There is strong competition around school as classes compete to get the accolade and trophy. Good luck to all involved!

Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow

We are looking forward to opening our doors to families for the Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow during the last week of the term. Details of the events, and how to obtain tickets, can be found later in the update. A paper copy has been sent to all students in Years 7-11.

Presentation Evening

On Wednesday, we welcomed back last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students to receive the certificates awarded through their studies at school and 6th Form. It was well attended, with over 100 people in attendance. Thank you to all those who attended; it was great to see you all and hear how well students are doing as they embark on their next steps.

Transport Update

We recently met with Nottingham Specialist Transport (NST) to review how student transport is going for the majority of our young people, and ensure that we are working with them to get the best possible transition to and from our school.

At times, due to new transport applications, a student's taxi may change. Moving forwards, NST will communicate this with school beforehand so that we can discuss this with students and parents and ensure to our best ability that our young people will manage the change. NST also offer a meet and greet service so that students can meet their transport team prior to any changes.

Although the transport team do all they can to be on time, taxis can sometimes be late due to traffic delays or if a student struggles to access their transport earlier enroute.

Please can we remind you that if you have a change of address you will need to reapply for transport from your new address. Also, no food or drink is allowed in the taxis, so please make sure that your young people are aware of this in the mornings.

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Absence Phone Call Reminder

Please remember to contact us if your child/young person is not able to attend St Martins / Horizons. Absence phone calls should be made by 9am if possible, so that we know where students are. This communication also supports us with Safeguarding all students – thank you for your help with this.

Shaw Education Trust – Parental Survey

The Shaw Education Trust are seeking your views on St Martins again as they survey all schools in the Trust. Whilst we appreciate that you shared your views recently as part of our Ofsted Inspection, it would be helpful if you could do so again – please follow this link to take part - <https://forms.office.com/e/SGJzC0Qdsc>
Thank you for your support!

School Aged Flu Immunisation Clinics in Derbyshire

If your child/young person is yet to have their Flu Immunisation, please consider booking an appointment. These clinics are for school aged children who live in the Derbyshire area and have not received their routine Flu vaccination in school or elsewhere. The clinics are appointment only.

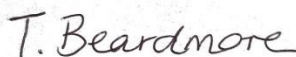
For more information, or to book an appointment please call IntraHealth on 0333 358 3397 option 5.

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| Monday 23 rd December 2024 | Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ | 09.00am – 17.00pm |
| Monday 30 th Dec-24 | Derby Nottingham Rd Fire Station Chaddesden, DE21 6FP | 10.00am – 15.30pm |
| Tuesday 31 st Dec 2024 | Ilkeston Fire Station Community Rooms DE7 5EZ | 10.00am – 14.00pm |
| Thursday 2 nd January 2024 | Alfreton Head Office (near Tesco's) Genesis Business Centre, King Street, Alfreton DE55 7DQ | 09.30am – 15.30pm |
| Friday 3 rd January 2024 | Ascot Drive Fire Station 10 Ascot Drive, Allenton, Derby DE24 8GZ | 10.00am – 15.00pm |
| Friday 3 rd January 2024 | Chesterfield The Green Enterprise and Training Centre, 6 Arden Close, Loundsley Green (Entrance on Arden Close), S40 4NE | 10.00am – 15.30pm |
| Mon 23 rd December 2024 | High Peak - Bradbury Community House Market Street, Glossop, SK13 8AR | 10.00am – 15.30pm |
| Thursday 2 nd Jan 2025 | Swadlincote Fire Station Community Rooms DE11 0AE | 10.00am – 12.30pm |

With best wishes for the weekend,



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St Martins School
presents....

*Christmas
Market &
Winter
Wondershow*

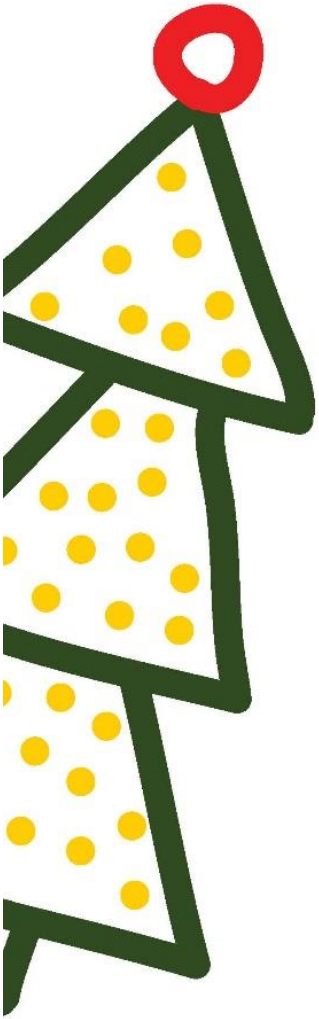
Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Market - 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday 19th December

Winter Wondershow - 1:00pm-2:30pm

To purchase tickets for one of the events, please complete and return the reply slip by Thursday 12th December. We are asking for a donation of £1 per ticket.





Please join us!

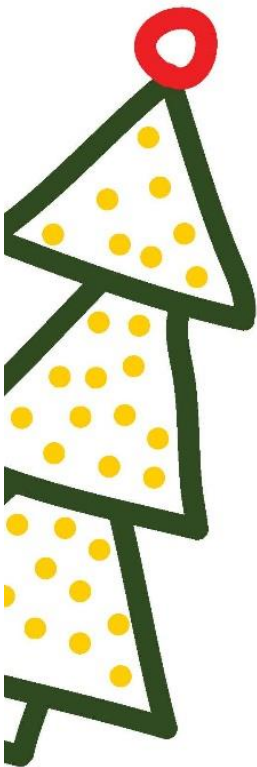
All money raised will go towards a whole school reward.

Christmas Market

Students are working hard to create stalls with a variety of products and games, including refreshments, cards and decorations.

Winter Wondershow

Held in our Theatre - a student led anthology show celebrating the talents of the St Martins Family. Due to seating capacity, a maximum of two tickets will be issued per family.



Christmas Market and Winter Wondershow

Please complete and return with donation by Thursday 12th December. Tickets will be sent home with your child / young person.

Name of child/young person: _____ Class: _____

Christmas Market (number of tickets - maximum of 4): _____

Winter Wondershow (number of tickets - maximum of 2): _____

I will take my child/young person home after the Christmas Market / Winter Wondershow (please circle)

Yes No

Amount enclosed: _____



Term Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day – Wednesday 4th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Thursday 5th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 25th October

INSET Day – Monday 4th November

School Starts Back – Tuesday 5th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2025

School Starts Back – Monday 6th January 2025

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 13th February

INSET Day – Friday 14th February

School Starts Back – Monday 24th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Friday 4th April

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

INSET Day – Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts Back – Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

School Starts Back – Monday 2nd June

School Breaks up for Summer – Wednesday 23rd July

INSET Day – Thursday 24th 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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