

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

5th September 2025

Website - <http://www.st-martinsoldham.co.uk/>



Our Christian theme this half term is Peace.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another fantastic year of learning at St Martin's School!
We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a successful year ahead!

Current Year 6 pupils applying for secondary school places September 2026

A reminder to all **current Year 6 parent/carers**. All applications for secondary school need to be completed online via the Oldham council website. This system will be open from **1st August** and will close at **5pm on 31st October**. Please do not forget to apply to avoid not being allocated a school of your choice.
If you do not have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham libraries, where staff will be happy to help you.

Current Nursery pupils applying for Reception school places September 2026

A reminder to all **current Nursery parent/carers**. All applications for Reception need to be completed online via the Oldham council website. This system will be open from **1st September** and will close at **5pm on 15th January 2026**. Please do not forget to apply to avoid not being allocated a school of your choice.
If you do not have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham libraries, where staff will be happy to help you.

School Dinners in September

All children moving up to Year 3 after the summer break will no longer be eligible for free school meals under the government programme. If you feel you qualify for free school meals, please apply on [Oldham free school meals website](#).

If you wish to change your child's provision for lunch, from packed lunches or school dinners, please let the school office know, giving at least **3 days notice**. This will ensure that enough meals are made in the school kitchen, and that you are not continuing to be charged for meals if you are now providing a packed lunch.

If the office is unaware of a meal change, you will be liable for paying for the dinners that have been provided for your child.



Packed Lunches

We are very proud of the choices our school meal children are given at lunch time. We are also very proud of the children who bring healthy packed lunches to school too, however, we have noticed that there's been a few children bringing crisps/chocolate/cakes in as part of their lunch. Please can we remind you that these are not acceptable as part of a healthy packed lunch, except on Fridays, when our school meal children also have chips as an option as part of their meal.

You can find lots of healthy packed lunch ideas on our school website.

Please keep crisps in packed lunches for Fridays only!

Thank you for your continued support.

We provide all students with a fruit snack at break times, if your child would prefer to bring their own snack this can be fruit or vegetable. Please can we ask no other snacks are brought into school.



Allergy & Medical information on Arbor



Please can all children's medical information and allergy list be updated on the Arbor app – We need to know all food allergies/intolerances that have been diagnosed by a medical professional.

Please update if your child has asthma and what inhalers they use.

If your child, no longer has an intolerance/condition it can be removed from their profile so we can update our records.



School Uniform



Please make sure that **ALL of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name** to avoid any lost items.

Thank you.

Every child should be wearing:
Yellow polo shirt or white shirt
Green sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers/shorts
Black or grey socks
Black school shoes (not trainers)
Green checked summer dress

PE kits are also part of the uniform, and should consist of:

White t-shirt
Green sports shorts
Black pumps and outdoor trainers
Outdoor kit for colder weather

Uniform is currently available from Debonair in Oldham and local supermarkets. We always look forward to seeing all our pupils looking smart in their full school uniform in September.



Attendance and Holidays in Term Time:

Please make sure your child is in school every day, unless they are unable to attend due to illness.

Headteachers are no longer allowed by law to authorise term-time holidays. This has been in place since September 2013. Parents will be fined by the local authority for taking children out of school during term-time to go on holiday.

Please book your holidays during the school holidays to avoid being fined by the local authority. Oldham are now fining for holidays in term time.

If school has been notified that a child is off due to illness when they are in fact away on holiday, and this comes to our attention, this will be regarded as an unauthorised absence and recorded as such.



Asthma Inhalers and Glasses in School



If your child has been prescribed asthma reliever inhalers, please make sure that they have one available in school and that you have completed school ASTHMA ACTION PLAN. These are kept in the classroom where the staff can access it if required. Please make sure any inhalers in school are within their use by date. Please also ensure your child either comes to school with their glasses or has a spare pair in school if necessary to ensure they do not struggle to access their learning. Thank you.



Approved Adult List

If you have any amendments to be made to your child's current list of approved adults to collect them from school, please update your child's Arbor profile as soon as possible. **You will find on your child's profile under the Family, Guardians & Contacts tab.** This will avoid any delays at the end of the school day. You are welcome to ring the office if you have any queries

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Wednesday, 3rd September – Friday, 24th October – School Term

Monday, 27th October – Friday, 31st October – Half Term Break

Autumn Term 2

Monday, 3rd November – Friday, 19th December – School Term

Monday, 22nd December – Friday, 2nd January – Christmas Break

Spring Term 1

Tuesday, 6th January – Friday, 13th February – School Term

Monday, 16th February – Friday, 20th February – Half Term Break

Spring Term 2

Monday, 23rd February – Thursday, 2nd April – School Term

Friday, 3rd April – Friday, 10th April — Easter Break

Summer Term 1

Monday, 13th April – Friday, 22nd May - School Term

(Monday, 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday)

Monday, 25th May – Friday, 5th June – Half Term Break

Summer Term 2

Monday, 8th June – Thursday, 16th July – School Term



Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 24th September 2025

