

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

16th July 2026

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



Our Christian theme this half term is Respect.



Annual Awards

Congratulations to all our students who won an annual award in this week's assembly! We are also impressed with the number of children receiving their 100% attendance awards again.

Goodbye & Good Luck



As we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils, we wish them well. We are sure that they are well prepared for their transition to secondary school and wish them every success in whatever the future holds for them.

We will be saying good-bye and good luck in your new adventure to Mrs Cocking and Mr Cummings. We hope you have a happy and successful future.



Arbor Update

Please can Arbor apps be updated over the summer holidays with information such as medical conditions, allergies, approved adults pick up list and contact information.

Current Year 5 Secondary School Applications

Your child is due to start secondary school in September 2027 – an exciting and important milestone. You will need to **apply online through the Oldham Council website**. Please apply to the local authority you pay your council tax to.

The online application system opens on **1 August 2026 and closes at 5pm on 31st October 2026.**

Important Information - You are advised to list at least three school preferences on your application. If you do not have internet access, computers are available for public use at all Oldham libraries. For applications to faith schools, you may need to complete a supplementary form or provide additional documentation. These forms are available directly from the relevant school and must be returned to them.

School Uniform

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

Every child should be wearing:

Yellow polo 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

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



Sports Day

A big congratulations to all our students for participating in Sports Day this week! Despite the warm weather, they showed great determination and enthusiasm. We hope everyone enjoyed cheering on the children and had a fantastic time!



School Attendance & Holidays

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.

School Times



The school day is as follows.

Nursery AM - **8.45am – 11.45am**

Nursery PM – **12.15-3.15pm**

Reception to Year 6 - **8.45am – 3.15pm**

The gates will be open at **8.30am** and be closed just after the second bell at **8.45am** so that teaching can start **promptly at 8.45am**.

Breakfast club doors will continue to open 8am – 8.15am for all our families to access.

If your child is arriving late to school or leaving early, they will need to be signed in/out at the main reception – if this is due to an appointment then appointment text, letter or email needs to be shown for records. Other than this reason your child should be collected from their class at 3.15pm when school finishes, to avoid disruption to the children's learning.

End of Year Message



The staff and governors of St Martin's wish to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer break.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!



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This week, our Year 6 pupils had an amazing time celebrating their leavers' activities with visits to Bounce Central and Castleshaw.

They enjoyed lots of exciting adventures, including canoeing, cave exploration, and many other fun activities. It was fantastic to see everyone trying new things, working together, and making special memories with their friends before moving on to their next adventure.

Well done, Year 6!



Diary Dates

School Closes – Thursday 16th July 2026

School Re-opens – Wednesday 2nd September 2026

