

ST. MARTIN'S NEWS

18th September 2026

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



Our Christian theme this half term is
Thankfulness.



Weekly Awards



Our Weekly Award winners are:

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Thomas Boulton
Sunny Chan
Riley Cooper
Poppy Mulhall
Chloe Nve Santos
Eva Mazur

Try to make our school community a better place

JIGGY OF THE WEEK

Finley Curran
Graihagh Rogers
Darcey Hartley-Westcott
Oscar Shelley
Grayson Hughes
Jorgia Owens-Tunncliffe

Well done to Years 5 and Year 1 for being joint attendance winners this week with 99.5% attendance.



Cherry Leaf Ju-Jitsu at St Martins School



Cherry Leaf Ju-Jitsu is welcoming new members, with sessions open to children from 6 years old, as well as adults.

Sessions run every **Tuesday and Thursday, 6.30–7.30pm**, in the school hall.

Whether you're completely new to ju-jitsu or have some experience already, you're welcome to come along and have a go. It's a great opportunity to learn something new, get active and meet others in the local community.

Current Year 6 pupils applying for secondary school places September 2027

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 2027

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.



Safe Parking



We kindly ask all parents and carers to park safely on the main road when dropping off or picking up children. Please be aware that parking in the school car park is strictly reserved for staff and visitors only.

Please do not attempt to park on the school ramps – on both sides of the school. Parking in these areas restricts access to the school and creates unsafe conditions for our children and their families as they enter and exit the grounds. Especially in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

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 (UFSM). 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.



Smoking/Vaping on School Grounds



To help us maintain a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for everyone, we kindly remind all parents, carers, and visitors that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school site.

This includes all school buildings, the car park, playgrounds, and all gated or enclosed areas within the school grounds.

We appreciate your cooperation in respecting this policy and helping us provide a positive example for our children. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Allergy & Medical information on Arbor



Please can all children's medical information and allergy list be updated on the Arbor app if they haven't already – 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

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

Important School Times

REMINDER

The school day is as follows.

NURSERY - **8.45am – 11.45am**

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 - **8.45am – 3.15pm**

BREAKFAST CLUB (Reception to Year 6) will open its doors - **8am – 8.15am**

MORNING GATES open at **8.35am** and closed just before **8.45am**

AFTERNOON GATES open at **3.10pm** and closed at **3.30pm**.

BIKE SHED GATE is open **8am to 8.45am**

If your child is late and comes on a scooter or bike unfortunately you would need to take it home with you.

WE CANNOT TAKE ANY BIKES OR SCOOTERS THROUGH THE MAIN ENTRANCE



Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 1

Tuesday, 1st September 2026 – Staff training day

Wednesday, 2nd September – Friday, 23rd October – School Term

Monday, 26th October – Friday, 30th October – Half Term Break

Autumn Term 2

Monday, 2nd November – Friday, 18th December – School Term

Monday, 21st December – Friday, 1st January – Christmas Break

Spring Term 1

Monday, 4th January – Friday, 12th February – School Term

Monday, 15th February – Friday, 19th February – Half Term Break

Spring Term 2

Monday, 22nd February – Thursday, 25th March – School Term

Friday, 26th March – Friday, 2nd April – Easter Break

Summer Term 1

Monday, 5th April – Friday, 21st May - School Term

(Monday, 3rd May – May Day Bank Holiday)

Monday, 24th May – Friday, 4th June – Half Term Break

Summer Term 2

Monday, 7th June – Thursday, 15th July – School Term

Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 24th September 2026

