

What's on in November 2024!

Tues 5nd	WI AGM & social	The Lounge of the Miners Institute	7:30pm
Wed 4th	Hearing Loss Support Hubs Usually 1 st Wednesday month	Oswestry Library	Booking required 01743 342168
Wed 13th	Weston Rhyn & District Gardening Club Winter in terest	The Institute Weston Rhyn	7:15pm
Thurs 14th	St Martins Parish Council	St Martins Village Hall	7:00pm
Mon 25th	St Martins Family and Local History Group	St Martins Village Hall	7:30pm

Please let us know the time and date of your events in December/January (Please remember this is the Christmas issue) for the next edition of Village Life (free on the 'What's On' pages) by no later than Wednesday 13th November 2024.

If you send us an article for the next edition, please bear in mind that it will be delivered at the end of November, so any events you report on will have happened before then. If you want to mention any upcoming events or activities please make sure they are in December/January (or later).



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

13 September 2024

Can I thank all our parents, carers and staff for your patience and understanding during the last two days of IT issues.

Lessons have continued using text books and classroom resources and school always has the ability to contact any of the phone contacts that parents have provided should we need to do so in a emergency. Please do log into the Arbor app if you need to view your contact information and update where appropriate. Please also check your Parentpay account to ensure that there are funds available for school lunches.



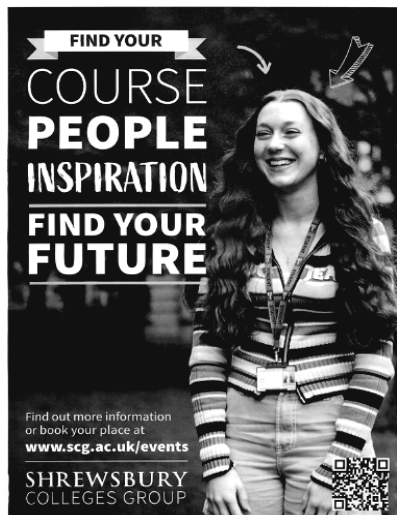
It's a bit of a sporting update this week with a huge congratulations to Mr Machin, Ms Richardson and ex student Katie Pickles for completing the Great North Run last weekend in aid of Hope House..

We have had a few small incidences of students falling out and being unhappy about football cards . Can we ask that football cards are kept at home.

Just a reminder of the after school clubs from now until October half term. (see the full list in this newsletter). Booking is required for primary clubs via the arbor app—in secondary please speak to the PE member of staff. Don't forget there is a late bus available for secondary students. This goes to Gobowen, Weston Rhyn and Chirk and can be booked at reception.

Kit reminders for PE lessons for year 7—11 is:- St. Martins PE t-shirt, long sleeve PE jumper, St. Martins shorts / skort, **ALL PUPILS TO WEAR BLACK FOOTBALL SOCKS**, shin pads, boots, trainers, swimming costume / swimming shorts / trunks. Jewellery to be removed and hair tied back. Optional replacements allowed are:- plain black PE kit including leggings / track suit bottoms. **NO SPORTS BRANDING**

It would be really positive to celebrate the great sporting achievements of our students outside of school. Sharing these stories can be very motivational for our whole school community! We would love to highlight these skills and the work they do by displaying photos with information about any clubs or teams pupils train with or play for. Please let us know in an email to reception or the PE team.



Year 11 will already be thinking of post 16 options—we will be hosting careers events here in school but also signposting events that students can attend. Shrewsbury colleges Group open evenst and taster events can be found at [Courses | Training | Shrewsbury Colleges Group \(scg.ac.uk\)](http://Courses | Training | Shrewsbury Colleges Group (scg.ac.uk))

A reminder that the school site including the sports field is not open to the general public after school or at weekends.

Have a lovely weekend, Ms Lovecy





Uniform September 2024

At St Martins School we are constantly improving our provision for students in all areas of school life. Uniform is very important to us and we want students to be proud to wear our uniform. We have made our uniform value for money and our branded Ram Leisure items are of a very high quality.

In school we have a selection of pre loved uniform together with the St Martins badge that can be sewn onto items if parents prefer.

Wearing a school uniform means that students are focused on their education and not on their attire. Research has shown that when all students are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from students. **The school uniform was introduced to reduce any social differences between students. Wearing a standard uniform saves money - there's no pressure to buy extra 'fashionable' clothes to impress other people at school.**

Students who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance or social status. Because all pupils are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment. School uniforms create a level playing field among the student body, which reduces peer pressure and helps to prevent bullying.

There are some changes for September and we will be very strict on sticking to our uniform rules and I wanted to give advance notice to all parents. The main areas are bullet pointed below.

- No facial piercings will be allowed, that includes clear plastic and new piercings, students will be asked to remove them
- No false eyelashes or false nails or detectable nail varnish
- No trainers will be allowed even with a parental note. If your child needs to wear special footwear for medical reasons please provide a doctor's note. Please renew this for September so we can scan it and put it on file.
- Ties must be worn and students will be given a detention if they are not wearing one.
- School trousers must be tailored **trousers**, made from trouser fabric not stretchy leggings fabric and have a button and zip fastening. No cargoes or denim
- Sports branded items are not permitted in PE
- Black school skirts for year 9-11 must be pleated and knee length

There will be a large range of new and clean school uniform available for students to borrow for genuine reasons. Please see the student planners and [website](#) for a detailed list of what is acceptable.



Trivia Questions answers on page 39

- 1.
2. Which Italian-style village on the North Wales coast was designed in the 20th century by architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis?
3. Which village in the far north of Scotland takes its name from a 15th-century Dutchman who ran a ferry from the Scottish mainland to Orkney?
4. The small village of Hambledon in Hampshire is best known for the birth of which sport?
5. Which fictional village is located 3 miles from the village of Robblesfield?
6. Which harbour village in North Devon charges an entrance fee to enter and is known for its steep pedestrianised cobbled main street?
7. As one of the prettiest villages in the UK, which village is often referred to as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds'?
8. In 1920, Crosse & Blackwell made a successful bid to acquire a factory site in which Staffordshire village which they promised to turn into the best and largest food preserving plant in the UK? (Hint: Take a guess, we all know the name!?)
9. What is well-known as being near the village of Crathie?
10. Llanfairpwllgwyngyll is a large village on which island?
11. Which small Yorkshire coastal village and tourist attraction is south of Whitby?
12. Which small village in Hampshire is home to the British National Motor Museum?
13. Mousehole is a village in which English county?
14. Which capital city began as the village of Edo?
15. *The Archers* is set in which fictional village in the fictional county of Borsetshire?
16. Following the old coaching route from London to Edinburgh what historically was the first village in Scotland?



Here is a clue to one of the answers. Where on earth can it be?

THE GARDENER'S HYMN

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, though gardener's know it's true,
Is when he made the goodies, he made the baddies too.

The green fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills the noses, he also gave us these.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club foot on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nip the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

The midges and the mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows in the seeds.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be their thumbs.

But still the gardener's labours, midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits the neighbours, will somehow bypass ours.



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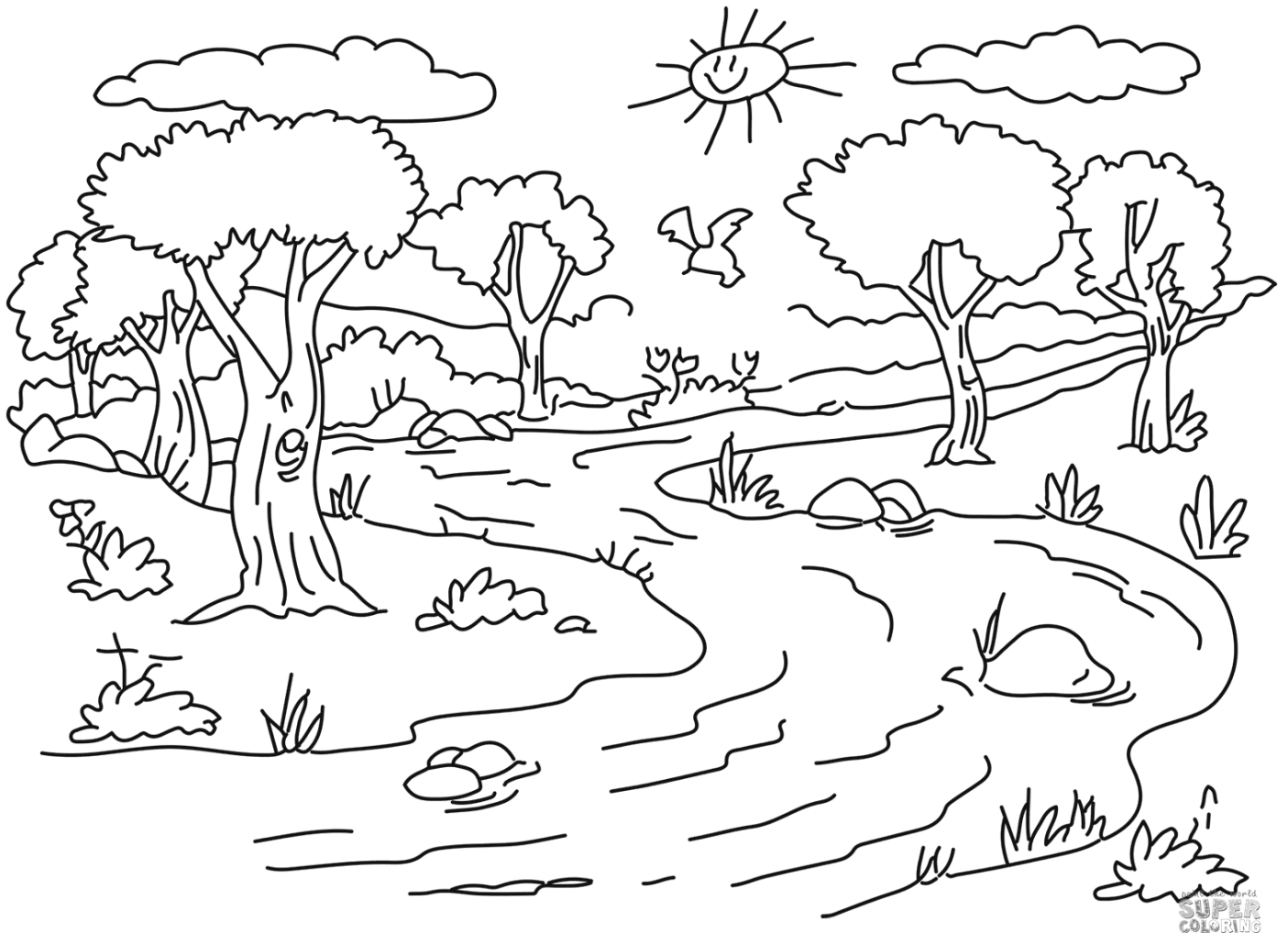
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Here's a picture for you to colour.



Back to School

WORD SEARCH

Playground

Lockers

Crayons

Recess

Desk

Principal

Assembly

School

Study

Bus

Classroom

Teachers

Pencil

Test

Music

Students

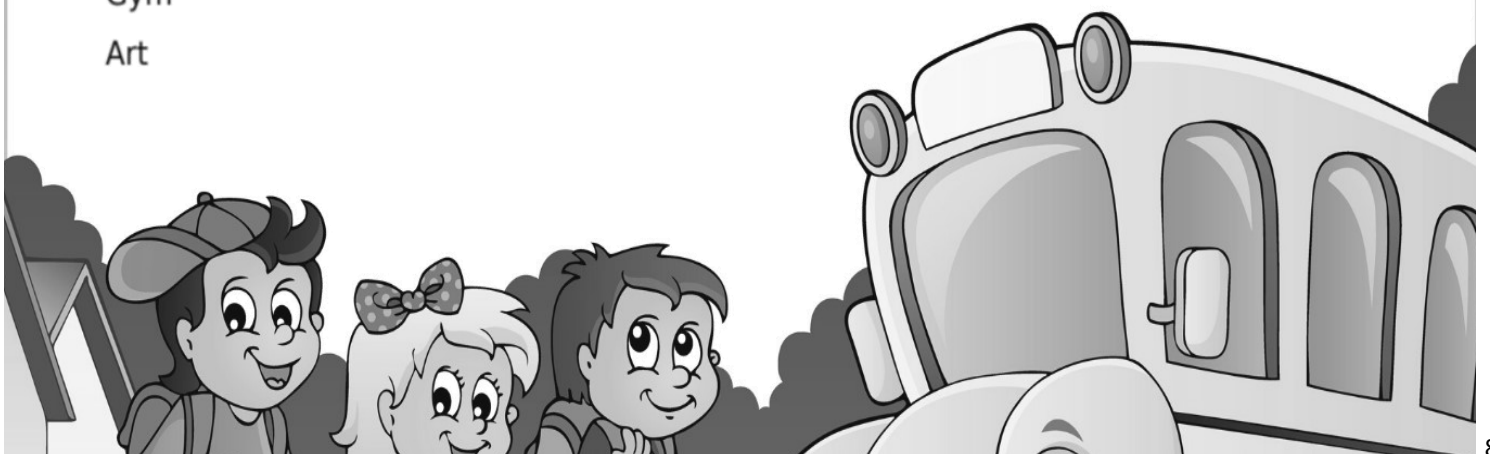
Hallway

Lunch

Gym

Art

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1 October 2024

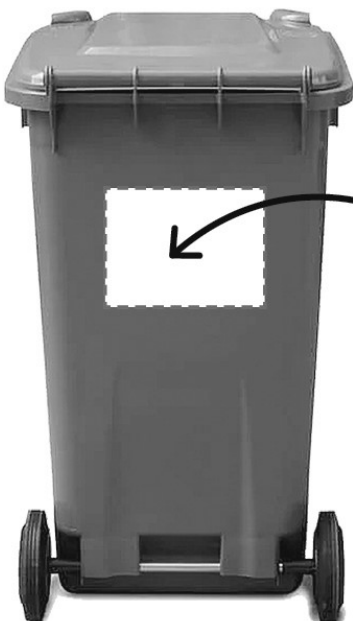
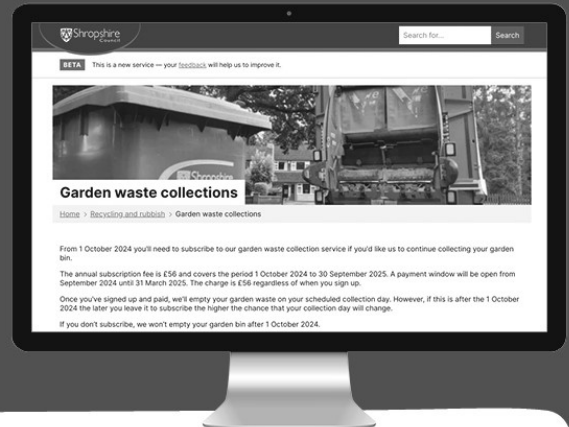
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Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy

It was another successful tournament that saw TNS U18s win the trophy for the first time, beating previous winners Gobowen Celtic in a very close final.

Also, Chirk Youth took home the Junior trophy, beating Oswestry Boys and Girls club in the final of the tournament.

The organisers are pleased to announce that, more importantly, they have raised over £11,000 for Blood Cancer UK.

They would like to thank all those who helped towards raising this very significant amount of money in the battle against blood cancers.

A gala dinner is being held at Oswestry Showground on the 30th November that consists of a meal, entertainment by local group The Bartelles, and a very funny comedian/speaker.

There are a few tables of 10 left now, cost is £40 per person and all proceeds go to Blood Cancer UK.

For anyone interested, details are on the tournament Facebook site or contact Wayne Martyn on 07956166060, Keith Butterson on 07375880929, or Andrew Faulks on 07854742729.