



# St Margaret's Academy

## ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #2  
2nd May 2025



### Mrs O'Dwyer's Welcome Message

Dear Families,

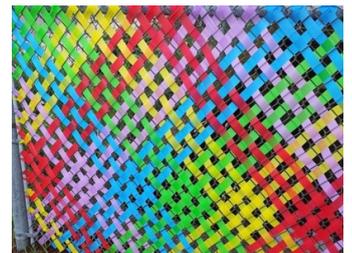
What a wonderful end to the second week back we have had full of sunshine and smiles. A big congratulations to Rowan class that attended Torquay United Indoor Bowls competition on Monday. I had the privilege of talking with Jacob, Fletcher and Aoife about this event and what they most enjoyed. "It was really enjoyed it and found it easy" from Jacob. "It was funny and I felt proud of my achievement and enjoyed working with my group" explained Fletcher. "I learnt something new and really enjoyed learning a new sport, I was pleased when I hit the cone" expressed Aoife. What a brilliant achievement and experience for Rowan class, well done all.

We've got a busy and exciting term planned. Alongside the 'statutory testing' season, we continue to organise trips, visitors, sports days, transition and leavers events. Please see the calendar below and check out the school website calendar for key dates. I will continue to update this as the term progresses.

As always, we truly value your continued support with your child/ren's education and wellbeing support. If you have any questions or would like to get more involved in school life this term, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Fabric and Ribbon Weaving Plan

The 'School Councillors' are keen to decorate the school fence at the front of school by the ramp to make it look colourful and also be safer for the pupils. So far, we have contacted Virgin Balloon Flights for any donations of retired balloon envelopes that are no longer in use. We are hoping to hear back soon, but if you know of, or have any contacts that could support our pupil led project we would love to hear from you.



### Fundraise Update

Thank you so much for the kind donations raised for so far for Torbay and South Devon NHS charity in special memory of Eddie Jo Rice. So far £270 plus gift aid has been raised. If you can and would like to, please visit the dedicated [Just Giving page](#) or drop off your cash donation to the office and we can pass it on for you. Thank you.

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## Curriculum News

Please note that all planning and curriculum news has been emailed to you to review what your child is learning this term. Additionally, this has also been uploaded to the school website. Click on the [link](#) for quick access.

## St Margarets to mark VE Day 80th Anniversary

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, many around the world will be marking the eightieth anniversary of VE Day, eighty years to the day on which the Allied forces accepted the surrender of Nazi Germany. At school we will be celebrating this by wearing our school uniform with an optional splash of 'Red, White or Blue' in the form of a small accessory or homemade badge.



The school hall will be decorated, classes will be learning about this special day and the catering team will make themed treats for the pupils to enjoy at lunchtime. Around Torbay, a series of events have been planned to celebrate and remember such an important point in recent history; to remember the many lives impacted by World War II, including those who gave everything to protect their loved ones and their homes. For more information click [here](#).

## Safety

Please check out the [link](#) for more information for parents and carers on safety on the road which is at the forefront of our minds as we focus on Bikeability this week and in the coming weeks. Well done to all the children that took part in Level 1 Bikeability this week, we hope you enjoyed and found it useful.

## Thank you to the PTA

I met with the fabulous PTA this week and we looked ahead to the events they have planned for the school community, which sound amazing for the pupils but also will help raise valuable fund towards new projects to benefit all. We really do need your support for social events such as discos and summer fetes, so when an invite is sent out, we really would appreciate your support. We know that these events are welcomed by the parents, and more importantly the children, but without parental support, they simply cannot take place.

Here's to a happy, productive, and sunshine-filled summer term! Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend, see you on Tuesday.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

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## News and Events for Parents and Carers

Please check out the below posters for events in the community coming up.

**HENDRIX FEST 2025**

17th MAY 2025  
1PM-LATE

TORBAY PARTY BARN,  
STANTOR BARTON FARM,  
STANTOR LANE,  
MARLDON,  
PAIGNTON,  
TQ3 1SU

**RAISING MONEY FOR MARCHING ON WITH HENDRIX**

FREE BOUNCY CASTLES | FOOD STALLS & BAR | SMALL BUSINESS MARKET | PIG RACING | FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

LIVE MUSIC WITH 3 DAYS OF WONDER, PURE ABBA AND MORE

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Children 0-16: Free

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**We are your local leisure centre**

Learn to Swim programme from 3 months to adults; Free public swim also included

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LeisureCentre.com

Swim England | Water Safety Partner | LEX LEISURE | TORBAY COUNCIL

Managed in Partnership with your Local Authority

Full details of the below event can be found at <https://www.waterstones.com/events/an-evening-with-jacqueline-wilson/exeter-roman-gate-139485>

An evening with **JACQUELINE WILSON**

**THE SEASIDE SLEEPOVER**  
JACQUELINE WILSON

**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY, 6.30PM**  
at Exeter Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter EX1 1BW

Visit [waterstones.com/events](https://www.waterstones.com/events) for details

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# Diary Dates

5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
5th May 2025	Brixham Pirate Festival
6th—7th May 2025	Dear Awareness Week Sessions
7th May 2025	15.30—16.00 Y1 Phonics Meeting
7th May 2025	16.45—17.15 Y1 Phonics Meeting
8th May 2025	VE Day—Pupils to wear a splash of Red, White or Blue. (School Uniform to be worn.)
12th May 2025	Y6 SATS—English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper
13th May 2025	Y6 SATS—Reading Paper
14th May 2025	Y6 SATS—Maths Paper 1 & 2
14th May 2025	09.00—11.00 Y4 & Y5 HSC Pupils to visit Spires
15th May 2025	Y6 SATS—Maths Paper 3
15th May 2025	14.00—15.00 Y6 to SDC to watch Addams Family
W/C 19th May 2025	Mental Health Awareness Week
20th May 2025	Y5 Kayaking
22nd May 2025	Year 1 Music and History Show
W/C 26th May 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	First day back for children

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Beech	Victor is our Star of the Week! His kindness towards adults and children has impressed every adult he has worked with this week. Additionally, he has put forth his best effort
Pine	Elsie is our star of the week and what a star she is! She is ALWAYS doing the right thing. She listens, she helps, she tries her best and is just a wonderful member of Pine class. Well done Elsie
Oak	Jessica is our star of the week! She consistently tries her best in all areas of learning. She was also very brave and showed off her ukulele skills in front of the whole class during music. Well done Jess!
Apple	James is our much deserved star this week. All adults have noticed his motivation to get more involved in lessons and you should be very proud of the recent writing you have been producing. We have also thoroughly enjoyed your show and tells! Well done James!
Holly	We have welcomed back Jonathan recently to Year 3 and it is like he has never been away! He shows all of our learning behaviours but particularly actively thinking and joining in with discussions. Well done Jonathan on being so responsible since you joined Holly.
Willow	Olivia R is the star of the week in Willow class. She has shown great thinking in her maths learning this week working hard to develop her understanding of fractions of amounts. She has listened well and used the methods modelled to her. She has also demonstrated wonderful motivation to complete tasks on Nessy. Well done Olivia.
Cherry	Cherries star of the week is Logan. He has shown some fantastic motivation towards all of his learning. He has taken an active part in every subject, sharing ideas and helping others. I have been very impressed with these learning choices, well done Logan.
Hazel	Logan is our star in Hazel this week. Logan has been really working hard on his focus, his resilience and is challenging himself in all subjects. He has been incredibly aspirational this week, working hard to improve his work - especially in Writing and Reading and it is fantastic to see. Well done, Logan. We are so proud of you. Keep it up!
Birch	Louie is our star this week for his motivation and resilience. He has been really focused on our angles work in maths. Well done!
Rowan	This week's star in Rowan class is Jacob. He is always showing motivation towards his learning and blew us all away with his incredible sporting skills this week when we tried out the sport of indoor bowls. Keep up the great work!
Maple	Our star this week goes to Nevaeh, who could achieve this award every week! Nevaeh has worked hard on her learning behaviours; she is motivated to do well and shows resilience if she gets something wrong. These are great qualities Nevaeh - keep it up!
Hawthorn	Noah has worked so hard this week in the lead up to SATs, he is completing lots of practice in class and is showing motivation to do well by considering carefully why mistakes have been made and how to ensure he understands his mistakes - well done Noah your hard work will pay off!

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