



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #34
10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final full week of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, care and partnership throughout what has been a very busy and successful year at St Margaret's. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support our children and our school community.

While the summer holidays are now in sight, we still have plenty to look forward to next week. Our Year 6 pupils will be presenting their Leavers' Shows, and we very much hope that parents, carers and family members of those children will be able to join us. Having had a sneaky preview today, I can say it looks absolutely fantastic!

We also have our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Sports Days taking place, transition visits for our children as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey, and lots of other exciting activities planned across the week.

Let's keep the energy, enthusiasm and positivity going as we head towards the final week of term and celebrate all that has been achieved this year.

What a busy and exciting week it has been at St Margaret's Academy!



Academic Reports and Transition Arrangements

Academic reports have been sent home today for all children in Reception to Year 5. Year 6 reports will be issued once SATs results are received, which have been delayed until 16 July.

To support children moving into their new classes, we have arranged two transition sessions next week (Tuesday and Friday). During these visits, children will spend time in their new classrooms, meet their new teachers and support staff, and take part in activities to help them prepare for September. A transition booklet will also be provided.

A huge well done to all our children for their hard work and achievements this year—we are incredibly proud of them. You may notice that this year's reports have been written directly to the children, allowing them to celebrate their successes and reflect on their progress. We hope you enjoy reading them together.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



A Fantastic Musical Celebration with Rock Steady

This week, our children enjoyed a truly memorable concert experience alongside Rock Steady, and what a fantastic performance it was! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who were able to join us and celebrate this special occasion. Sharing these moments with our school community makes them even more meaningful for the children.

The concert showcased not only the children's growing musical talents but also their confidence, determination and bravery in performing in front of such a large audience. Every child should feel incredibly proud of themselves for stepping onto the stage and giving their very best.

Congratulations to all of our young performers and a huge thank you to Rock Steady for helping to make the event such a success. Well done, everyone!



KS1 Sports Day



KS1 Sports Day was held on Monday 6th July in glorious sunshine and due to the very warm weather, it was made slightly shorter with reduced activities. KS1 Sports Day is split into two parts. Firstly, the children all competed in the field events as they went round the fun carousel of activities in their house teams and then they competed in the track events to gain more points for their team. Sports Day is a fantastic opportunity to get outside of the classroom, get active and work as a team. There were some great individual and team performances. All the children far exceeded expectations and performed brilliantly in all the events and it was a very close result at the end with only one point separating 1st and 2nd .

Well done to the red team who came first with 573 points and to the blue team who came second with 572 points, the green team came third place with 526 points and the yellow team came fourth with 520 points.

St Margaret's have many talented children and we are very proud of their achievements and enthusiasm for sport. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and family members that came along to support the children this year, we always appreciate the support you show the children and our school. And many thanks to the staff and our amazing Y6 Play makers for helping to organise such a successful day!



Reception Sports Celebration

On Monday afternoon, our wonderful Reception children were joined by their families and friends to celebrate their fantastic sporting achievements. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort and determination they showed throughout the event.

Despite the very warm weather, the children demonstrated excellent perseverance and encouragement, cheering on both their friends and themselves every step of the way. The ice pops at the end were certainly very much appreciated by everyone!

It was a joy to see every child take part with such positivity and enjoyment, and we were delighted that all of the children received a certificate and a medal in recognition of their achievements. Well done to our Reception children for showing such resilience, teamwork and sporting spirit. We are very proud of you all.



ESHE Curriculum Change—Parent Consultation

From September 2026, all schools will be introducing updated statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). These changes are designed to help keep children safe, support their wellbeing, and prepare them for the next stage of their education and life beyond school.

As part of our preparations, we are inviting all parents and carers to take part in our RSHE Consultation Survey. Your views are extremely important to us and will help shape how we deliver this curriculum at St Margaret's Academy.

The updated guidance includes increased focus on:

- Online safety and digital wellbeing
- Personal safety, including around roads, water and railways
- Healthy relationships and personal boundaries
- Communication skills and confidence
- Understanding change, loss and bereavement
- Age-appropriate health education and safeguarding

We have uploaded a range of information documents for you to review before completing the consultation survey.

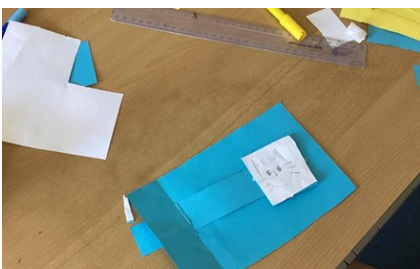
- Complete the consultation survey [here](#)

We encourage all parents and carers to share their thoughts and feedback. If you have any questions, please contact a member of staff, our PSHE Lead Leanna Russell, or myself. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We look forward to sharing news in the coming weeks about the event's success and how much we have raised together to support our school.

Year 5 Design Technology

We have been looking at different mechanisms in DT working towards our final 3D pop up book. We have used box folding, V folding, waving mechanisms and sliding mechanisms.



Have your Say—Annual Parent & Carer Survey

This is a valuable opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback to help shape the future direction of our school in the year ahead. Your voice matters, and your views play an important role in helping us improve and grow as a school community.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete the survey and tell us what is working well, as well as where we can do better. Please submit your responses by **Monday 20th July 2026**. Please Click on the link below <https://forms.gle/98hnoec6VZ8R4QXz7>

Year 6 Rounders Report

On Thursday 9th July a group of 31 of us Year 6's went to Cuthbert Mayne to take part in a rounders festival. We competed against Shiphay and Homelands, playing 2 games per team.

Team A played Shiphay A first and we tied 7-7 full rounders were scored by Raya, Michael G, Rory, Michael D, Josh, Roman and Lily

Team B played Shiphay B first and we won 8-6 full rounders were scored by Owen, Oliver, Fletcher, Olivia, Riley, and Theon

For our second games we played Homelands and Team A won 8-2 and team B won 8-6 Rounders were scored in these games by William, Emelia, Henry, Riley, Olivia, Oliver N, Oliver P, Michael D.

We were then awarded the overall winners trophy and medals! Riley was also awarded a special medal for sportsmanship!

Go Team SMA

Written By Year 6



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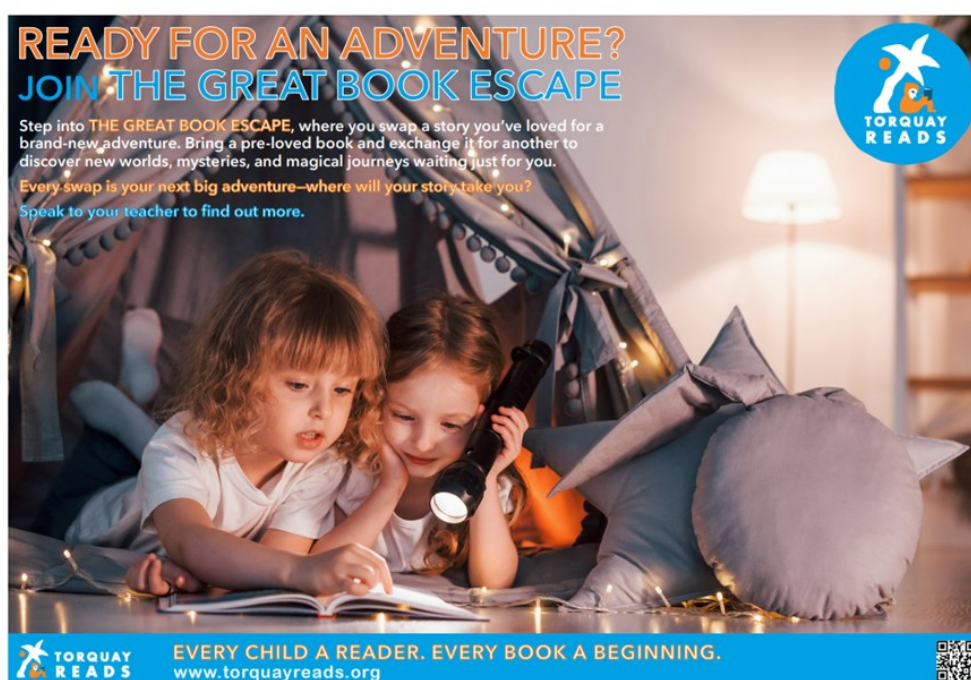
Summer Fayre—Thank You

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fantastic Summer Fayre organised by our PTA last Saturday.

It was a wonderful day, blessed with lovely sunshine, and a real example of our school community coming together. The event was a tremendous success, and it truly was an all-hands-on-deck effort. Special thanks go to the PTA for organising such a fantastic event, as well as to all the volunteers, parents, carers, family members and friends who gave their time and support throughout the day.

We are delighted to share that, alongside bringing our community together, the fair also raised essential funds that will be used to enhance opportunities for our pupils and provide additional support for the school. As school budgets continue to face increasing pressures, the work of the PTA is incredibly valuable. Not only do they provide vital financial support for projects and resources, but they also play an important role in strengthening the sense of community that makes our school so special.

Thank you once again to everyone involved. Your support is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to our children and school community.



We are excited to be taking part in Torquay Reads: The Great Book Escape – a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading across our school community!

Our Book Swap will take place next Friday 17th July, giving children the chance to choose a pre-loved book to take home and enjoy over the summer holidays as part of the Torbay Reads Challenge.

If your child has already brought in books to donate, thank you for your support. There is still time to get involved, so after the weekend please send in any good-quality, pre-loved books that you are happy to donate. On Book Swap Day, children will be able to exchange a donated book for another book to take home, helping to refresh bookshelves and inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Please note that donated books will not be returned, so only send books that you are happy to give away. Every child will have the opportunity to leave with a "new" book to enjoy over the summer break.

Take care everyone and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

Headteacher



SUN SAFETY



APPLY SUNSCREEN

Please apply sunscreen to children before school. Children can bring sunscreen into school to reapply throughout the day.



WEAR A HAT

Children to bring a hat into school. Remember to label it!



HYDRATE WITH WATER

Please ensure children bring a water bottle into school each day. Children can refill bottles in the classroom as and when.



Diary Dates

13th—14th July 2026	17.45—18.45 Year 6 Production
14th July 2026	14.00—15.00 Transition to New Class
16th July 2026	09.30—12.00 Upper KS2 Sport Day (Year 5 & Year 6) 13.00—15.00 Lower KS2 Sports Day (Year 3 & Year 4)
17th July 2026	13.30—14.30 Transition to New Class
Tuesday 21st July 2026	Last day for Pupils 09.30—10.15 Leavers Assembly 15.00—15.15 Leavers Tunnel
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
23rd July 2026	Start of the Summer Holidays

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Ash	Robyn	For her aspirational kindness and caring attitude. Robyn is always eager to help others, recognises when her friends need support , tidying up , overcoming problems , and loves being a super star friend to everyone.
Elm	Tashaun	For sharing your brilliant knowledge and understanding about foods from other countries. We loved hearing about how chocolate is made.
Beech	Elsie. E	You have shown a kind and caring attitude to everyone in our class. You are always ready to help others, use kind words, and make your friends feel happy and included.
Pine	Belle	Belle is my star for her continued effort towards her writing. She is now super confident at writing sentences and using lots of special friends- well done Belle :)
Apple	Amara	Amara has had a truly fantastic week. She has been aspirational with all of her learning, especially her writing and her art work. She has drawn some fantastic pictures in the style of Quentin Blake. She has also been a kind and helpful friend around the classroom and is always showing respect to others. A real role model to everybody. Well done Amara!
Oak	George E	George has amazed us this week with his super concentration and effort in the Art lessons, where he completed some drawings in the style of Quentin Blake. He was great at helping others in the computing lesson. Well done George, you are a star!
Willow	Poppy	Willow star goes to Poppy for her resilience even when she find things tricky she keeps trying. They are just a delight to have in willow class.
Holly	Lottie	Lottie has been a pleasure to have in Holly Class this year. We can always depend on her to show responsibility around the school and in the classroom. She is always one of the first people to volunteer to help the adults and supports her peers wonderfully. Well done Lottie, you should be super proud of yourself!
Cherry	Alfie and Isabelle	Well done you two for being amazing musicians in the Rock Steady concert, everyone in Cherry are really proud of you. It's not easy to perform in front of an audience but you two made it look easy.
Hazel	Kitty	Kitty is our star this week for her super responsibility. She listens well to the grown-ups and is always offering to help around the classroom. It is much appreciated, and almost like having another little teacher! Well done, Kitty!
Rowan	Amira	Amira is Rowan's star of the week for her kindness. Amira can always be counted on to support her peers when they need a helping hand. She is a selfless young lady who is a pleasure to have in the classroom. Well done Amira!
Birch	Logan	You are the star this week! All the Birch adults have noticed a real change in your attitude towards your learning. You are such a respectful young man.
Hawthorn	Charlie and Elizabeth	Charlie has been super responsible this week, stepping up to help with the organisation of props for our Year 6 show. He has also been very mature during our PSHE sessions and made some good contributions. Well done! Elizabeth has shown great aspiration in overcoming her nerves to learn and perform her lines in our Year 6 show clearly and with confidence. Well done!
Maple	Rocco	For coming out of his comfort zone and being a reliable member of the school cast in the upcoming year 6 play. What a wonderful example of aspirational behaviour.

