

# St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with a special sing-along assembly led by the Reverend Nathan and the Jump Team from St Cuthbert Mayne who shared their experiences on how to form positive relationships, which is our theme for this half term. Have a look in the [SMSC Blog](#) to see some photos and read more about this.

## Fun Playtimes

Making sure playtimes are fun and engaging is really important for us. There are a wide range of activities on offer including fun in the orchard, competitive games in the Sports Court, small games in the courtyard, big games on the main playground, giant play on the top playground, skipping, drama and music in the area outside Year 3. On the PSHE Blog you can watch a short video of [pure musical joy](#) at morning play on Tuesday.

## National Numeracy Day

On Wednesday we celebrated National Numeracy Day with a range of Maths activities taking place inside and outside. On a walk round school, it was lovely to see engagement and excitement about Maths, with opportunities to see Maths taking place in all sorts of other subjects and activities. Have a look in the Maths Blog to see [Year 1](#), [Year 2](#), [Year 3](#) and [Year 6](#).

## Number Heroes Competition

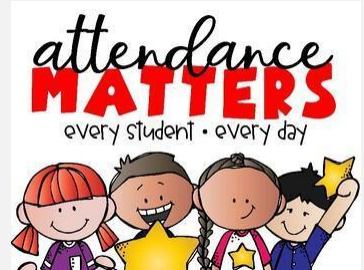
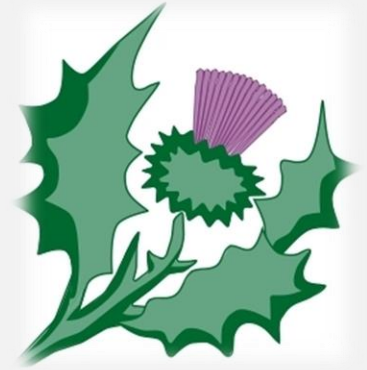
The children have the opportunity to enter a Number Heroes competition, which involves them drawing a picture of themselves doing their dream job or hobby and writing how Maths would help them. They could win £50 and the school could win a prize pack worth £1000.

Your child should have brought home their competition entry – either completed – or still to be completed. Please can we enlist your help to firstly complete the entry at home (if needed) and then to scan the barcode on the entry and upload. The 2023 competition is open until 31 May. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition#form>

## Other Curriculum News

Year 6 enjoyed a captivating morning with two police officers from the community support team on Tuesday, learning about how to stay safe in the virtual and real world, and how to be [responsible citizens](#). See some photos and read more on the PSHE Blog.



**The class with the highest attendance this week is HAZEL CLASS 100% AMAZING!**

### Message from the Attendance Officer

*"There has been a significant increase in children arriving late to school. Please can you ensure that your child is in the classroom for 8.55am when registers are taken. Many Thanks for your support"*

This week, we also marked national [Mental Health Week](#) in classes. In the PSHE Blog, you can find a lovely video with tips on talking about this important aspect of our lives.

A part of our curriculum design is to ensure learning is revisited to help children retain new knowledge and skills. Have a look in the Science Blog this week to see how [Year 1 Beech](#) Class used their outdoor area to refresh their learning about materials.

In the DT Blog you can see and read how [Year 2](#) are getting on with the start of their project to design and make egg cosies, and how [Year 3 Rowan](#) are up and running with their mechanical systems – exciting!

In the Sports Blog, you can read about how our Year 2s smashed it with first place in a local [multi-skills competition](#) and how Years 5 and 6 won the local [Roulers competition](#). Well done to all of them... and their pro-coach, Mr Mayling!

## Singing Club

Spaces are available in our Singing Club after school on **Fridays 3.20-4.20pm** with our lovely singing tutor Amanda. Please contact Phillipa if you are interested on: [office@educationbox.co](mailto:office@educationbox.co)

## Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week: [Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look: <https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Have a super-duper weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



### Reminder:

Breakfast and After School Club sessions **must** be booked and paid for in advance. Spaces are limited  
Many Thanks



### School Lunches

There are a large number of children who do not have lunches ordered in advance. The kitchen cooks to order and with orders not being accurate this adds extra pressure on our kitchen staff. Bookings can be made up until 8am on the morning a lunch is needed, via the school gateway.  
Many Thanks



Beech	Andre is our star this week, he has been working really hard in his phonic lessons and he is just such a lovely member of our class. Well done Andre!
Pine	Jackson is our star for his massive effort in maths this week. He is such a little mathematician.
Oak	Finn is our star because he is a role model for all of the school values. He always tries his best and he quietly gets on with his learning. I can always rely on Finn to be doing the right thing. You are a superstar Finn, well done!
Apple	Emma is our star this week. She is a kind, polite member of the team and always tries her hardest. Emma particularly stood out recently at the multi skills festival at Cuthbert Mayne. Well done Emma!
Birch	Evie for amazing learning in ALL subjects! You are working so hard and it is really paying off. Your reading age has gone up more than a year and we are so, so proud of you!
Rowan	Felix has to be our star of the week this week - He has engaged in all our learning, produced some really great ideas in his writing using different sentence structures and challenged himself with his Maths. He has also worked responsibly, showing kindness towards others, during our DT project research. Amazing - Well done Felix!
Cherry	Esmae is the star of the week in Cherry class. She has shown great enthusiasm for her writing this week. She has written a lovely whale story and planned an exciting Viking story. Well done for being aspirational Esmae- We can't wait to read your Viking story.
Hazel	Lilli-Mae is our star of the week in Hazel class for her fantastic sewing this week! You were even a 'teacher' for two days, modelling how to sew correctly and supporting your friends - what a responsibility. Well done Lilli-Mae!
Willow	Acai is our star this week in Willow class. Acai has been trying so hard to improve her presentation and handwriting and it has made a really big difference! Her books look lovely and the improvement is huge! Well done, Acai! Keep it up!
Holly	Miley is this week's star in Holly class. She is a fantastic role model, always participates in class discussions and is an incredibly aspirational learner! Miley has a fantastic attitude towards her learning and has worked so hard on her independent writing this week, showing such perseverance through the editing process. Well done Miley, we are all so proud of you!
Maple	Maple's star of the week is Josh! Josh is always showing kindness towards his peers. He is very caring and will always check how his friends are feeling. What a lovely quality to have! Keep it up Josh! :)
Hawthorn	Georgia is Hawthorn's Star for her fantastic contribution to the rounders competition this week. Mr Mayling was really impressed by her skill, sportsmanship and the exceptional effort she put in to help her team succeed. We're very proud of you for representing the school so well Georgia!



22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	Foundation Stage Parents Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	Year 6 Mask Making Parents invited to attend 9.30-11.00 or 11.30-12.25
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Y3 Rowan Parents invited in to help with Prototype Mechanical Systems from 1.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Foundation Stage Parents Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Year 4 Sewing Parents invited to attend 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Y3 Birch Parents invited in to help with Prototype Mechanical Systems from 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Foundation Stage Parents Evening
29 <sup>th</sup> May- 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Half Term