



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #11  
11th July 2025

Dear Families

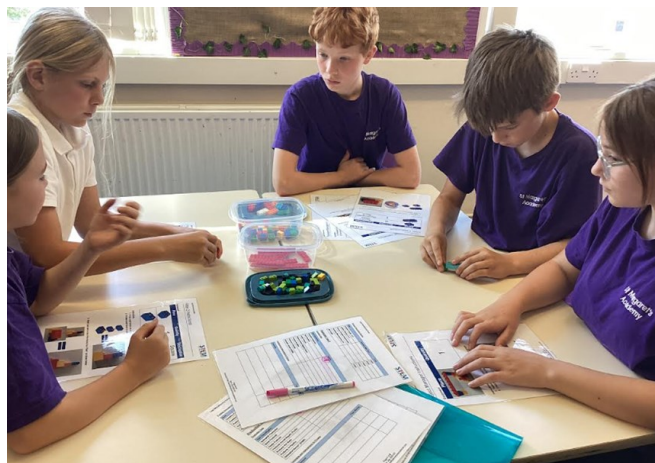
A lovely warm end to the week, which looks to be staying into the final two weeks of term. Please ensure your child/ren wear sunscreen and bring a hat and water bottle to school each day.

We have had another busy week full of exciting learning and curriculum enrichment. Year 6 enjoyed working with Chef Mr Bradley in Design Technology. The pupils made a two course Greek meal, which tasted and smelt delicious. The pupils learnt about food hygiene, health and safety as well as learning about traditional Greek seasonality.



In addition, Year Six took part in an exciting STEM and Entrepreneurship Workshop, where innovation met imagination! Working in teams, pupils designed and built Lego cranes to a set specification. Each pupil had a specific role to play in the business project and needed to work together, communicate clearly and listen well to all, so that no errors occurred that would impact on their eventual profits.

The workshop also introduced pupils to a range of STEM careers, helping them connect classroom learning to real-world opportunities. It was inspiring to see our young learners exploring what it means to be an entrepreneur and imagining the possibilities for their futures. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and innovation—watch this space for the next generation of STEM leaders!



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## Transition Update for Pupils and Parents

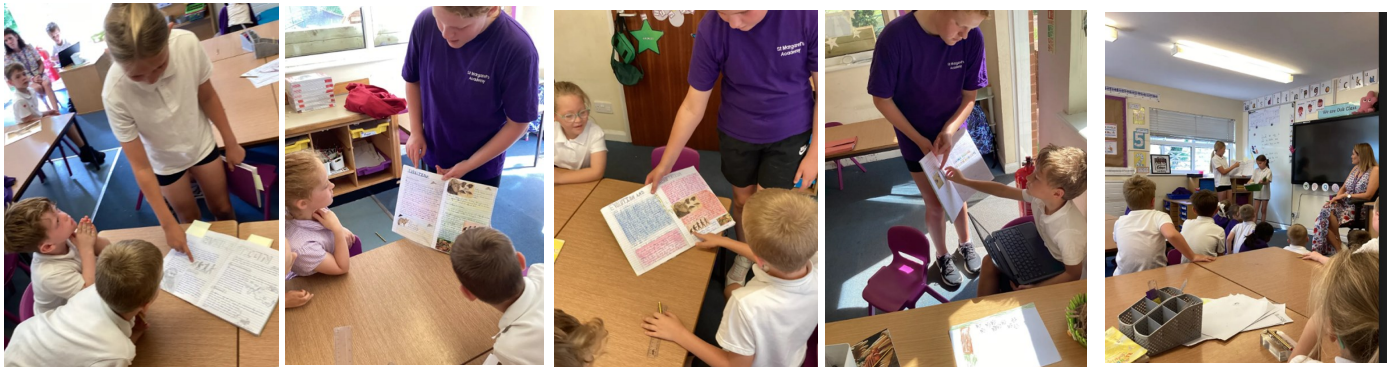
We hope all pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet their new class-based staff and visit their classrooms in preparation for September. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and growing excitement for the year ahead!

We understand that some children may benefit from a little extra support during this transition. Additional visits and tailored transition plans will be offered to those who need them, ensuring every pupil feels confident and ready for the new school year.

If you have any concerns or feel your child would benefit from further support, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

## Learning Buddies

To inspire our Year 2 writers, we invited our Super 6s down to show how they have used non-chronological reports in their science and history work. Thank you to them for sharing such inspirational writing.



## Year 6 Rounders Competition

In the Summer term Y6 focus on striking and fielding games like rounders and cricket in their PE lessons. We were invited to play in an inter-school rounders competition organised by the Sports Leaders from St Cuthbert Mayne. The Y6 children loved the opportunity to compete against other schools from the local area, including St Marychurch and Shiphay. We were able to take 30 children, split into 2 teams of 15

and the children were organised into an A and B team. The A team won their pool, winning all of their games and the B team also achieved the same success in their pool. They had lots of fun developing their skills and experiencing competition. All the children played with 100% effort in very hot conditions. Some of their performances were so good they were recognised as showing very good sporting values.



## Have you Say—Annual Parent & Carer Survey Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that our annual parent and carer survey will be launched in the coming days and you will receive an email with a link to a short online questionnaire.

This is a valuable opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback to help shape the direction of our school for the year ahead. Your voice matters, and your input plays a key role in helping us improve and grow as a school community.



## Staff News

We are really pleased to share the news that from September Mrs E. Hollis will be the school full time Pastoral Specialist. Here is a message from Mrs Hollis herself:

*"I'm excited to introduce myself as the newly appointed Pastoral Specialist here at St. Margaret's from September. I've been part of the St. Margaret's community for the past five years, working primarily as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6. Over the last two years, I've also been undertaking the pastoral role one day a week, which has given me the opportunity to support many of our children with their emotional wellbeing. I'm now thrilled to be stepping into this role full-time.*

*I'm passionate about helping children overcome social and emotional challenges, encouraging them to feel positive about themselves and to build confidence, self-esteem, and resilience. I work closely with our SENCO, Designated Safeguarding Lead, class teachers and families to help children find a positive place in both school and the wider community.*

*You'll often see me at the front gate on Friday mornings—please do say hello. I'm really looking forward to continuing this important work and supporting our pupils and families in the year ahead on our fantastic purple bus - 'The Nest'.*

Mrs Clinch-Othman has settled really well into Rowan Class and as a valued member of St Margaret's team would like to share the following with you.

*I have had a lovely week getting to know your children and they have all been so kind in helping me to settle in at St Margaret's. I am on the door before and after school if you would like to say hello, or if you have any concerns. I am really excited to be taking Rowan class up to year 6 - we are off to a great start getting to know each other, which sets us up to have a really positive start to our exciting Year 6 journey in September.*

## Help Shape Our School Menu!

The school kitchen team is planning next year's menu, and we'd love to hear from **you!** Whether you're a pupil with a favourite dish or a parent with healthy meal ideas, your thoughts matter.

### What meals would you like to see on the school menu next year?

We're looking for suggestions that are:

- Tasty and nutritious
- Suitable for a variety of dietary needs
- Fun and exciting for pupils to enjoy



Please share your ideas by emailing the school office before next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July or sending a note with your child to be delivered to the school kitchen direct. Let's work together to make lunchtimes even better!

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## Summer Fair

Thank you for the donations made for the summer fair which is taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 2pm. We are all looking forward to a fantastic day filled with fun and laughter. Thank you in advance to the fantastic PTA for all your hard work in planning, organising and providing a wonderful event for the whole school community.



We hope you all enjoy a restful and joyful weekend, filled with sunshine, smiles, and special moments with your loved ones. Take this time to relax, recharge, and make happy memories.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week—refreshed and ready for more learning, laughter, and fun!

Take Care

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

## Community Information

Friendly Faces 2025

29th Aug, 12:00 pm - 30th Aug 2025, 12:00 pm

[Friendly Faces 2025 for children moving from Yr6 into secondary Yr7](#)

Do you have children moving from Year 6 into secondary Yr7 this September? If so, join us for the return of our very popular Friendly Faces events. These events allow children moving from Year 6, into secondary Year 7, the opportunity to come along and join us at the museum for fun, games, and the chance to meet up with some friendly faces, before starting at their new schools the following week. (And also give the grown-ups the chance to chat in the café!)

## Free School Meals & Holiday Support

Please note that free school meals are provided during term time only.

For support during the school holidays, including access to food vouchers and activities, parents and carers are encouraged to explore the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. For more information and to check eligibility, please visit:

[Holiday activity and food programme \(HAF\) – Torbay Council](#)

If you have any questions or need help accessing the programme, feel free to contact the school office.



## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Bookings are live

We'd recommend booking in ASAP as we expect the sessions to fill up fast!

Beginners are welcome

All equipment can be provided

Regular squads do not run during the summer holidays

You can find more information and book via this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BradleyBrownCoaching/Coaching/Camps>



## SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

**JULY 2025**

<b>AGE 5-10</b>	<b>AGE 11+</b>
TUES 29TH- 9 TO 12	WED 30TH- 12 TO 3
WED 30TH- 9 TO 12	

**AUGUST 2025**

SAT 2ND- 9 TO 11	SAT 2ND- 11 TO 1
TUES 5TH- 9 TO 12	SAT 16TH- 11 TO 1
WED 6TH- 9 TO 12	WED 20TH-12 TO 3
SAT 16TH- 9 TO 11	SAT 23RD-11 TO 1
TUES 19TH-9 TO 12	
WED 20TH-9 TO 12	
SAT 23RD-9 TO 11	

**ONLINE BOOKING VIA CLUBSPARK**

## TORQUAY ATHLETIC RFC

WHY CHOOSE TARFC FOR YOUR CHILD?

- Expansive pitches
- RFU Accredited Club
- Inclusive - All abilities
- DBS Screened Coaches
- RFU Qualified Coaches
- Proven Player Pathway
- Qualified First Aiders at all times
- Refurbished Clubhouse & lots of parking

MESSAGE US ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR CONTACT LUCY (JUNIOR CHAIR) ON 07723 727874

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-16

TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP

## SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

£15 PER DAY

ACORN YOUTH COMMUNITY & SPORT

25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

28<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG

4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> AUG

11<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> AUG

12AM - 4PM

5 - 13 YEARS

DELICIOUS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/BOOK/ACORN-YOUTH-COMPLEX-PROCOACHING-CAMP-WITH-PROCOACHING-18779](https://eequ.org/book/acorn-youth-complex-procoaching-camp-with-procoaching-18779) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

## PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

**JUNIOR DAYS:**

THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

AGES: U10-U15'S, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)

SKILL SESSIONS

@ CLENNON VALLEY PITCHES

**YOUTH DAYS:**

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

AGES: U6-U10, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

FROM 9-12PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)

@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

**RUGBY DAYS:**

MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)

ALL AGES NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

FOR ALL INFORMATION AND WAYS TO BOOK EMAIL: [SCHOOLS@PAIGNTONRUGBY.COM](mailto:SCHOOLS@PAIGNTONRUGBY.COM) FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB

## PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB GIRLS DAY

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

10-2PM, @PAIGNTONRUGBYCLUB SANDS ROAD!

ALL AGES WELCOME NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS TRY SOMETHING NEW GIVE RUGBY A GO!

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# Diary Dates

Saturday 12th July 2025	11.00—14.00 PTA Summer Fair
15th July 2025	09.30—10.15 Captain Kindheart and the Golden Rule production for EYFS/KS1/LKS
15th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
16th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
24th July 2025	09.30—10.30 Year 6 Leavers Service
24th July 2025	Year 6 BBQ
24th July 2025	Final day for the children
25th July 2025	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

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Pine	Harley	For always trying extremely hard and for being so polite all the time.
Beech	Alice	Alice is our star of the week this week because she has come in every day with a positive attitude and a big smile. She has been putting in a lot of effort to improve her learning, both in school and at home. We are very proud of how hard she is working and the progress she is making.
Apple	Ryley	Ryley is Apple's star this week for his motivation to work towards his goals and making responsible choices. Keep it up Ryley!
Oak	George	George has been trying really hard when writing his fact file all about football. Keep up the good work George!
Willow	Penelope	Penelope has consistently demonstrated great learning behaviours throughout the summer term. She puts her hand up to answer questions and make comments and completes all her learning tasks with motivation and resilience. Well done Penelope.
Holly	Amelia	Last week, Holly had an amazing day at the beach building their water confidence. Amelia really stepped out of her comfort zone by showing resilience and motivation so she could enjoy her day. Not only this, but she has taken so many strides in her learning recently, ready for year 4!
Cherry	April	April is Cherries star for showing a great commitment to all of her learning across the board. She has shown an incredible determination to always show her best and a wonderful resilience when she's found things more difficult. Well done April!
Hazel	Ethan	Ethan is Hazel's star this week for his excellent responsibility during our trip to the beach. All of the adults that worked with Ethan said he was polite, respectful and listened carefully to instructions. Well done, Ethan. We are so proud of you.
Rowan	Michael G	Michael has really impressed me this week with his learning behaviours and his responsibility for his own learning. Well done, keep it up.
Birch	Zane	Zane is our star because he is someone who upholds all our school values and learning behaviours at all times. He is going to be a real asset to his Y6 teachers. Well Done
Hawthorn	Ronnie	Making such amazing progress this year and for always taking such pride presenting her work - aspiring to do her best at all times! Well Done Ronnie
Maple	Noah B	This week's star goes to someone who has been so responsible in learning all of their lines for our school production. Noah, you have worked so hard and taken on all the adult feedback. Keep it up! Well done!

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