

# St Margaret's Academy

The summer term rolls inexorably onwards: only 4 more teaching weeks until another academic year comes to an end. I hope your child is enjoying the term. It is certainly a lovely atmosphere in school with engaging learning and events going on in each year group, such as the Year 1 assembly to parents when the children shared their learning about significant nurses from the past. The children were so confident to read aloud, sing and share their art work.

## Sports Days

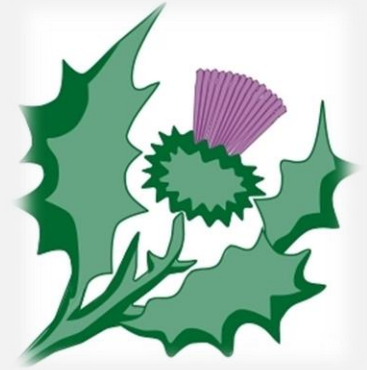
As part of National Schools Sports Week, we have enjoyed all our Sports Day events this week. On Monday it was KS1, on Thursday it was KS2 and today it was Reception's turn. We were really lucky with the weather: dry, sunny and some cloud cover at times. There was a lovely community feel and I really hope you enjoyed them along with a hot drink and a bacon roll from our fantastic PTA.

A few thank-yous:

- To Mr Mayling who organised the KS1 and KS2 events and prepared the children so well as part of their PE curriculum. You can see why St Margaret's achieve so well in competitive sports with other schools because of his excellent coaching.
- To the PTA who have been at school before 7.30am on each day to set up and then serve throughout the 3 events
- To Mrs McGowan and the kitchen staff for preparing the bacon rolls before their normal shift begins
- To the Foundation Stage staff team for putting together a flowing Reception Sports Day much enjoyed by children and parents.

## Summer Fair 8<sup>th</sup> July

The PTA Summer Fair is fast approaching: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to lend a hand in any way, even for just a short time, please do get in touch with Laura, Felicity or Jenny. If you are not sure who they are, please just leave your details with the office so they can pass them on. **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-uniform day to bring a bottle for the fair.**



Apply sun cream in the morning and send your child in with spare cream. Teachers will then remind children to re-apply before going out to lunch.

Dress your children in loose, light clothing. Please feel free to adapt your child's uniform to suit the weather each day e.g. you may want to send them in a long-sleeved cotton top to protect their arms

Please send them in with a full water bottle. Staff will encourage them to drink plenty during the day and refill their bottle regularly.

Please send them in with a hat with a wide brim

## Healthy Eating Week

Last week was [Healthy Eating Week](#). Have a look in the DT Blog to see all the activities that took place across the school, in each year group, with photos. Enjoy.

## Class Photos

Monday the photographer will be in school to take class photos. Please could all children come to school in their full uniform. If your child's class has PE on this day, please can they bring their kit with them. Many Thanks

## Parent Support Group for Children with Needs

There is a new [Parent Peer Support Network](#) in Torbay for parents of children with need (diagnosis not required) up to the age of 11. Look on our website under 'Parent' – 'Useful Resources for Parents' to find out more information.

## Family Voice for SEND Pupils

'Torbay SEND Family Voice' is a useful place where you can attend events in person, ask questions, explain our views or just come for a coffee. All welcome. Informal and relaxed. These forums are already making a difference with professionals really hearing what families are really experiencing and taking those messages back to their teams. <https://www.familyvoicetorbay.org/summerevents>

## Healthy Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

If your child has free school meals, good news: bookings are now open for a range of free [summer holiday activities](#). You can see a full list of everything available on our website under 'Useful Resources for Parents'. For booking and more information: [Healthy Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Torbay Council](#)

## 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>

Enjoy the weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# Diary Dates

26th June 2023	Class Photos
30th June 2023	Year 2 trip to Dawlish Warren
5th July 2023	Dunboyne Art Homework Project due
6th July 2023	Non-Uniform day - donate a bottle for the PTA summer Fair
8th July 2023	PTA Summer Fair
W/C 10th July 2023	Reports to Parents (date to be confirmed)
12th July 2023	Y6 Show- Afternoon performance to parents 2pm
13th July 2023	Y6 Show - Evening performance to parents 6pm
18th July 2023	Meet your child's new teacher 3.15-3.45pm
19th July 2023	Picnic on the field for New Starters and current Reception Children 3.30-4.30pm
20th July 2023	Rock Steady Concert 10am (FS, Y1 & Y2) 10.30am (Y3-6)
21st July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents and siblings 9.30-10am
21st July 2023	Year 6 BBQ
21st July 2023	Last day for all Pupils
<b>4th September 2023</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (staff training)</b>
<b>5th September 2023</b>	<b>1st day back for pupils-</b> please note the short week due to non pupil days
<b>8th September 2023</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (staff training)</b>



Beech	Yasmin is our star this week for coming in so sensibly over the last few weeks. You have been so responsible and come in every day with a big smile. You were also so brave reading out your words in assembly - thank you!
Pine	Parker- For being an all-round superstar. He is kind, helpful, reliable and has his hand up constantly!
Oak	Henry is Oak's star of the week as he showed resilience and responsibility when completing the sports day events. It has also been lovely to see Henry participate more confidently in the lessons this week, including his 'show and tell'. Super effort Henry, well done!
Apple	Jude is the amazing Apple this week. He loves to share his facts and has been telling us some great knowledge in our habitats writing. Not only that, Jude is a super example of an aspirational pupil. He has really shone throughout the year - well done Jude!
Birch	Evelyn for breaking two school records in the sports day yesterday and for trying her absolute best in all subjects in year 3! What a tremendous year you've had. We are so proud of you!
Rowan	Ellis is our star of the week this week for his amazing responses during our science discussions about how sound is created and how humans hear sounds. Fabulous work Ellis - keep it up!
Cherry	Kaja for her fabulous effort with reading and homework this year. She has demonstrated great responsibility for her learning both in and out of school. She is also kind and respectful all of the time. Well done Kaja.
Hazel	Paige is our star of the week in Hazel class. She always shows aspiration in all of her work and is an amazing friend to everyone in Hazel! She is also incredibly respectful to all adults and children and is always generously making lovely gifts for all her peers! Well done on everything that you do Paige and keep up the amazing work!
Willow	Cole is our star in Willow class this week. Cole has had a very busy week! He has been a super helper for the KS1 sports day, a record breaker for KS2 sports day and has impressed lots of staff. I've had several compliments about his maturity, kindness and his manners. Well done, Cole. We are very proud of you. Keep it up!
Holly	Ethan is our star of the week in Holly Class. He follows the school values at all times and gives his absolute all to every task. Ethan has particularly shone in maths this week, showing aspiration in every task! Well done Ethan, we are so proud of you.
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Ashleigh for showing real <b>aspiration!</b> Although she didn't want to do the sprint, Ashleigh showed real resilience and actively participated! Ashleigh has also shown aspiration during our play rehearsals - we are so excited to see you perform it! Keep it up Ashleigh!
Hawthorn	Kumar is our Star of the Week for his fantastic enthusiasm and aspiration. He has been working very hard in our recent French lessons and has done really well with learning lots of new vocabulary, as well as giving a great performance in the Year 6 play rehearsals.