



St Margaret's  
Academy

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Autumn Newsletter #7  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed today's curriculum celebrations and had a chance to see some of your children's work in their books.

### Curriculum News

Look in the Creative Learning Blog to see some fantastic photos of the [Year 6](#) Modroc imaginary animal masks.

Have a look in the Geography Blog to see [Year 3](#) exploring environmental data and writing up their conclusions.

In the Religion Blog you can see some lovely use of water colours for Islamic calligraphy in [Year 2](#).

### Reception (Foundation Stage) News

On our website you can find Foundation Stage's third newsletter of the term.

You can find out lots about what the children are learning to read and there are loads of ideas for how you can best support at home. You can see all the songs the children have sung and the books they have read. Find out about their PE session times and the scarecrow trail curriculum celebration. There are also lots of photos of the children engaged in their learning. Enjoy.

### Torbay Services for Children with Additional Needs

A consultation is open for proposed changes to Torbay services for children with additional needs. You can have your say here: [Survey on proposals to improve education services for children with additional needs \(ntropydata.co.uk\)](https://www.ntropydata.co.uk)

### Our Amazon Book Wish List

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share)

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## Help with Rising Costs — Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- **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 really lovely half term break



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# Diary Dates

W/C 28th October 2024	Half Term
4th November 2024	First day back for children
4th November 2024	Y4 Trip to Torquay Museum
11th November 2024	Y3 Trip to Kents Cavern
W/C 25th November 2024	Book Fair After School in the hall
13th December 2024	KS1 Nativity at Babbacombe Theatre (Doors open at 14.00)
20th December 2024	Book look for parents after school—Open Class
20th December 2024	Curriculum Event for Parents (During day—Times TBC)
W/C 23rd December 2024	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2025	First day back for children
W/C 17th February 2025	Half Term
24th February 2025	First day back for children
W/C 7th April 2025	Easter Holidays
22nd April 2025	First day back for children
5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 26th May 2025	Half Term
3rd June 2025	First Day back for children
24th July 2024	Final day for the children



Beech	All of Beech class are our stars this week for showing such great motivation during our Creative curriculum work. They have also been super responsible while going round the school to look at other children's work.
Pine	David is our star of the week for being so kind and thoughtful towards others. He even made sheets for other children to practise their letter writing! David has been motivated in many ways this week and we have also seen some superb tidying of the classroom! Well done David!
Oak	Ella is the star this week as she showed great aspiration when writing her own story and she also showed resilience when adapting her paper mache animal. You are a star Ella, well done!
Apple	All of Apple are the stars this week for working so hard and showing such resilience throughout our creative curriculum project. We had a lot of problems to overcome but by working together we managed to produce work to be proud of.
Holly	Our star this week showed super motivation when he explained our rocks and soils creativity to the visiting classes. Parker was so keen to share his knowledge especially to the younger ones, it was lovely to see. Well done Parker!
Willow	Millie is the star of the week in Willow class because she has demonstrated great motivation in her maths learning. She has even been practising her maths at home and bringing it in to show. Well done Millie.
Cherry	Cherry's star of the week goes to Mila who is always motivated to learn in every subject. She gets on quietly with her learning, allowing others to do the same, and is an active thinker. She demonstrates this in class discussions and in her answers to any questions. Well done Mila!
Hazel	Daisy is our star of the week! She has been so motivated with her homework this half term and has produced some incredible, independent tasks. Well done Daisy!
Birch	Our star this week is Charlie! Charlie has shown such <b>resilience</b> in his learning recently which has resulted in lots of light bulb moments. It is lovely to see his confidence growing as we move into some tricky learning. Well done Charlie - keep up the great work!
Rowan	This week's star goes to Roman for showing incredible motivation in his writing. He strived for perfection whilst writing his persuasive speech and I am so impressed. Well done and keep up the incredible work!
Maple	This week's star goes to Paige because she is always <b>motivated</b> to go above and beyond with her learning. Every day, Paige asks me for extra work to practise at home and, this week, she made a leaflet all about our local national park, Exmoor! Fantastic effort Paige. Keep it up :)
Hawthorn	Lily is our star for her active thinking and motivation in creating her Moth poem - pushing herself to extend and develop the example ideas with fantastic description. Well done Lily!

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