



St Margaret's
Academy

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Autumn Newsletter #5
11th October 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been a bumper busy week in school.

Harvest Festival

We started the week on Monday with a harvest celebration led by Father Nick from St Mary the Virgin parish church.

It was an inclusive festival, giving children a chance to join in with Christian values or to simply help them learn about a Christian celebration.

Thank you to everybody for the wonderful donations that will go to The Riviera Life Storehouse and Baby Bank. You can see this collection on our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural ([SMSC](#)) Blog.

British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD)

We finished the week today hosting the annual conference for the BAOTD with 50 delegates attending St Margaret's.

Thank you to our Teacher of the Deaf, Jo Saunders, who organised and led this key event.

Curriculum News

Monday morning creativity continues.

Look in the Creative Learning Blog to see how [Year 3 Holly](#) showed their understanding of soil using Lego and painting while in [Year 3 Willow](#) you can see their soil learning through layered paintings – lots of fun.

In the PSHE Blog you can see how [Year 4 Hazel](#) Class got on when they joined a live national event with Chelsea FC to help with their mental health.

Foundation Stage/Acorns Reception News

The informative latest fortnightly newsletter for the Foundation Stage is now available on the website.

For your convenience, it can be found under the 'Curriculum' page - '[Acorns Reception](#)' - 'Autumn 2024' **and** under the 'Subject Blogs Reception News' – '[Reception News Blog](#)'.

See the photos and read about autumn news, books they have shared, huddle time, chatter bag, meeting the cuddly friends, sneezles and wheezles, reading learning and their learning journey so far. You can also find top tips and resources for how you can best support at home.

Learning Behaviours

Over the last 2 years we have been working hard to promote the following learning behaviours at St Margaret's Academy.

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To keep these learning behaviours at the forefront of all we do we will be using these to support our decisions for the weekly stars of the week.

Jujitsu Champion

We have an international superstar at St Margaret's.

A huge well done to Jude in Year 4 who last week took part in a European Jujitsu tournament in Germany. Against all the odds and competing against older and heavier children he took away two hard-earned gold medals and one silver. Read more and see some pictures on our [Sports Blog](#).

Play Leaders 2024-2025

In the Subject Blogs tab under 'Pupil Voice' you can find out lots about our [play leaders](#) this year who are leading play with their own equipment for the younger children.



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Maker

Tik Tok Wreaking Havok on Mental Health

Following on from last summer's social media workshops for parents and children in Years 5 and 6, there is a very interesting BBC article on the subject of how Tik Tok is damaging teenagers' mental health. This is well worth a read: [TikTok sued for 'wreaking havoc' on teen mental health - BBC News](#)

We are now coming across children as young as 7 having their own mobile phone (i.e. a high powered palm-sized super computer) and using social media apps that have a minimum age of 13 despite being only suitable for adults. It is tragic.

Road Safety

We hope you like the new signs to encourage everyone to drive and park safely round school. Thanks, George, for raising the profile out there!

School Communication

Please note that when you receive a text from school the new number it will come from is 07507 271370.

Food Waste

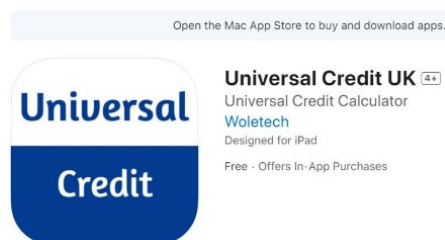
We are finding that many children are throwing away their school dinners causing a lot of waste. Many of these are coming to school having not chosen what they want to eat. We would really appreciate it, if you could find some time to sit down at home with your child to help them choose meals that they will eat. Thank you for your support.

PTA News

Look out for a new PTA notice board banner coming soon. You can see a [sneak preview](#), courtesy of BannerBuzz, on the PTA page on our website under the 'Parents' tab.

Universal Credit Scam

We have been made aware that there is a Universal Credit scam happening, regarding texts messages and an App. The app is in the Play Store and Apple Store to download, however Universal Credit **do not** use an app service and are asking everyone to be vigilant with any texts, or if you are made aware of people using an app. Here is an image of the fraudulent app.



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 \(ntropydata.co.uk\)](http://ntropydata.co.uk)

SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	26 SEP
Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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Our Amazon Book Wish List

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Have a lovely weekend.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

24th October 2024	PTA Disco Reception– Y3 17.00– 18.15, Years 4– Year 6 18.30– 20.00
25th October 2024	Book Look for Parents after school—Open Class
25th October 2024	Curriculum Event for Parents (During day— Times TBC)
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



Beech	Amara has been so motivated to learn all week. She always has her hand up to answer questions and she shows she is listening because her answers are always so well thought out. She is willing to come and take part in any of the learning jobs we do and with such a big smile on her face. Well done Amara.
Pine	Fleur is my star of the week. She has been so motivated to make the right choices. We have seen kindness, hard work and she has been a general superstar. She has also displayed resilience, well done Fleur, you did it!
Oak	James is the star of the week in Oak for being so motivated to help all of his friends and most importantly the adults everyday in class. He works so hard on all tasks and brings a smile to the adults faces - thank you.
Apple	Alara is our star of the week for showing such resilience and determination with her final write. Your sentences have been really well punctuated and you have worked independently throughout. Enormous well done on such a great improvement!
Holly	Isabelle has shown perseverance and motivation in her handwriting since the start of the year. She has been using a tool to help her and, although she was a little unsure to begin with, she kept going and it is now paying off.
Willow	Sienna is the star of the week in Willow. She has shown great motivation in her learning since the beginning of Year 3. She puts her hand up to answer questions and completes learning tasks with determination and resilience. Well done Sienna.
Cherry	Alanna is Cherry class star of the week for her great motivation in writing. Alanna wants to be an author and she tries her best in writing and doesn't give up. She is always having a go at answering questions, and reads out her finished sentences to the class. She has also shown great motivation in Geography and brought in a cactus from home for us all to see. Well done Alanna!
Hazel	Elaine is our star this week. She is motivated in everything she does and is always wanting to improve on her learning. She takes pride in all she does. Well done !
Birch	Elizabeth is our star this week! She has shown such resilience in her learning, especially in Writing. I am always impressed by how well Elizabeth listens to and acts on feedback. This really shows in the great progress she is making. Well done Elizabeth!
Rowan	Evie is this week's star for Rowan Class. She has shown incredible motivation in her learning, especially in Maths. We've been so impressed by how hard she has been working whilst also being amazingly kind to all those around her. Keep up the amazing work!
Maple	This week's star goes to someone who has been really motivated to do the right thing this week. He has been making some great choices both in and out of class and has worked so hard on mastering long multiplication. Harrison - you are Maple class's star! Well done!
Hawthorn	Scarlet has been so motivated this week. We have seen her making a real effort to be involved in her learning and taking steps to be independent, especially when solving long multiplication questions in maths.

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