



St Margaret's  
Academy

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter #6  
18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and managing to avoid the various sniffles, snuffles, bugs and wheezies that are currently doing the rounds.

### Curriculum Year Group Celebrations and Book Looks

Parents and family are invited into school next week:

Reception parents at 2.45pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and all other year groups at 2.45pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. This is for you to see the creative curriculum celebrations that the children have been working on this half term. After this, you are also invited to have a look through your child's books to see what they have been doing in other subjects.

I hope you enjoy this opportunity to see what's going on in their learning.

### Curriculum News

The Lionesses had a great start to the season drawing 1-1 with Warberry last week.

In the Geography Blog you can watch a [Year 1](#) weather report on the effects of Storm Milton and you can see how [Year 5](#) enjoyed their quadrant fieldwork at the beach.

In the Religion Blog, you can see [Year 4s'](#) beautiful Diwali lamps.

In the [Pupil Voice Blog](#) you can read the minutes from the latest student council meeting.

### Age-Appropriate Streaming Advice

Look on our website under 'Parents' – 'Useful Resources for Parents' to find some useful advice around [age restrictions](#) for online viewing. Worth a look.

### Learning Behaviours

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

ACTIVE THINKING

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MOTIVATION

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.

## Interesting in Training to be a Teacher—Locally?

Lots of opportunities here. For any more information contact Faye Steele: [faye.steele@sw-ift.org.uk](mailto:faye.steele@sw-ift.org.uk)

## 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!



## 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)

## 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)

FACE FAMILY ADVICE COMMUNICATION EDUCATION	
SEP/OCT TIMETABLE	
Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 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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**TORBAY PROMISE**

# Barton Community Cafe

8.30-9.30 AM

**FREE EVERY FRIDAY**  
STARTING 27TH SEPTEMBER

SAINT MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL, BARTON HILL ROAD  
(NEXT DOOR TO BARTON HILL ACADEMY)

WE WELCOME MUMS, DADS, MUMS-TO-BE & FAMILIES FROM BARTON, HELE, WATCOMBE & THE WILLOWS TO DROP IN FOR A CUPPA & CAKE

FRIENDLY STAFF WILL BE THERE TO CHAT & OFFER GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

SOFT PLAY & GAMES AVAILABLE FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

ALL FOOD, DRINKS & ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Happy 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
24th October 2024	Curriculum Event for Reception Parents 14.45 onwards
25th October 2024	Curriculum Event for Parents 14.45 leading to Book Look immediately after day
25th October 2024	Book Look for Parents after school
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



Beech	River is our star in Beech this week. She has been such an active thinker in our Geography learning, putting her hand up with questions and thoughts and she is so motivated to try new challenges during our busy time as well. What a great week River!
Pine	Halle- Mae is our star this week. She has had such an incredible week and her resilience has really shone through. She has worked well with adults and been extremely kind and helpful. Well done Halle-Mae!
Oak	Lottie is our star this week for her amazing effort and motivation to move her learning on. She has been a role model for aspiration and responsibility and it has been lovely to see her confidence shine. Well done Lottie!
Apple	Zachary is our star of the week for showing amazing resilience in his final write. He maintained his level of presentation from start to finish and even tried to uplevel his vocabulary to improve after editing.
Holly	Natalia is a great example of an active learner. She is not afraid to put her hand up and share her ideas and joins in with everything we do in Holly. Her confidence continues to grow which is really helping her learning. Well done Natalia.
Willow	Pippa is the star of the week in Willow class as she has shown great resilience this week in her learning. She has worked hard to complete all tasks and will always ask if she needs a little bit of help. Well done Pippa, your learning using the map of our local area in Geography especially impressed me.
Cherry	Our star this week is Lexi who is motivated to try her best in all of the different subjects we learn in school. She is also a great active thinker and always shares carefully thought out answers with the class. Well done Lexi!
Hazel	Our star is Shahriyar. He has been really motivated and showing real aspiration in all our learning this week. I've noticed a real change in his attitude to his learning.
Birch	Penny is our star this week! She has shown that she is a great <b>active thinker</b> in lessons this week and has impressed me with the amount of incredible facts she has shared about our learning on plastic pollution! Well done, Penny!
Rowan	Michael G has shown incredible resilience in his learning this week! He has challenged himself in maths, acting on adult advice and actively thinking in order to complete his learning. Keep up the amazing work!
Maple	Our star is Evie W for showing excellent active thinking and motivation in writing! This week, we have been writing a poem based on the evolution of the peppered moth. Evie has used her knowledge of similes and metaphors to develop her descriptions even further. Fantastic work Evie!
Hawthorn	Freddie has been using his active thinking in our writing lessons to develop lines for his poem, which he has been especially proud of. He is also taking care with his presentation - super progress Freddie!

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