



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #10
4th July 2025

Dear Families

As we enter the final three weeks of the summer term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been a busy and rewarding term.

This final stretch is always a special time in school life. It's a chance to reflect on the progress and achievements of our pupils, to celebrate their growth, and to enjoy the many events and activities that mark the end of the academic year. From school trips and enrichment, to move up sessions, to performances and leavers' celebrations, there is much to look forward to.

We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils, who are preparing to take their next steps. It has been great to hear all about your transition visits to your new schools and all the wonderful things you're looking forward to.

Let's make these final weeks memorable, joyful, and full of pride in all that we've achieved together.



Transitions to School and New Classes

It was a real privilege to meet with our new families and children that will be joining our school community in September as our new Reception class. The reception team have been busy conducting home visits and arranging plans for a great start to school. Please note that all the supporting materials shared in Monday's open evening are now available on the school website and be accessed by [clicking here](#).

On Thursday 10th July all children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new classes with the adults they will be supported by in September. This will take place between 2-3pm and then pupils will return to their current classrooms to catch up and be collected by you as normal.

From 3.25—3.35pm you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and teacher. This is to provide parents and carers the opportunity to find where the new classroom is and meet the Teacher before September. All details of your child's class and Teacher will be included in the annual report and supporting materials that are sent home on Wednesday 9th July.

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Y3 Water Confidence Trip from Mr Mayling

St Margaret's Academy is spending some of the PE & Sport Premium funding on an outdoor adventure programme with Reach Outdoors. It offers our children across the school enhanced learning opportunities in outdoor education. Year 6 children started the programme back in the Autumn term with an amazing coasteering trip off Ansteys Cove. This week Y3 experienced water confidence at Goodrington Beach. They were accompanied by experienced guides and the conditions were very good, with small waves and a clear blue sky.



Living on the UK coastline necessitates a strong awareness of water safety due to the inherent risks associated with the sea, even for those who don't intend to enter the water. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death in the UK, and a significant portion of these incidents occur near water rather than from swimming. Understanding potential dangers like cold water shock, rip currents, and unstable cliffs, along with knowing how to respond in emergencies, is crucial for coastal residents.

Building water confidence at the beach for Y3 involved starting with simple activities in shallow water and always prioritising safety. The children learned that it's crucial to stay calm, know your limits, and they all enjoyed the water activities through play and exploration in a safe way led by the instructors.



This experience also allowed the children to get a real understanding of the Devon coastline and experience nature in a way that would be impossible otherwise. The great thing about the trip was that it was a lot of fun, and all the children got over hurdles that they met, from getting themselves changed, to not knowing what was under their feet, to getting splashed in the sea. It was a way to push their limits and step out of their comfort zone. Essentially, the children did what they were comfortable with and physically capable of.



We hope to continue having experiences with Reach Outdoors next year.



Pupil Voice: Wellbeing and Looking Ahead

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting every child's wellbeing and development, we are currently inviting pupils across the school to take part in end-of-year surveys. These surveys are designed to give pupils a chance to reflect on their experiences this year, share how they're feeling, and help us understand how we can best support them moving forward.

The feedback we gather will play an important role in shaping our priorities for the next academic year—whether that's through wellbeing initiatives, curriculum planning, or enrichment opportunities. We encourage all pupils to take part honestly and thoughtfully. Their voice matters, and we are listening. If you have any questions about the surveys that will be conducted with the school councillors in the next couple weeks or how the information will be used, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me direct.

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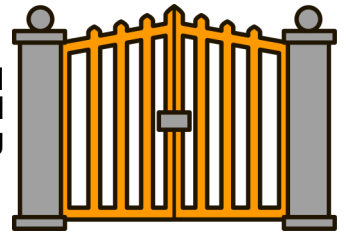


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Pupil Safety

When entering and exiting the school site outside of normal drop off and collection times, please can you ensure that the pedestrian gate is closed behind you and the bolt pulled across. Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school community safe.



This week in our Wake Up Wednesday ['WUW'](#) we focus the attention on what Parents and Educators need to know about Apple IPADS.

Jump Back Up July—A Month of Resilience

As we move through the final weeks of term, we're joining *Action for Happiness* in embracing the theme of **"Jump Back Up July"**—a month dedicated to building resilience and finding ways to bounce back from life's challenges.

Each day in July, the calendar offers a simple, uplifting action to help us stay grounded, hopeful, and connected. From pausing to breathe, to reaching out for support, or finding something to look forward to—these small steps can make a big difference.

You can view or download the full calendar here: [Jump Back Up July – Action for Happiness](#)
Why not take a look and choose a day that speaks to you?

Jump Back Up July 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry</p>	<p>2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"</p>	<p>3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it</p>	<p>4 Find something to look forward to today</p>	<p>5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time</p>	<p>6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground</p>	
<p>7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy</p>	<p>8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today</p>	<p>9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture</p>	<p>10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them</p>	<p>11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation</p>	<p>12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'</p>	<p>13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation</p>
<p>14 Get outside and move to help clear your head</p>	<p>15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step</p>	<p>16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts</p>	<p>17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today</p>	<p>18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter</p>	<p>19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it</p>	<p>20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself</p>
<p>21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life</p>	<p>22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down</p>	<p>23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time</p>	<p>24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong</p>	<p>25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead</p>	<p>26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath</p>	<p>27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)</p>
<p>28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem</p>	<p>29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right</p>	<p>30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support</p>	<p>31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human</p>			

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Together Day at Spires from Mrs Saunders

This week children from St Margaret's Hearing Support Centre took part in a Together Day for Deaf children at the Spires College, along with deaf students from other schools in Torbay in Year 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The pupils enjoyed taking part in sports activities such as Pickleball and Botcha and then competed in teams to build the strongest paper bridges and furthest-flying planes. One St Margaret's pupil said 'it was fun seeing different children who also have cochlear implants'. Another said 'it was nice to play with others who can also sign'.

The day was organised by the Torbay Advisory Teachers for Hearing Impairment who put on events for deaf children in order to support deaf identity and avoid feelings of isolation for children throughout schools in Torbay.

Dress Down Day Wednesday 9th July

Please ensure pupils are wearing comfortable and practical clothing for school. If sunny please make sure your child/ren are wearing sunscreen, have a sunhat and a bottle of water and bring a donation of a bottle for the PTA Tombola for the Summer Fair. Thank you.

Summer Fair

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 12th July 11am – 2pm! It's a great opportunity for our school community to come together, have fun, and raise money for school enrichment that benefits our pupils.

We need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including setting up, running a stall or help clearing afterwards. If you can help in any way, please click on the link

<https://volunteersignup.org/QJQH9>

We truly appreciate your time and dedication to making our Summer Fair a memorable and successful event by being there and joining in the fun! Let's work together to make it a fantastic day for our children and community.

Please check out the site map to visualise what the PTA have on offer this year, which looks fantastic.



1. Raffle Tickets, Card Payments for Tokens & Bouncy Castle all day wristbands. First Aid Point
2. Bouncy Castle
3. Inflatable Assault Course
4. London Boy Blue Ice cream van
5. Ball in Bucket
6. Higher or Lower
7. Total Wipeout
8. Hoopla
9. Lilys Sweet Shop
10. Happy Hair Ties

11. Charlotte Hicks Crafts
12. Pre-Loved School Uniform
13. South Devon College Face Painting
14. Booze Bros Co - Bar
15. Seating Area
16. The Funky Anchovy Pizza
17. Torbay Hospital Radio - Arena
18. Teddy Tombola & Lucky Dip
19. Bespoke Scents
20. Nurture by Nina - Massages

21. Homemade Crafts Stall
22. Monkey Mayhem
23. Hole in One
24. 'Where's the token?!!'
25. Tracy Hill - Fragrance
26. Stephanie Goodwright Crafts
27. Lee Anne McCann - Childrens Gifts
28. Beady McQueen
29. Year 6 Apprentice Challenge Stalls

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31. Tombola
32. Crafting with the Rainbows & Brownies
33. Prize Table
34. Candy Floss
35. Cakes & Refreshments
36. Buzz wire
37. Messy Pirates Slime Lab
38. Fire Engine from Torquay Fire Station
Police Car - Devon and Cornwall Police
Autocomps Supercar
Batman and Batmobile



We hope you all enjoy a restful and joyful weekend, filled with sunshine, smiles, and special moments with loved ones. See you next week, refreshed and ready for more learning and fun!

Best Wishes

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

Community Information



**BRADLEY BROWN COACHING
CARY PARK
TENNIS CLUB**

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

JULY 2025

AGE 5-10	AGE 11+
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

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>



Diary Dates

W/C 7th July 2025	Reports out to Parents this week
8th July 2025	Y4 Water Confidence
9th July 2025	Dress Down Day—Donations of a bottle for the PTA Tombola for the Summer Fair
10th July 2025	Y6 Rounders Competition
Saturday 12th July 2025	11.00—14.00 PTA Summer Fair
15th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
15th July 2025	09.30—10.15 Captain Kindheart and the Golden Rule production for EYFS/KS1/LKS
16th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
24th July 2025	Final day for the children
24th July 2025	Year 6 BBQ
24th July 2025	09.30—10.30 Year 6 Leavers Academy
25th July 2025	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

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Beech	Esmee	Esmee is our Star of the Week for her superb writing about the seasons. She has made such an incredible amount of progress this year and this is down to her pure determination and focus. Well done Esmee!
Pine	Bailey	Bailey is the Star in Beech this week as his motivation in phonics ensured he moved up a phonics group. Well done Bailey! Bailey is also so kind and responsible and a real pleasure to have in Beech Class!
Oak	Arlo	Arlo is our star of this week for trying amazingly hard to make sensible behaviour choices all week. It has been noticed by lots of adults around the school.
Apple	Aditi	Aditi has been trying really hard in her writing and making sure it is her neatest handwriting - keep up the hard work Aditi!
Holly	Charlie	Charlie's presentation and handwriting has been positively commented on by several adults over the last few weeks. He has produced some amazing pieces of work because of his aspirational hard work and motivation. Great job Charlie, you should be very proud of yourself!
Willow	Whole Class	The star of the week in Willow class is the whole class for their wonderful involvement in their water confidence trip today. Super proud of all the children.
Cherry	Tom	Cherries star of the week is Tom. He has shown incredible resilience and motivation with his writing. He has worked hard this week to show his best, even doing things again until he has felt proud enough. Keep up the lovely focus Tom.
Hazel	Teyla	Teyla is Hazel's star this week. We have been working on Teyla's independence and her active thinking a lot and it is really starting to pay off! We were super impressed with her excellent Writing, too. Keep it up Teyla!
Birch	Ruby	Ruby has impressed me with her resilience when tackling her maths and English this week. She has worked so hard, and I have been delighted that she has shared how proud she is of herself. Well done Ruby!
Rowan	Owen	Owen is our star this week. He showed real aspiration and produced an amazing poem in his writing. He is always happy to help out around the classroom.
Maple	Alfie V	Alfie has been a super friend this week showing active thinking when looking out for others. He has made a super start to becoming a super 6 and is showing
Hawthorn	Ava M	Our star of the week goes to someone who is always respectful and kind. Ava is always doing the right thing and will offer help to anyone around her. It is a pleasure to have you in Maple class, Ava! We will miss you so much next year! Well done you.

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