



# St Margarets Academy

We started this week with an assembly led by the Manager of Waterstones in Torquay – keeping the theme of reading going and building on last week's library enjoyment. It's also great to be able to support our local town centre and high street shopping.

## Parent Tours

Every year I run tours for potential new parents – usually for those considering us for a place for their child in next year's Reception Class. If your child is already on roll with us however, you are also very welcome to book on. I know as a parent it's nice to get a sneak peek at what your child is up to, especially when they come home and answer, "nothing" to your question about what they did today. For a list of all the times and dates, see the moving banner on the home page of our website

## School Term Dates 24/25

These are now available on the website: [St Margaret's Academy - Term Dates \(stmargaretstorbay.org.uk\)](http://stmargaretstorbay.org.uk)

## Uniform Reminder

Please can I remind parents about our uniform policy, a copy of which can be found via the link at the end. If affordability of items is a concern, please do come and have chat with us as we will always see what we can do and whether we can make any allowances.

Please note: smart devices are not allowed. During PE, children will be asked to remove any watches or air tags to avoid the potential for them injuring another child.

[School Uniform Checklist.pdf](#)

## Writing

Have a look in our [Writing Blog](#) to see how teachers use real experiences to motivate children's writing. In this blog you can see how Year 2 used a trip to the bakery in St Marychurch and cooking in class to help with a real writing purpose.



## 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>

Today we say goodbye to the summer and look forward to the autumn season, which starts tomorrow. Enjoy your first autumnal weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Ethel is our Star of the Week for her amazing efforts in phonics. She has tried so hard and is already making fantastic progress. Ethel joins in with all activities and shows respect by putting her hand up to answer questions during carpet time activities.
Pine	Luna has really impressed us this week with her morning writing. She sat down, focussed and tried really hard to sound out words to match our class picture. Well done!
Oak	Flynn is our star of the week as he consistently shows all of the school values. He is always the first to be ready to learn and he shows respect to everyone. Flynn is an awesome member of Oak class. Super start to year 2 Flynn, well done!
Apple	Charlie has had a fantastic start to Year 2. He has shown ALL of the school values this week; kindness and responsibility with his digital leader role, aspiration in all of his learning and respect to others. Well done Charlie, you are a delight!
Holly	Our star of the week is Lewis. He has made valuable contributions in class, has been ready to follow instructions much more quickly and has really shown his best self for the whole week. Huge well done, Lewis - keep it up!
Willow	Jazzy is the star of the week in Willow class. She has shown great focus and concentration with all her learning tasks (she has a real aspirational attitude) and has made great contributions to class discussions. Well done Jazzy.
Cherry	Ellie-Maii for an amazing start to year 4! Your listening and sitting are fabulous and you always try your best!
Hazel	Star of the week in Hazel class is Rocco for being a role model to the other children in the class - always listening, aspirational learning and hard working in everything you do. All the teachers in Hazel class are very proud of you!
Birch	Finley C is our star this week. Finley has settled beautifully into our class, getting on with his work, showing polite manners and always trying his best. We are so proud of how he has matured. Keep up the good work, Fin!
Rowan	Giovanna is our star of the week! She has made a fantastic start to Year 5 and has been working so hard on being independent in all her learning. She is such a joy to have in our class. We are very proud of you.
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Wictor for his aspirational attitude! Wictor constantly impresses me with his creativity in writing and has shown a real growth mindset towards his independent work. Keep it up, Wictor!
Hawthorn	Oliver C. is Hawthorn's Star of the Week. He has shown such aspiration in the fantastic effort he has put into his writing this week. We are really impressed by his attitude - he has worked so hard and given his very best. What a great role model to have in our class - well done Oliver!



DATE	EVENT
Friday 29th September	Year 6 Dartmoor Trip
Tuesday 10th October	World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
23rd-27th October	October Half Term
31st October	Flu Vaccinations (more information to come)
2nd November	PTA Halloween Disco
13th November	Parents evening week
20th November	Individual Photos