



St Margaret's Academy

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #33 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it has been at St Margaret's Academy!

This week, we have welcomed Jelly Images into school to capture some wonderful photographs. We are also looking ahead to our upcoming video project, which will showcase St Margaret's Academy, our story and everything that makes our school so special. We hope this will give prospective families an insight into who we are and help them see what a fantastic place St Margaret's is for young people to learn and thrive. This will be added to our brand new school website that will be launching in September.

Our fabulous Year 6 pupils have been taking part in their transition visits. We know that moving on to secondary school can bring a mixture of excitement, nerves and anxiety, but we hope you all had an amazing experience and look forward to hearing all about it next week. These are big changes and exciting opportunities, and we are incredibly proud of you as you take your next steps.

Our Year 5 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic day at Torquay Academy this week. We have received wonderful feedback, and we are so proud of the way you represented yourselves, your classmates and our school throughout the day.

Although we only have two weeks left of the academic year, there is still so much to look forward to. We have Sports Days, Leavers' celebrations, Headteacher and Governor Awards, attendance certificates and many other exciting events planned. We hope everyone fully embraces and enjoys these final weeks of the school year.

Next week, we will continue preparing for our transition arrangements. Annual reports will be sent home on 10th July for most of the school with Year 6 a little later once the external SATs results are received, this will be followed by additional transition opportunities for our pupils in YR-Y5. Staff have already begun meeting to carefully plan these arrangements and ensure that they are as smooth and comfortable as possible for everyone involved.

As many of you are aware, we will be moving from 14 classes to 13 classes from September due to changes in pupil numbers. This reflects a wider trend nationally and in particular across the Torbay area. While this means our structure will look slightly different from previous years, we are confident in the provision we have planned for September and are excited about further enhancing our offer through the development of extended Forest Schools and our new in-house provision (support bases).

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to our school community. We are looking forward to making the most of these final two weeks and celebrating the many achievements of our pupils together.



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A Wonderful Forest School Parent's Day at St Margaret's Academy

This week, St Margaret's Academy held an amazing Parents' Day, welcoming parents, carers, and children to celebrate and embrace our fantastic outdoor Forest School provision.

We were blessed with beautiful sunshine, allowing us to open our doors and enjoy a wonderful day of collaboration, communication, and togetherness in our incredible outdoor environment. It was fantastic to see families learning, exploring, and creating lasting memories alongside our children.

A massive thank you goes to Mrs Posey and team for organising such a successful and memorable event. We would also like to thank all of the children, parents, and family members who fully embraced this wonderful experience and helped make the day so special.

We are excited to continue developing this provision and expanding these opportunities in the new academic year.

Watch this space – there is so much more to come!

#StMargaretsAcademy #ForestSchool #OutdoorLearning #WorkingTogether #SchoolCommunity
#LearningBeyondTheClassroom



A Brave and Kind Act from Violet

We are incredibly proud to celebrate one of our pupils, Violet, who will be taking part in a truly inspiring act of kindness on 15th July.

Violet has made the brave decision to have at least 15 inches of her hair cut and donated to The Little Princess Trust, where it can be used to help create a wig for a child or young person experiencing hair loss. Through this generous gesture, Violet will be making a real difference to the life of another young person and their family.

This wonderful act reflects one of our core values at St Margaret's Academy – kindness. Violet's selflessness, courage and compassion are an excellent example of how our pupils positively contribute to the wider community.

Alongside donating her hair, Violet and her family are also raising funds for The Little Princess Trust. Any donations, however small, would be greatly appreciated. There is also the option to add Gift Aid, helping to maximise the support given to this fantastic charity. The funds raised will help The Little Princess Trust provide real-hair wigs for children and young people undergoing cancer treatment or living with conditions such as alopecia. [Donation link here.](#)

We would like to thank Violet for this remarkable act of generosity and wish her every success with her fundraising efforts.

Well done, Violet! Your kindness and bravery are truly inspiring, and we hope you raise lots of money for this amazing charity.

Summer Fayre Saturday 4th July, 11.00am —2.00pm

We are incredibly excited to be celebrating our annual St Margaret's Summer Fayre this Saturday, 4th July, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. We warmly welcome all our families, friends, neighbours and members of the local community to join us and support your local school.



Our wonderful PTA has worked tirelessly to organise another fantastic event, packed with exciting stalls, activities and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. We are especially looking forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils showcase their entrepreneurial talents through their own stalls, featuring projects and products they have been working hard to create.

Whether you can stay for the whole event or just pop in for half an hour, it would be lovely to see as many members of our school community as possible. The weather forecast looks bright and sunny, so please remember to stay hydrated, wear a sun hat and take care in the warm weather.

A huge thank you goes to everyone involved in planning, organising, setting up and supporting this special event. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and enthusiasm that makes the Summer Fayre such a success each year. Particular thanks must go to our amazing PTA, whose dedication and hard work help bring our school community together.

We look forward to sharing news in the coming weeks about the event's success and how much we have raised together to support our school.



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Learning Outdoors

We are delighted to share a fantastic free community wellbeing programme for young people aged 11–24 years this summer. Activities include drumming, arts, vision boards, crafts, confidence and values workshops, and a coastal walk and picnic with the opportunity to learn about local wildlife, including how to spot crabs!

This new summer timetable is being trialled this year, and we would love to see as many young people as possible get involved. To take part, simply scan the QR code on the poster below, register your interest, and select the group or activities you would like to join. The team will then be in touch with further details.

Please help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity to support young people's wellbeing, creativity and confidence

Time
for young people

The Children's Society

TIME SUMMER TIMETABLE

2026

Negative Thinking

Learn about how our thoughts, feelings and behaviours are connected. Identify negative thoughts and how to manage them.

When & Where?:

- Age 15-18, Parkfield House, Wednesday 22nd July 1pm-2:30pm
- Age 11-14, Parkfield House, Tuesday 25th August 10am-11:30am

Vision Board Making

Making vision boards with what you want to achieve, goals, & vibes! We will supply resources, but you are welcome to bring decorative extra bits.

When & Where?:

- Parkfield House, Wednesday 22nd July 10am-11:30am
- Parkfield House, Tuesday 4th August 10am-11:30am

Values & Confidence

Exploring what's important to you, getting more out of life, and supporting your confidence.

When & Where?:

- Age 11-13, Parkfield House, Tuesday 28th July 10am-11:30am
- Age 14-17, Parkfield House, Tuesday 11th August 10am-11:30am

Walk & Picnic

Chance to meet new people and make friends, walk along Paignton seafront, option try rock-pooling, and then back to Parkfield for food and games!

When & Where?:

- Age 11-14, Meet at Parkfield House, Wednesday 29th July 10am-2pm
- Age 15+, Meet at Parkfield House, Wednesday 26th August 10am-2pm

Creative Craft

Bracelet making, drawing, colouring, origami, clay/playdough models, & more, just a space to be creative and chat!

When & Where?:

- Parkfield House, Tuesday 21st July 10am-11:30am
- Parkfield House, Wednesday 12th August 2pm-3:30pm

Drums

Fancy trying drumming, and combining it with fitness? Drums 4 health are offering a group blending both of those things!

When & Where?:

- Wednesday 5th August 2:30-3:30pm

Want to attend a group?: Scan this QR code and complete the form to register your interest with us for the group



Don't hesitate to express your interest as there are limited spaces in each group! If you have any questions about a group don't hesitate to contact us at: timetorbay@childrenssociety.org.uk

Congratulations to Mrs Rice

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you. Mrs Rice is expecting a baby, due in the autumn term, and we are absolutely thrilled for her and her husband. We know you will join us in congratulating them on this exciting new chapter. Congratulations to Mrs Rice and Mr Rice.



Take care everyone and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

Headteacher



SUN SAFETY



APPLY SUNSCREEN

Please apply sunscreen to children before school. Children can bring sunscreen into school to reapply throughout the day.



WEAR A HAT

Children to bring a hat into school. Remember to label it!



HYDRATE WITH WATER

Please ensure children bring a water bottle into school each day. Children can refill bottles in the classroom as and when.



St Margaret's Academy PTA

Summer Fayre

4th July 2026

11am - 2pm

Free
Entry

All
Welcome



Raffle · Games · Food · Bar · Ice Cream · Tea
Rooms · Bouncy Castle · Giant Inflatable Assault
Course · Live Performances · Craft Stalls ·
Preloved Uniform
St Margaret's Academy, Barewell Road, Torquay, TQ1 4PA



PARENT / CARER *Coffee Morning*



Tuesday 14th July



9 00 AM



St Margaret's Academy



Come and join us!



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very welc me to j in.



Tea, coffee &
biscuits in abundance.



⇒ No need to book – just come along! ⇐

We look forward to seeing you!



Diary Dates

Saturday 4th July 2026	PTA Summer Fayre
6th—12th July 2026	National School Sports Week
6th July 2026	09.30—12.00 KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Sports Day 14.00—15.15 EYFS (Reception) Sports Day— New Timings Hazel Class Swimming
9th July 2026	Year 6 Rounders Event HSC Staff and KS2 Children at Egguckland
10th July 2026	Annual Reports Out
13th—14th July 2026	17.45—18.45 Year 6 Production
14th July 2026	14.00—15.00 Transition to New Class
16th July 2026	09.30—12.00 Upper KS2 Sport Day (Year 5 & Year 6) 13.00—15.00 Lower KS2 Sports Day (Year 3 & Year 4)
17th July 2026	13.30—14.30 Transition to New Class
Tuesday 21st July 2026	Last day for Pupils 09.30—10.15 Leavers Assembly 15.00—15.15 Leavers Tunnel
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
23rd July 2026	Start of the Summer Holidays

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Ash	Louie Waller	For his fantastic ideas and drawings during this week's drawing club . What marvellous and magical creations! You tried so hard , well done, what a superstar! You should be so proud of yourself .
Elm	Ezra	For his knowledge of football in show and tell. Great questions and answers! Miss Tolley is so proud of you - well done.
Beech	Phoebe	Congratulations on being our Star of the Week! You have shown so much more confidence and independence in your work. You have been willing to take on new challenges, work independently, and believe in your own abilities.
Pine	Rory	Rory for always being so enthusiastic towards his learning. His hand is always up. He sets a fabulous example with his passion for maths too.
Apple	Jenson	Our star this week is Jenson. He has shown so many of our school values. He has been really aspirational with his writing, offering lots of great ideas and making such an effort to include them in his written work. His evaluation of his train carriage in DT was so thorough and he has been such a kind friend, moving seats willingly to allow another child to join his table. What a week Jenson!
Oak	Tom	Tom is our star as he has settled really well into Oak class, making friends and joining in with all of his learning (especially the learning about Time!). Tom has also shown a resilient and positive attitude to school life (following an injury). Well done Tom, you are a star!
Willow	Maddison	Willows Star of the week is going to this person for always being focused and ready to do their work. Well done Maddison.
Holly	Lexi	Lexi is our star of the week for her aspiration. She has impressed all the adults in Holly class with her hard work recently and we are really impressed with the work she has been producing as a result. Well done Lexi - keep up the good work!
Cherry	Bethany	Nominated by Miss Hart for your aspirational attitude during your precision teach sessions. Miss Hart has been so impressed by the progress you have made in a short time. Well done Bethany!
Hazel	Liam	Liam is our star this week for his incredible resilience on the school trip. Liam has really pushed his boundaries this week and we are so pleased to report that he has had a wonderful time. Liam - you are an aspirational super star! Well done!
Rowan	Shahriyar	Shahriyar has shown the value of responsibility consistently this week. He can always be depended on to approach situations with maturity and is a pleasure to have in the classroom.
Birch	April	April has been so aspirational in her maths this week. Every Birch adult has commented on her aspirational attitude!! Well done !!
Hawthorn	The Whole Class	Well done to all of Hawthorn Class for their confidence and resilience at transition days for secondary school. We look forward to hearing how it went next week.
Maple	Isaac	Isaac has been an absolute super star all year. He is always respectful and tries his best in all that he does. He has shown his kindness and responsibility this week, helping bring ideas to life for his summer fayre team. Well done Isaac.

