



St Margaret's
Academy

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter #3
27th September 2024

Dear Parents,

It's nearly the end of September already. It will soon be Christmas in the blink of an eye. Coming up first though is our Harvest festival on 7th October when we would welcome any donations such as tinned food and pasta. Thank you in advance.

Timeline Mural

Our wonderful PTA-funded timeline continues to make the news. Here's what ex-MP Kevin Foster wrote in neighbourhood report about Torbay:

School Mural Set to Inspire,

A Torquay Primary School has turned learning history into a work of art, with a new wall mural.

St Margaret's Academy in St Marychurch, with the support of their PTA, commissioned an artist to create a timeline from the earliest periods of history to the present day. The aim being to not only provide a visual form of learning, but to inspire pupils to think of the progress they could make and what might make history in their lifetimes.

You can read more and see some pictures of the mural on the BBC website by clicking [here](#)

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://ntropydata.co.uk)

Curriculum News

Look in the Reading Blog to see a wonderful snapshot of how [Year 2](#) met Grandpa Derek, reading *Grandpa's Island and sharing his adventures from his younger days*.

Check out the Science Blog to see [Year 3's](#) edible rocks (!). In the Arts Blog you can see how [Year 3](#) have been practising some shading skills.

Considering a Career in Teaching?

Watch this short animation to learn more about the rewards of training to become a teacher. Train locally with the South West Institute for Teaching (SWIFT) and gain experience through placements and training across our local area. Further details here: <https://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk/>

There is an online information event about this at 3.30pm on 3rd October. [Click here](#) to sign up.



Asda PTA App

If you shop at Asda please download the Asda rewards app and select St Margaret's (be sure to enter the postcode TQ1 4PA). Every time you shop, our PTA will get a donation. And even if you don't shop at Asda, just for downloading the app and selecting St Margaret's, our PTA gets £1. If all our families do that, that's an instant £400+ for no effort. Thank you.



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

Help with Rising Costs - Reminders

Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493

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>

Happy weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

2nd October 2024	Animal Encounter with Y2 & Y4
4th October 2024	PTA Meeting to plan the Christmas Events
7th October 2024	Harvest Festival Assembly—Donations for the
9th October 2024	Reading Meeting for Y1 Parents in Beech Class
23rd October 2024	PTA Disco (Times TBC)
25th October 2024	Book Look for Parents after school—Open Class
25th October 2024	Curriculum Event for Parents (During day—
W/C 28th October	Half Term



Beech	Rory is our star this week. He always shows all of our school values and is a great role model. He has been particularly responsible with tidying up this week and has been super aspirational - asking to come to do his learning jobs before I have even called his name. What a star!
Pine	Johnnie is our star this week. He has such a lovely, kind nature. He is a hard worker and always tries his very best. What a great start to the year Johnnie!
Oak	Evelyn is our star as she has shone in the phonics lessons and she has shown responsibility and aspiration in her forest school sessions. Super effort Evelyn, well done!
Apple	Ethel is our star in Apple for constantly striving to do the best she can. Her writing has come on in leaps and bounds and her engagement in lessons is exemplary.
Holly	Charlie is our shining star this week. He has written his independent poem to a very high standard and has shown Holly Class what you can achieve with aspiration and resilience. Great effort Charlie, well done.
Willow	The star of the week is James. He has worked so hard this week in our writing lessons and written a wonderful colour poem. Well done James you have been really aspirational.
Cherry	Our star of the week is Evelyn. She shows respect to her classmates and teachers, is responsible and aspirational. Recently, she has been producing the most wonderful ideas in writing, and she has such beautiful handwriting which is easy to read.
Hazel	Our star of the week is Archie! He has such a fabulous start to Year 4! Trying his best in everything he does. So proud of you!
Birch	Our star this week is Archie! Archie is always so kind and respectful to everyone. He consistently tries his hardest and never gives up. Well done, Archie!
Rowan	Ellie is an absolute ray of sunshine in Rowan class. She is always seen taking such responsibility for her learning and shows incredible aspiration in all areas of her learning. She makes a wonderful role model and is a real joy to teach - keep up the amazing work Ellie!
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Finley C! Finley has been so motivated this week to complete his learning tasks as well as showing lots of kindness. On our coasteering trip, Finley was so polite to the adults, showing excellent manners. Well done Finley! Keep it up!
Hawthorn	Lita is our star of the week for showing such resilience with the coasteering and giving it a go! She has also worked so hard on her writing this week, producing a fabulous Non-chronological report about Evolution! Well done Lita!