

St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with an assembly all about *fail*; how we can use failure as a positive for getting better at something. F.A.I.L stands for First Attempt in Learning. Mrs Tandy shared how she failed her driving test which made her cry, but now she drives to school every day. We talked about toddlers learning to walk and children learning to ride a bike. It seemed to strike a chord and across the week children have been choosing their mood; choosing to be resilient in Maths for example.

Review of Teaching and Learning

This week we have had a team of other school leaders in St Margaret's working with us to help identify strengths and areas to develop in teaching and learning. It has been super useful in supporting our continuous drive to help ensure we provide the best educational offer for your children. We are part of the national wide Challenge Partner project which is peer to peer reviews of each other's schools, supported by professionals with inspection experience. It's a great model and if you're interested to read more you can do so on the website: <https://www.challengepartners.org/>

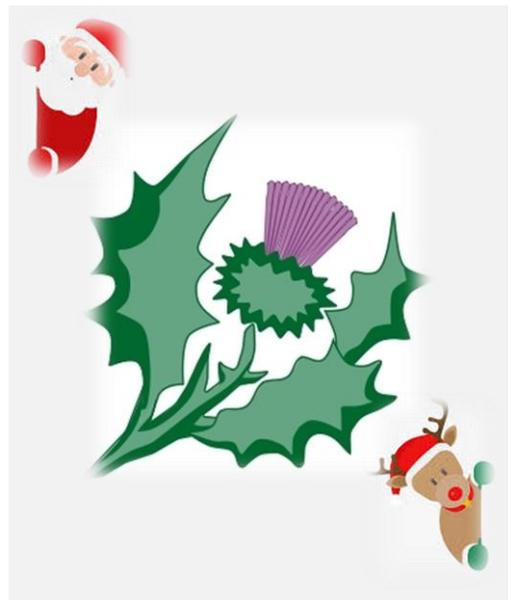
Curriculum News

Look in the Sports Blog to read about the [girls' football team](#) who smashed out a stunning victory in their first league match of the season on Tuesday. In the Design and Technology Blog you can see how Year 1 got on when they visited Cary Park to [research play equipment](#). They will be using this for their designs in the spring term.



Private Parking in St Margaret's Close

Please remember that St Margaret's Close at the rear of the school is a private close with no vehicular access allowed. We have reports of several near misses with cars parking and manoeuvring in this private area. Sadly, we also have reports of residents being verbally abused and unable to access or leave their property. **Please do respect our neighbours.** Pedestrian access only is allowed. Thank you for your understanding and support.



This week's Attendance Star goes to

**Oak and Rowan
97.6%**

Well Done!

Friday 9th December

Rudolf Charity Run for Rowcroft

Help with Rising Costs – Reminders

- 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. I hope all the elves are receiving their special orders and are busy preparing for the big day.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

5 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
5 th December	PTA design a Christmas tree competition (in school activity)
6 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
6 th December	PTA Elves visiting the school
6 th December	PTA fully funded Christmas Disco
7 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
7 th December	PTA fully funded Cinema trip Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 Recp & Year 1 Film in the school hall
8 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day (Only packed lunch option available to all other year groups)
8 th December	KS1 Nativity at Babbacombe theatre
9 th December	Rudolf Charity Run for Rowcroft
13 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Craft afternoon 1.30-3pm
13 th December	KS2 Carol Concert St Cuthbert Mayne
15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Show 1.30-3pm
17 th December - 3rd January 2023	Christmas Holidays
4 th January 2023	Pupils return to school

ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA



Christmas Tree colouring Competition!

On the 5th December (during school hours) the children are invited to design a Christmas tree. Winners will be chosen by the residents of Dunboyne Court from categories:

Reception/Year 1
Years 2 & 3
Years 4, 5 & 6

WINNERS FROM EACH CATEGORY WILL BE GIVEN A CHOCOLATE TREATS BUNDLE AND A SMALL TREAT FOR EVERYONE IN THEIR CLASS FROM THE PTA. WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS DISCOS

TICKETS ARE FULLY FUNDED BY THE PTA

6TH DECEMBER 2022

RECEPTION/YR1 : 5 - 5:30

YR2 & 3: 5:45 - 6:45

YR4, 5 & 6: 7-8

THE TUCK SHOP WILL BE OPEN WITH SWEETS AND TREATS RANGING FROM 20P - £1

Whilst this event is free of charge, **tickets will still be required for Insurance and Safety reasons.**

Please keep an eye out for information on when we will be on the playground for this.



ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS Cinema Trip

FOR YEARS 2 - 6

7TH DECEMBER: 10AM

TICKETS AND POPCORN FULLY FUNDED BY THE PTA

SCREENING THE NEW MUSICAL COMEDY FILM 'LYLE LYLE CROCODILE'

2 PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PER CLASS - SPEAK TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

Merlin Cinema, Union Street, Torquay.

www.lylelylecrocodile.movie

ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS...

CINEMA AT SCHOOL!

Reception & Year 1

To save their little legs, we will be bringing the cinema to them with a showing of...

The Gruffalo's Child

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wednesday 7th december
10am

POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED - PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE POPCORN

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Beech	Penelope is our star of the week for trying so hard to improve her handwriting. Thank you also for the wonderful contributions you bring to our class discussions and your enthusiasm to learn new things.
Pine	Jess has worked SO hard this week. She has been answering lots of questions and has really engaged with our RE and HISTORY lessons. Well done Jess!
Oak	Lexy C- for amazing effort in writing this week, sharing lots of ideas and using her phonics to sound out. It has been lovely to see you joining in with all the lessons Lexy. Well done!
Apple	Arya B is our star this week for her aspirational learning in maths and also putting in a great effort when she wrote her final write about the Great Fire of London. Well done Arya, keep up the super attitude!
Birch	Theon for amazing listening in class and very thoughtful class contributions during our historical enquiry about the Stone Age. He has also passed all 13 of his library book quizzes this term!
Rowan	Lennon has been a real super star this week. His aspirational attitude towards his learning this week has been awesome. He really has got stuck in with our History learning and has demonstrated his sheer love of learning in the subject. A true asset to the class - well done
Cherry	Alfie V for his wonderful attitude towards learning. He has been working really hard in our writing lessons showing tremendous determination to do his best. He also demonstrates great kindness towards others. Well done Alfie.
Hazel	Myles is our star of the week in Hazel class for being a fantastic historian this week! You showed great enthusiasm and asked many thoughtful questions to find the connection between the Egyptian sources and worked well in your team. Well done!
Willow	Willow's star this week is Poppy. Poppy showed great aspiration this week, especially in her Writing. Poppy really impressed us with challenging herself to create a non-chronological report on an animal that she had made up! Well done, Poppy. Your work is fantastic!
Holly	Liam always shows the school values in everything he does but this week he has shown aspiration in particular. He has worked so hard in his writing and history, absorbing everything we have discussed in class in order to achieve his absolute best. Well done and keep up the great work!
Maple	Vinnie is our star of the week for being so aspirational! He has shown real resilience this week during our practice SATs papers and persevered even when it was tricky. I'm also super impressed with Vinnie's writing - he wrote a fantastic setting description using a metaphor! Well done Vinnie!
Hawthorn	Hawthorn's star of the week is Bea, who is always a fantastic role model for all of our school values. She can always be relied upon to behave responsibly, she works hard and is kind and respectful to everyone. We are so lucky to have her in our class!