



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #12
18th July 2025

Dear Families

We have been blown away this week by the immerse talent and confidence of our young people across school. As a school we have been privilege to enjoy so many shows and enrichment experiences which we have included in this week's edition. The Year Six show 'Ye-Ha' that they performed superbly to multiple audiences was a truly wonderful and showcased the amazing talents of our young people through so many different roles and responsibilities and lots of humour. Some highlights below:

"I just loved performing in front of others and having so much fun" Noah C

"I am so proud of learning and remembering all the lines and choreography" Arlo

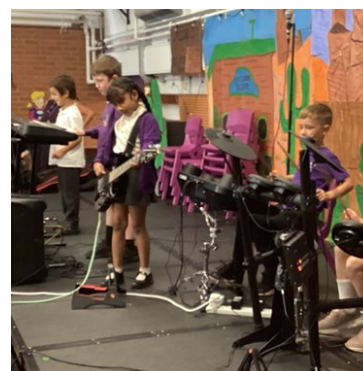
"I was proud to be confident with a beautiful voice, performing my solo, when opening the show with Evie B" Giovanna

"I really liked that I was spoke confidence, loud and clear to delivery my lines to audience. Singing and dancing was so much fun and I couldn't stop smiling". Amelia



Rock Steady at St Margaret's

On Thursday we had the wonderful opportunity of experiencing first hand the amazing musical talents from pupils across the school. Rocksteady is the leading provider of in-school band lessons for primary age children. Their inclusive approach helps children find a sense of belonging through new friendships and a shared love for music, whilst boosting social skills, wellbeing and confidence. We can all confirm that this was very much achieved.



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BSL Level 1, Unit 101

Congratulations to the 5 pupils who have just achieved the first unit of the BSL Level 1 exam! The examination was funded through the Dorothy Hird Trust for Deaf Children and the teaching was carried out in school and assessed by Amy Kelly from SmartSigns BSL.

The children were assessed recently and have received their certificates in assembly this week.

Year 2 Church Visit

This morning the fantastic Father Nick welcomed us back to the church to help us identify some of the features of a church that we have been learning about in our RE lessons. We were able to see the font (where we got a little bit wet!), the lectern and the altar. Some of us even got to hold the enormous Holy Bible which was very heavy!!

Well done Year 2s for showing respect and behaving responsibly during our visit.



Stagecoach Torquay—Captain Kindheart and the Golden Rule

On Tuesday pupils across Reception, Year1 to Year 4 enjoyed a pirate-themed performance focusing on the Golden Rule. The show focused on scenes, songs, dances, and audience participation, that promoted a feel-good journey. They explored the importance of kindness, friendship, and forgiveness, whilst delivering plenty of laughter and learning. Thank you so much to Stagecoach and the performers for this fabulous experience.



Orchard Shop Success

This week the Orchard Shop has made a tremendous £128.37 and a big thank you to the 'shopkeeper' children and to all that have purchased from the shop.

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Design Technology

We are really enjoying our DT unit on mechanisms. We can all tell you how an axle works to make things rotate and are putting this into action to make the wheel sets for our train carriages.

Year 2 have been demonstrating our school value of 'responsibility' as we carefully follow instructions to use the junior hacksaw safely. We definitely have some budding carpenters and engineers in year 2!



History of the Purple Bus 'The Nest' from a Special Visitor with a Close Connection to Our Bus

The bus is a Leyland National built in 1980 for London Transport who used it on their 'Red Arrow' services in central London, mainly linking the central area with Waterloo and Victoria Stations. It was actually the very first of the 'Mark 2' version of the model supplied to London.

In early 1994, it underwent what was known as the Greenway conversion project – basically undergoing a major rebuild to update it and get another good few years' life out of it. This involved the fitting of new panels together with front and rear ends, windscreen and windows, doors, heating and ventilation systems, engine, gearbox, exhaust system, radiator and cooling system, and an interior which complied with the Disabled Persons Transport regulations of the time. This explains why if you Google the registration, you will see it has a different appearance in pictures taken prior to the rebuild.

Later that year, London Transport Buses was split up into different operating companies which were then sold off, effectively privatising the operations which were then competitively contracted to operate routes of behalf of London Transport. GUY438W thus became owned by London General, which is the company I worked for. Having been replaced by newer vehicles, the last job this batch of buses did for London General was a contract to operate the park 'n' ride service at Farnborough Air Show in June 2002 – where I was the last person to drive it as a London bus!

After that, it was sold off to a company called Mass Transit in Lincoln, and then in 2005 onto a Surestart scheme in the Doncaster area, before you acquired it.



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Have Your Say—Annual Parent and Carer Survey Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that our annual parent and carer survey has launched. This is a valuable opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback to help shape the direction of our school for the year ahead. Your voice matters, and your input plays a key role in helping us improve and grow as a school community.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete it and let us know what's working well and where we can do better. Thank you for your continued support!

Please click on link to share your views <https://forms.gle/aD7JboE9XyZCUa7y6> before the last day of term.

Primary Athletics Competition

On Thursday 17th July, St Margaret's Academy took part in an athletics competition at St Cuthbert Mayne. Children from years 3-6 competed in a variety of different running, throwing and jumping events including: sprinting, hurdles, long distance, relay, long jump, shot putt and javelin. This year, we competed against just one other school, St Marychurch. It was still a good competition and the children did very well. Years 3 & 5 were year group winners and the overall champions were St Margaret's - retaining the Champions Cup for the 8th year in a row!



At the competition, the Sports Leaders from St Cuthbert Mayne were very encouraging and helped the children achieve their best! Many of our children had a special mention for demonstrating excellent sporting values. The children had lots of fun and were very tired by the end of the competition.

We are very proud of the athletics team, their skill level was very high and they all put in a special team effort to do their best and not to let their team down. Anu Y4 achieved a new competition record for the 600m run and we also achieved records in the relays to. The Y3 boys, Y4 boys, Y5 girls & Y5 boys relay teams all achieved new competition records. Well done to them and to all of the competitors.

End of Year School Books

Please can you send you child into school on Monday with a strong carrier bag or bag for life as class staff will be sending them home with their learning books for you to enjoy reading and keeping at home.

Massive 'Shout Out' of Thanks

A massive thank you to the PTA, vendors and all the volunteers that supported and helped at last Saturday's Summer Fair. The weather was glorious and the everyone had an amazing time. Well done to our Year 6 for their independently planned and managed stalls. We look forward to sharing with you how much was raised and which Year 6 team was the overall profit winner. It is wonderful to have such a proactively and energetic PTA, thank you for everything you do to support your school and its community.

As we head into the final week of the academic year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work, resilience, and dedication throughout the year. It's been a journey filled with growth, learning, and shared achievements.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a joyful, fun-filled final week ahead. Let's finish strong and celebrate all that we've accomplished together!

Kind regards,

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

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Community News and Links

Friendly Faces 2025

29th Aug, 12:00 pm - 30th Aug 2025, 12:00 pm

[Friendly Faces 2025 for children moving from Yr6 into secondary Yr7](#)

Do you have children moving from Year 6 into secondary Yr7 this September? If so, join us for the return of our very popular Friendly Faces events. These events allow children moving from Year 6, into secondary Year 7, the opportunity to come along and join us at the museum for fun, games, and the chance to meet up with some friendly faces, before starting at their new schools the following week. (And also give the grown-ups the chance to chat in the café!)

Free School Meals & Holiday Support

Please note that free school meals are provided during term time only.

For support during the school holidays, including access to food vouchers and activities, parents and carers are encouraged to explore the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. For more information and to check eligibility, please visit:

[Holiday activity and food programme \(HAF\) – Torbay Council](#)

If you have any questions or need help accessing the programme, feel free to contact the school office.



Summer Reading Challenge

Fancy winning some great prizes while embarking on a fabulous reading adventure?

All you have to do is read five books and let us know their titles!

Click on the QR code, fill in the easy online form, and you will be in the prize draw!

Ask the adults in your life to follow us on social media for more information on prizes and upcoming events.

Open to everyone aged 4 -16



Piano, Violin and Singing.

Sign up now ready for September start.

Lessons take place during the school day and are charged at:

One to one:
30 minutes £20
20 minutes £13.50

Groups:
from £7

for more details
contact:

Laura @ Blossomsmusic.co.uk
07515 805 812

Blossoms
Music @
St Margaret's



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>



BRADLEY BROWN COACHING
CARY PARK TENNIS CLUB

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

JULY 2025		AGE 11+
AGE 5-10	TUES 29TH- 9 TO 12 WED 30TH- 9 TO 12	WED 30TH- 12 TO 3

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



TORQUAY ATHLETIC RFC

WHY CHOOSE TARFC FOR YOUR CHILD?

- Expansive pitches
- RFU Accredited Club
- Inclusive - All abilities
- DBS Screened Coaches
- RFU Qualified Coaches
- Proven Player Pathway
- Qualified First Aiders at all times
- Refurbished Clubhouse & lots of parking

MESSAGE US ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR CONTACT LUCY (JUNIOR CHAIR) ON 07723 727874

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-16

JUNIOR SECTION

TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP



SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

ACORN YOUTH COMMUNITY & SPORT

25TH JULY
28TH JULY - 1ST AUG
4TH - 8TH AUG
11TH - 15TH AUG
12AM - 4PM
5 - 13 YEARS

£15 PER DAY

DELICIOUS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/BOOK/ACORN-YOUTH-COMPLEX-PROCOACHING-CAMP-WITH-PROCOACHING-18779](https://eequ.org/book/acorn-youth-complex-procoaching-camp-with-procoaching-18779) OR SCAN THE QR CODE



PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

JUNIOR DAYS:
THURSDAY 31ST JULY
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST
AGES: U10-U15'S, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
SKILL SESSIONS
@ CLENNON VALLEY PITCHES

YOUTH DAYS:
WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST
AGES: U6-U10, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-12PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

RUGBY DAYS:
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST
MONDAY 18TH AUGUST
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
ALL AGES NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

FOR ALL INFORMATION AND WAYS TO BOOK EMAIL: SCHOOLS@PAIGNTONRUGBY.COM FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB



PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB GIRLS DAY

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025
10-2PM, @PAIGNTONRUGBYCLUB SANDS ROAD!
ALL AGES WELCOME NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS TRY SOMETHING NEW GIVE RUGBY A GO!

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24th July 2025	09.30—10.30 Year 6 Leavers Service
24th July 2025	Year 6 BBQ
24th July 2025	Final day for the children
25th July 2025	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

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Pine	All of Pine class	We just couldn't choose for the final week. Pine class have been an absolute pleasure to teach and we will miss them lots. Thank you for all shining and for being such a respectful and responsible class.
Beech	Myles	Myles has shown fantastic responsibility in class, consistently making great choices and setting a wonderful example for others. He always tries his hardest and puts maximum effort into everything he does. His determination to do things to the best of his ability is truly impressive.
Apple	Arthur	Arthur is our Star for his amazing determination to make his train match his design criteria. You have worked so hard and are certainly an engineer in the making!
Oak	Lenny	Lenny is Oak classes star of the week this week, he has been a fantastic help in the classroom and has shown off his maths skills when working with Mrs Cosh!
Willow	Lily	Lily is the star of the week in Willow Class. She has consistently demonstrated all of our school values throughout the year and is a motivated and resilient learner. She has also been an extremely valuable member of the school council. Well done Lily.
Holly	Maddy	Maddy is our final star of the week for the year. She produced a fantastic moving picture in our DT topic, including levers and mechanisms. The art was also exceptional! Well done Maddy.
Cherry	Skye	Cherries star of the week is Skye. I have been so pleased with her choices. She has shown fantastic aspirations in all her learning and she has represented our school beautifully.
Hazel	Thomas	Thomas could be star of the week every week. He is such a great asset to Hazel class, modelling exemplary behaviour to all of the children. Thomas consistently displays all of our core values and we will really miss him as he goes on to year 5. Well done, Thomas.
Rowan	Vincent	My star of the week is someone who is always ready to learn. They are extremely respectful and are a wonderful role model to the class. They are a really responsible learner, and always working to the best of their ability. Well done, Vincent!
Birch	Emily	Our star in Birch is Emily. She is such a great example of all the values in St Margaret's. She is a hard worker and always does her best in everything she does!
Hawthorn & Maple	Whole Year Group	Both Hawthorn and Maple are deserving of star of the week trophies due to their dedication and hard work towards the Year 6 production: Ye Ha! They put on such a fantastic show for the whole school and all their grown ups. We definitely have some talented actors and singers in the year group! Well done Year 6!

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