



St Margaret's Academy

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #9
27th June 2025

Dear Families

As we draw closer to the end of this academic year, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some of the key events that have taken place this week, as well as share some of the exciting upcoming events we're all looking forward to.

It's been a vibrant and busy time filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone—staff, pupils, and families—for your continued support and enthusiasm. Stay tuned for more updates as we wrap up the term together!

A Massive Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PTA and all the volunteers for organising and hosting two fantastic school discos! Your hard work and dedication helped raise valuable funds to support school enrichment activities, making a real difference for our children. We truly appreciate your time, energy, and enthusiasm—thank you for making it such a success.

Lost Property

Just a little reminder to let everyone know that any lost property is always taken to the lost property cupboard which can be accessed from the main school reception. Please do not enter any of the school buildings without reporting to a member of staff. This is to ensure with all Health, Safety and Safeguarding protocols are followed. On a monthly basis we will set up any lost property in the Arts Garden near the front gate for you to check through before it is upcycled to charity. The next time this will be taking place is Friday 4th July for access before and after school.

KS1 Orchard Shop—Congratulations

A huge congratulations to all the children and staff involved in the KS1 Orchard Shop for their fantastic efforts in growing and selling organic produce! Your hard work, teamwork, and dedication have truly paid off. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents and the wider school community for your generous support and purchases. Your involvement helps nurture a love for sustainability and healthy living in our young learners.

Together, we're growing something wonderful!



Communication Plea

We kindly remind all members of our school community to maintain polite and respectful dialogue with school staff at all times. Clear, courteous communication helps us work together effectively to support every child's learning and wellbeing. Let's continue to foster a positive and supportive environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Train Presentation to Year 2

Oscar from Year 5 came to Year 2 to show off his amazing knowledge about trains. This was to help us think carefully about how we will design and make our own carriages in our upcoming DT project. He shared some really useful information about how the wheel sets work together to make the train move. Thank you, Oscar and the Hearing Support Centre, for coming along to sign and support him.



Year 6 to South Devon College

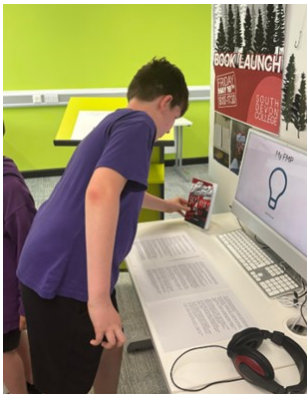
I was joined by Myles, Archie, Ava H, Lily who shared their experiences from South Devon College Thursday to celebrate the viewing of 'Social Media Film' and experience first-hand what the college has to offer. We also received a 'Diamond' award from the College which was very much appreciated. Here is a few of the highlights from the pupils themselves:

"The equipment was really expensive, especially the racing rig!"

"So much Hi-Tech equipment, we had so much fun!"

"I was really impressed with the VR, as I have never used it before."

"I was very impressed and would happily go back in the future."



Exciting Baby News

We're thrilled to share that Mrs Westwood and her husband are expecting their first child in November 2025! Mrs Westwood is due to start her maternity leave at October half term. This is such a joyful time, and we send them our warmest congratulations and best wishes as they prepare to welcome their little one into the world.



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Parent Trustee

What are we looking for?

Our school Board of Trustees is made up of Trustees from all walks of life and many come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serve.



We want you!

We are currently looking for new Parent Trustees and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school.
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- An open and enquiring mind
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare
- A child or children currently attending the School

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Trustee at St Margaret's Academy. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of trustees and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School
- The pleasure of helping pupil reach their potential

What is the Board of Trustees Role?

The Board of Trustees of our school plays a key role in:

- Setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement.
- Monitoring progress towards meeting these targets.
- Supporting and challenging the performance of the Headteacher
- Deciding policy and future development plans

As well as attending meetings in person and online, trustees are also asked to look at specific areas of the school's work in more detail. To help support trustees, everyone has access to further training to help build on existing skills or to develop new ones.

If you are interested, please email a brief description about yourself and why you would like to join the board of trustees to Karen Colmer on kcolmer@st-margarets.torby.sch.uk by Thursday 11th July.

Parking Concerns

Please can our school community unite together to make a collaborative effort to ensure that we park respectfully near Barewell Road and Shelly Avenue as in recent weeks residents have witnessed parking that could potentially cause a road accident. As a school we want to work together with our local community to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all involved and would value your conscious effort and support.



Outdoor Play Equipment Plea

Please if you have any unwanted, or know someone who does have any tyres, wooden planks that are in good condition, plastic pipes, crates and tubes that we can use for creative play we would really appreciate you sending them our way. Thanks in advance.



Summer Fair

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 12th July 11am – 2pm! It's a great opportunity for our school community to come together, have fun, and raise money for school enrichment that benefits our pupils.

We need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including setting up, running a stall or help clearing afterwards. If you can help in any way, please click on the link

<https://volunteersignup.org/QJQH9>

We truly appreciate your time and dedication to making our Summer Fair a memorable and successful event by being there and joining in the fun! Let's work together to make it a fantastic day for our children and community.



Summer Fair Volunteers Needed

We hope you all enjoy a restful and joyful weekend, filled with sunshine, smiles, and special moments with loved ones. See you next week, refreshed and ready for more learning and fun!

Best Wishes

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer



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Diary Dates

30th June & 1st July 2025	Parents Evening @ Torquay Academy
4th July 2025	Year 6 Transition Day @ Torquay Academy
W/C 7th July 2025	Reports out to Parents this week
8th July 2025	Y4 Water Confidence
9th July 2025	Dress Down Day—Donations of a bottle for the PTA Tombola for the Summer Fair
10th July 2025	Y6 Rounders Competition
Saturday 12th July 2025	11.00—14.00 PTA Summer Fair
15th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
16th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
24th July 2025	Final day for the children
24th July 2025	Year 6 BBQ
24th July 2025	09.30—10.30 Year 6 Leavers Academy
25th July 2025	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils

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Beech	Alfie, you are Star of the Week! You have been doing some amazing reading and coming into school so nicely every day. We are proud of how hard you've been working and how mature you've been. You are also a kind and thoughtful friend, always showing care and respect to everyone you spend time with.
Pine	Star of the week in Pine class is Alfie. He has worked hard this year and taken responsibility for our cloakroom as 'Cloakroom monitor'. Thanks Alfie!
Oak	Ella is our star of the week in Oak class! She is ALWAYS positive and helpful, she looks after her friends really well and listens to what they are feeling and thinking and responds sensibly. Ella is just a superstar all the time!
Apple	Finley G is our star of the week for some fantastic improvements in his writing this week. He wrote some clear instructions for his Lego model which were easy to follow. You also spotted where you'd made mistakes in your maths work - well done!
Holly	Holly class won't be surprised that Chanel has been chosen this week. She has been noticed by more than one adult for being ready to learn and so aspirational in all of her tasks. Well done Chanel, you are a great learning role model for everyone!
Willow	The star of the week in Willow class is Andre. He has been working really hard on his reading all year. He has shown great motivation and resilience to improve and this week has moved into the next group. Well done Andre.
Cherry	Lexi S is our star of the week. Although it hasn't been that long since she joined our class, I don't think anyone would notice. She has settled right in and has become accustomed to our ways of working. It has been great to see her beginning to push herself in her learning and wanting to share it with us. Well done Lexi!
Hazel	Hazel's star this week is Amira. Amira has been working extremely hard to be star of the week for a while now! Amira is a model pupil in Hazel class - always listening, always showing respect and always trying her hardest with her work. Well done, Amira. We are very proud of you! Keep it up!
Birch	The star in Birch class is Niamh. She has been so resilient this week in her maths and really pushed herself to do more and more challenges and created her own resources to help her. Her work is beautifully presented too. Well done young lady!
Rowan	Rowan's star of the week is Rocco. This week he showed true aspiration when representing the school at TA. He completed and joined in all the activities with a smile on his face. We are so proud of you! Well done!
Maple	Our star award goes to Evie B this week! Evie shows respect at all times to those around her; she has learnt her lines well for the school play, practised her solo beautifully, shown responsibility in her Super Six role and represented St Margaret's so positively on our trip to South Devon College. Well done Evie!
Hawthorn	Zoe was nominated by her peers for star of the week as someone who is always making the right choice and showing super resilience in all her learning and motivation to do well! What super class recognition!

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