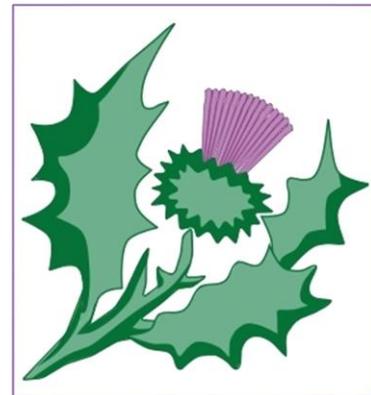


St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

One more week of the school year to go! And what a hot one it is going to be. With the heat warning for Monday and Tuesday, please send your children to school wearing loose, light coloured, comfortable **non-uniform** with sunhats (with wide brims if possible). Please apply sunscreen and provide them with plenty of water.



Fantastic PTA

Thank you so much to the PTA. Have a look on their Facebook page or the school's or look on our website, under 'PTA' to see the lovely video of last Saturday's [amazing fayre](#). You can also see a photo of the [new book bag and goodies](#), including reading book, which they have provided for our new September starters. Thank you to them for funding the ice cream van at the picnic on the field event when new starters met the current Reception children and their families as part of their transition to 'big school'.



The PTA is always looking for new members. If you would like to volunteer, please do let us know via the school office or contact them directly via their Facebook page.

Congratulations to the 'Luck of the Cup' Year 6 enterprise team who raised the most money at the summer fayre in their business challenge project. Each member has received a voucher for the cinema and a sweet pouch goodie bag from the PTA.

Ice lolly sale after school on Monday 18th July in the main playground. £1 each (cash preferred). Lost property will also be displayed in the playground on Monday for you to look through. Items that are not claimed will be donated to the PTA or another charity.



St Margaret's Performers

This week, the children and many parents and grandparents have enjoyed some real treats.

Year 6 put on several performances of their magical show, *Hagbane's Doom*. If you were lucky enough to see it you will know how enjoyable, funny and poignant it was. It was a musical variation on a traditional tale which had the audience gripped from start to finish. Well done to all the



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Thursday 21st July

M&M production for Y3-Y6
Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers assembly
and BBQ

children, whether acting or working behind the scenes and a huge thank you to the Year 6 staff for going above and beyond to provide this memorable moment to help celebrate the end of the primary school years. There were a few early tears from parents as their child's primary school adventure draws to a close

We have also been treated to four special acts from Miss Pritchard's musical theatre group this week. This was the culmination of their Wednesday club, performing, dancing and singing modern music and to the great musical, *Oliver*.

I'm always in awe of children who can show such confidence and talent to act, sing and dance like we've seen this week. Well done to them all.

Curriculum News

Year 4 fantastic! Read on to see how teachers help children make connections in their learning and bring purpose to the subjects. An Egyptian Shaduf! Intrigued? Have a look in the [Design and Technology Blog](#) to see how they created this device that was used to irrigate the fields bordering the River Nile. How interesting! Immersing themselves further in the Ancient Egyptians, have a look in the [History Blog](#) to see how they enjoyed their trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter – always worth a visit if you're in the city. Finally, look in the [Arts Blog](#) to see how they got on with their Canopic sculptures. You can see how they linked to their work on Ancient Egyptians and the process from start to finished sculpture.

Have a look in the [Forest School Blog](#) to see how Year 5 have been learning key personal development skills: Friendship, Observation, Resilience, Exploration, Safety and Teamwork.

Find out in the Sports Blog how the footballers got on at the [Torbay Finals Night](#) when the semi-final went to nail-biting penalties. You can also see pictures and read about the successes of Y5 and Y6 who competed in tag rugby, table tennis, netball and basketball as part of the local schools' [Commonwealth Games event](#).

If you are interested in seeing how we spend money on improving the provision for sport do have a look on our website under 'About the School' – '[PE and Sports Premium](#)' where you can find Mr Mayling's annual report for this year. A big thank you to him for all the opportunities we are able to provide at St Margaret's; just a quick scan down through the Sports Blog will tell its own story.

In the [Music Blog](#) you can see photos of the Taiko drumming taster that children enjoyed in school on Tuesday.



End of Year Reports

You should by now have received your child's end of year report. I really hope you enjoyed reading them as much as Mrs Pike and I did. We thought they were a lovely celebration of your child's achievements this year.

Please note that the teacher assessments for your child were also informed by tests in reading and maths.

Free Summer Holiday Activities

Don't miss out on these activities. There are 17 holiday clubs in total over the 6 week holiday – 6 in Torquay, 8 in Paignton and 3 in Brixham

- <https://www.playtorbay.org.uk/summer-events>
- Holiday activities and events across the Bay: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/event-list/?d1=25%2F7%2F2022&d2=02%2F09%2F2022&q=other>
- Reminder: **Free yoga** on Torre Abbey Meadow every Sunday 9.30-10.30am right through until 11th September.

Financial Support for Families

Are you looking for free school uniform? Try <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>

Are you looking for cheaper broadband? Try here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

If you are looking for some top tips to help at home, Mrs Pike has found this fantastic website which is really worth a look: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

If you're looking for some help during these times of rising costs and pressures, here's another great place to look: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>

0 to 19 Health Advice

On our website under 'Wellbeing for Families' – 'Resources for Parents' you can find an excellent document which signposts you to all the resources and help you can access for you and your family from aged 0 to 19; direct [link here](#).

Mid-Summer Music Event at Torquay Boys Grammar

Time and dates: 10.00-16.00 26th, 27th and 28th July 2022

Place: Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

Cost: £30 per day or £75 for all three days.

Ages: 8-18 years.

Booking form and full details will be available soon, but let us know if you want to come by filling in the form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej088EVzJEYfsGMyJQSzHv8VLrqn-Aj4bG0p3-wqqGUZuRFw/viewform>

Wishing you a cool weekend of fun.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Reception	Emerson - What super aspiration you have! You wrote your own Super Hero story and used some wonderful super hero phrases - mission accomplished!
Reception	Esme Q - What a super star you are. We are so proud of how you have grown in confidence to use your words. What a Try-a-tops!
Beech	Erin is the star this week in Beech. She is always interested in our learning and shows respect all of the time. Erin tries her hardest even when the learning can get tricky, well done!
Pine	All of Pine Class are stars of the week this week because they have all coped so brilliantly with their transition sessions in Year 2. Well done Pine Class!
Oak	Noah- for great participation in the Geography and RE lessons this week. He has shared his understanding of the world well and also read beautifully in front of the class. Great effort, well done Noah!
Apple	Rory is our star this week. He has made such fabulous progress in his writing recently, focusing on his sounding out and handwriting. Rory has also been very creative during CP time! Well done Rory, you are a superstar.
Birch	Dylan - for all round excellence in everything all year. Any class would be lucky to have you!
Rowan	Our star of the week is Ava for always showing kindness to others. Ava comes in with a beautiful smile on her face and spreads happiness wherever she goes! We will miss you next year Ava!
Cherry	Kaylee is the star of the week in Cherry Class. She has worked hard all year in all subject areas and has a truly aspirational approach to her learning. You are a superstar learner Kaylee and I am delighted that you have been part of Cherry class this year.
Hazel	Liam - For always brightening everyone's day with your infectious smile, helping hand (especially in the orchard) and fantastic sense of humour. You are always so hard working and we are very lucky to have you in Hazel class.
Willow	This week's star in Willow is Holly. Holly showed great aspiration when writing her persuasive letter for Mr Hughes. Holly has also impressed me with her generosity and kindness when sharing her resources with the other children. Well done, Holly!
Holly	Georgia has impressed us with her mature attitude in our PSHE sessions and by being more focussed in class. She is showing us that she is ready for her move to year 6.
Maple	Floyd and Jesse are our joint stars in Maple class this week. Jesse has been an absolute superstar, standing in for various parts in the play at a moment's notice and Floyd has unbelievably well in his solo during all performances. You have both shown such aspiration this week and I am so proud of you!
Hawthorn	Lyla - for showing such responsibility and fantastic commitment in her contribution to the Year 6 Enterprise Project for the school summer fair.