



St Margaret's
Academy

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Spring Newsletter #10
28th March 2025

Dear Parents,

Mrs Rice

Many of you will know that Mrs Rice, the teacher of Year 2 Oak Class, was shortly due to be starting her maternity leave. Very tragically, I have to share with you that Mrs Rice's baby died.

I'm sure you all join us in sending your love and best wishes to Mrs Rice. Once we have further information from the family, we will be in touch.

In terms of the teaching arrangements for Year 2 Oak Class, we are in the process of planning this. For now, Miss Miller, who has been employed to cover Mrs Rice's maternity, will continue to teach Oak Class as had been planned. As soon as we know exactly what the longer-term plans are we will be in touch.



We started this week with an assembly to look back over the last few months at all the learning the children have been doing and how they can take responsibility for many of the decisions they make in their lives and learning.

Volunteer Readers

We're always looking for adults to read with children. If this is something you think you could help with, please do let the office know.

Curriculum News

Last Friday Mrs Posey's choir visited Lorna House for another special event, much appreciated by the residents. Read more, and see a beautiful picture, on the [Music Blog](#).

In the Arts Blog you can see how [Year 2](#) Apple Class enjoyed doing their Quentin Blake illustrations.

In the Religion Blog you can see how [Year 4](#) learned about Christians' celebration of Easter when they visited Father Nick at St Mary's Church on Thursday.



Cricket, Anyone?

With cricket season approaching, you might want to consider enrolling your little one at Barton Cricket Club. Here's the link for [enrolment](#). More information can be found on their website: <http://www.bartoncricketclub.com/>



Curriculum Celebrations and Book Looks

Next Friday, 4th April, the school front gate will be open from 2.45 until 3.30 to give you a chance to arrive earlier for the curriculum celebrations and to stay on after to look at books – although you may already have had the chance to look through books at parents evenings.

Reception's celebration will be on Thursday 3rd April and there won't be one for Year 6 because of their Skern Lodge residential trip.

Frogspawn Request

Mrs Posey is looking for some frogspawn for the orchard as she is planning on making a little pond. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Easter Holiday Clubs

As well as the activities offered below, check out this link for a full range of holiday clubs happening across the Bay: [Holiday activity and food programme \(HAF\) - Torbay Council](#)

A colorful poster for 'Easter Activity Camps'. The title 'EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS' is at the top in large blue letters. Below it, a yellow circle contains the venue 'ACORN YOUTH COMMUNITY & SPORTS COMPLEX', the date '8TH - 11TH APRIL 2025', and the time '12PM-4PM'. A price tag in the top right corner says '£15 PER DAY'. A QR code is on the left, and the text 'BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.PRO-COACHING.CO.UK OR SCAN THE QR CODE.' is at the bottom. The poster features images of children playing sports and an 'EGG HUNT' sign.

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)

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Diary Dates

1st April 2025	Non Uniform Day to donate an Easter Egg for the Thursday Bingo
3rd April 2025	PTA Easter Bingo after school
W/C 7th April 2025	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	First day back for children
5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 26th May 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	First day back for children
16th June 2025	09.30—12.00 KS1 Sports Day
16th June 2025	13.25—15.00 EYFS Sports Day
19th June 2025	09.30—12.00 KS2 Sports Day
24th July 2025	Final day for the children



Beech	The Star of the Week for Beech Class is someone who never gives up when faced with challenges. Instead, they always strive to improve their work. This individual consistently puts in their best effort in all aspects of learning and is respectful to everyone in the class. Well done, Skyla!
Pine	Albie is our star of the week. He is always so polite, respectful and kind. Albie takes responsibility for his learning and always tries hard.
Oak	Dolly is the star in Oak this week, she is always motivated, ready to learn and is a great role model for the rest of her peers. Keep up the good work Dolly!
Apple	Finley C is our star of the week for showing such determination to improve in all areas of his learning. Your handwriting is getting better and your story ideas are wonderful. In addition to this you are now always in the right place at the right time doing the right thing - super proud of you Finley!
Holly	Jackson has shown such resilience over the last couple of weeks. Coming into school has been a little tricky for him recently however he has now turned a corner and comes into class a very happy little person. Well done Jackson!
Willow	Sophie is our star of the week. She demonstrates great eagerness to complete her tasks and ensures she presents her work carefully. She is confident to ask for help when she needs it and will always try her best even when she finds things tricky. Well done Sophie.
Cherry	Cherries star of the week is Arya B! She has shown a fantastic motivation to do and be her best across everything she is doing. It has been wonderful to see her flourish both inside and outside of the classroom. Well done Arya.
Hazel	Dwayne is our star this week. He has shown all three of our learning behaviours (resilience, active thinking and motivation) in our maths lessons. He also produced some incredible art. Well done!!
Birch	Raya is the star of the week because she is always a fantastic role model to the other children in class. She is hard working, kind and respectful to both adults and children.
Rowan	This week's star goes to Oliver. He always shows the correct learning behaviors and is motivated to try his best in all areas of his learning. Keep being amazing!
Maple	Maisie is our star for showing such resilience . Maisie has joined in with all of the Year 6 learning this week and has produced a fantastic news report about Bangladesh. We love to see you working so hard Maisie. Keep it up!
Hawthorn	Elyce is our star of the week this week for being particularly resilient during our writing lessons. She has persevered and her writing has improved as a result. Well done Elyce.

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