



St Margaret's
Academy

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Summer Newsletter #4
16th May 2025

Dear Families

Another end to a busy week where everyone is enjoying the beautiful sunshine. We are all so very proud of Year 6 for all their mature attitude and thankful to all the staff that made the week so calm and positive. Just a quick reminder that on Thursday 22nd May classes of pupil's in Reception to Year 5, will be open from 2.45 - 3.15pm to view your children's learning in class.

As we approach the final week of the summer first term, please make sure you check out the school calendar on the website to ensure you do not miss out on any events, as we have lots planned. www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/web/

Well done to Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 for completing the KS2 SATs! We appreciate your effort and hard work throughout the week. We are so proud of each and every one of you.

Mental Health Awareness Week 19th May

As a school next week, we are celebrating and promoting Mental Health Awareness with all pupils and staff across school. This will begin with an assembly on Monday, followed by activities to raise awareness in class throughout the week. The theme this year in 'There is power in community'. Having a strong community at home, school, or work is vital to our mental health and wellbeing. Multiple studies have shown that nurturing meaningful relationships and feeling a sense of connection goes beyond the benefits of mutual support; it has real physiological effects on our physical and psychological health and resilience, perhaps even strengthening our immune system and increasing longevity.

Simple Ways to Look After Your Mental Health

Here are five easy things you can do to take care of your mental health:

- **Talk to someone** – Call a friend, meet for a coffee or join a local group.
- **Be active** – Go for a walk, dance to music or do some light exercise.
- **Take notice** – Look around you. Enjoy nature, the sky, or a quiet moment.
- **Help others** – Kind acts, big or small, make us feel good too.
- **Keep learning** – Try a new hobby or read something you enjoy.



Hawthorn Artwork

I was very honoured to be joined by Maddie, Roni and Amelia from Hawthorn Class that spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about their Art project this term based on the works of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. I was blown away by the interesting facts about this post-war modernism artist and architect and their own natural talents to magpie ideas for their own fabulous creations.



Year 1 Phonics and Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check (MTC)

Your child will take part in a phonics screening check on the week commencing the 9th June as shared at the Phonics meeting last week. The phonics screening check will be carried out by a qualified member of staff your child is familiar with. The test will take less than 10 minutes and I will be assessing the children on a 1:1 basis.

The phonics screening check aims to assess your child on how well they can decode certain words. To do this, they will need to be able to recognise letters and the sounds that they represent. Please rest assured that have been working with the children since the beginning of the year, so they are very familiar with the format of the assessment. It is nothing to worry about and your child will not even realise they are completing the statutory test. For more information, please [click here](#).

In addition, Year 4 will be completing the MTC on screen tests between 2nd June and 13th June, as with the phonics the children have been practising these onscreen quizzes and it will be conducted with adults your child works with normally.

For more information about the MTC [click here](#).

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Football Update

Torbay Primary Schools League and Cup results!

Mixed 5/6 Mike Matthews League Cup

| League B | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|---|---|---|-----|
| | Pld | W | D | L | Pts |
| Shiphay | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Babbacombe | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| St Margaret's | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Ilsham | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Barton | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Watcombe | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

| Bewley Cup Group B | | | | | |
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| | Pld | W | D | L | Pts |
| Torre | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Cockington | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| St Margarets | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the boys who have represented the school this year and also to all of the parents and for their efforts in getting the players to the fixtures on time and for washing the kits over the course of the season – please return the kit if you haven't already done so.

This time last year we were busy preparing for the Finals Night celebration at Plainmoor. Unfortunately, this year we did not qualify – I am sure you'll agree that it was a tough season for the team and the standard of football played was exceptionally high. We did however, finish the season with a couple of wins and the boys should be very proud of that and their efforts as we are of them.

Lastly, thank you to the PTA for holding the appreciated ice-lolly stall at the end of the day. They are currently planning events and raising funds for lots of exciting projects we look forward to sharing in the coming weeks.

I wish you a wonderful sun-filled weekend, take care.

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

Headteacher



Diary Dates

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| W/C 19th May 2025 | Mental Health Awareness Week |
| 20th May 2025 | Y5 Kayaking |
| 21st May 2025 | Y5 Kayaking |
| 21st May 2025 | National Numeracy Day |
| 22nd May 2025 | Year 1 Music and History Show |
| W/C 26th May 2025 | Half Term |
| Tuesday 3rd June 2025 | First day back for children |
| W/C 3rd June 2025 | Year 4 MTC |
| 5th June 2025 | National Thank You Day |
| 6th June 2025 | National Fish & Chips Day |
| 6th June 2025 | Y1 & Y2 Recycling Workshops |
| W/C 9th June 2025 | Year 4 MYC |
| W/C 9th June 2025 | Healthy Eating Week |
| W/C 9th June 2025 | Bikeability Level 2 |
| W/C 16th June 2025 | Hazel Class Start Swimming |
| 16th June 2025 | 09.30—12.00—KS1 Sports Day |
| 16th June 2025 | 13.25—15.00—EYFS Sports Day |

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Stars of the Week, will be shared next week.

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