



# St Margaret's Academy

## ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

### Autumn Newsletter #2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a Wonderful Week!

It's been a fantastic week here at St Margaret's Academy, full of energy, enthusiasm, and exciting developments! We've kicked off the election process for our new School Councillors—best of luck to all our budding leaders—and we're thrilled to be launching a brand-new Eco Committee to help us care for our environment. The calendar is filling up fast with lots of new dates for trips and workshops, so please do keep an eye out for updates. There's so much to look forward to as we continue to grow, learn, and celebrate together!

### School Councillors 2025-2026

A big well done to all the children who put themselves forward—and a special congratulations to those elected! School Councillors represent their classmates, share ideas, and help make our school an even better place. We're excited to see the positive impact they'll have this year!



Year Group	Class	School Councillor
2	Apple	Alfie C
2	Oak	Elsie R
3	Holly	Archie C
3	Willow	Olivia D
4	Hazel	Pippa M
4	Cherry	Charlie B
5	Rowan	Teyla
5	Birch	Alanna D
6	Maple	Theon
6	Hawthorn	Elizabeth C

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## Eco Committee 2025-2026

A big well done to the following children who have been selected to join our Eco Committee! This team will be working together to promote sustainability across the school—looking at ways we can reduce waste, save energy, and care for our environment. We're excited to see their ideas come to life and make a real difference!

Year Group	Class	
2	Apple	River S
2	Oak	Arthur S
3	Holly	Ella W
3	Willow	Cole S
4	Hazel	James B
4	Cherry	Maddy
5	Rowan	Amira
5	Birch	Louis A
6	Maple	Emelia
6	Hawthorn	Emily S

## Dojo Points

Thank you to all of you who have downloaded Class Dojo! We love seeing how engaged our pupils are—please do ask your children what they've earned their points for this week.

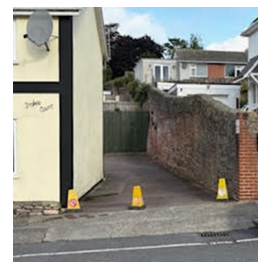
Just a quick reminder: Class Dojo is a one-way communication platform, so staff will not be able to see or respond to messages sent through the app. If you need to get in touch, please continue to contact us via email or speak to a member of staff in person at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Parking Reminder—Keeping Everyone Safe

We kindly ask all parents and carers to respect the No Parking signs outside the school site. These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of our pupils, families, and staff during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Parking in these areas puts others at risk and causes unnecessary congestion.

Please help us keep our school community safe by parking considerately and following the signage (as per photographs). Thank you for your support and cooperation.



## Head Lice Alert—Please Check Over the Weekend

We've had several reported cases of head lice in KS1 this week. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.

What to Look For:

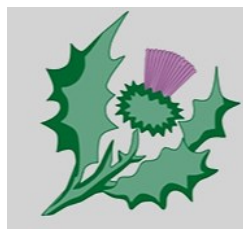
Head lice are tiny insects (2–3mm long) that live on the scalp and feed on blood. Their eggs (nits) are small, oval, and usually yellow or white, firmly attached near the scalp—especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck.

Recommended Treatment:

The NHS advises starting with wet combing using a fine-toothed detection comb and conditioner. Comb through the hair in sections from root to tip, repeating on days 1, 5, 9, and 13. If needed, medicated lotions or sprays (such as Hedrin, Full Marks, or Lyclear) are available from pharmacies and supermarkets. These kill lice and may require a second application after 7–10 days.

Please also check and treat all household members if lice are found, and avoid sharing combs, hats, or hair accessories.

Thank you for your support in helping us manage this common issue quickly and effectively.



## Join Our Team!

We're excited to share that there are several fantastic opportunities to join the team here at St Margaret's Academy! If you're passionate about making a difference and being part of a vibrant, supportive school community, we'd love to hear from you.

Please visit the [Vacancies page](#) on our school website for more information about current roles and how to apply.

## Could you Be a School Trustee & Member?

We're currently looking for passionate, community-minded individuals to join our school as Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to play a key role in shaping the strategic direction of St Margaret's Academy and ensuring the very best outcomes for our pupils.

Trustees provide oversight, support, and challenge to help the school thrive. It's a rewarding role where you can make a real impact—bringing your skills, experience, and perspective to help guide our vision and values.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact the school on 01803327090 or [admin@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk) We'd love to hear from you!

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## Celebrating Kindness at St Margaret's Academy

A huge *well done* to all of you for the incredible kindness you've shown across our school community. Your thoughtful actions, caring words, and support for one another truly reflect one of our most important core values for life — **Kindness**. You've helped make our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected. Thank you for being such wonderful role models!



We're also thrilled to celebrate the amazing number of Dojo points earned this week! These points are a reflection of your positive choices, teamwork, and commitment to living our school values. Keep up the fantastic work — every point tells a story of kindness, effort, and growth.

## Wishing You a Wonderful Weekend

As the week comes to a close, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. We hope you find time this weekend to relax, unwind, and enjoy special moments with your family. Whether it's a quiet walk, a shared meal, or simply a chance to pause — we wish you an enjoyable and refreshing break.

Take care, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

*Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer*  
*Headteacher*







# OPEN DAYS

## What to Expect:

- A warm welcome from our Headteacher and the Team
- Guided tour with our newly appointed School Council
- Refreshments and a chance to ask any questions
- Discover our values-led approach and nurturing environment and great facilities.

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OCTOBER**  
9.30-10.30AM

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OCTOBER**  
9.30-10.30AM

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OCTOBER**  
9.30-10.30AM

Please register your interest and book via the link or QR Code

<https://forms.gle/1Q4VYrWVgSvjMSLd9>

Website: <https://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/web/>



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# Diary Dates

20th September 2025	11+ Registration on school websites
22nd September 2025	Y6 Hawthorn Swim Session
29th September 2025	Y6 Hawthorn Swim Session
30th September 2025	School Nursing Service Parent & Carer Drop In
6th October 2025	Y6 Hawthorn Swim Session
13th October 2025	Y6 Hawthorn Swim Session
20th October 2025	Y6 Maple Swim Session
24th October 2025	Last Day of School Term
27th October—2nd November 2025	Half Term Holiday
31st October 2025	Deadline for Y6 applications for secondary school
3rd November 2025	First Day Back for Children for back Y6 Maple Swim Session
10th November 2025	Y6 Maple Swim Session

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Pine	Eva	Eva has really impressed all of us this week. She has such an eagerness to learn, she is always paying attention and therefore knows what she should be doing all of the time. Well done Eva!
Beech	Bertie	Bertie is our Star of the Week because he has been so kind to his friends, always helpful, and respectful to everyone in school. He sets a wonderful example for others and makes our classroom a happy place to be.
Apple	Rory	Rory is such a good role model. He always shows all our school values. He is such a helpful and friendly member of the class and tries his best in everything he does. Well done Rory you superstar!
Oak	David	David has shown aspiration in maths and writing over the past couple of weeks. He has a positive attitude to learning and always tries his best. Well done David!
Willow	Cole	Cole is Willow's star of the week. I have been so impressed with his choices coming into Year 3. He has shown great responsibility for his learning, showing his best and trying to improve every day. Well done Cole.
Holly	Dolly	Dolly is Holly's star of the week. I have seen her show kindness a lot this week - from helping others to tie their shoe laces, to offering to tidy the classroom. She is also responsible and respectful every day. Keep it up Dolly!
Cherry	Sophia E	For making a fantastic start to the year - you have been focused, motivated and aspirational in all lessons. We are very much enjoying having you in Cherry class!
Hazel	Keegan	Keegan has made a brilliant start to Year 4. He has been so responsible and aspirational in all of his learning and really eager to impress. Also, he has been spotted by other adults for showing these values in his phonics too. Great job Keegan!
Rowan	Amira	Amira is the star of the week in Rowan class for her aspirational attitude to her writing. She has been keen to challenge herself especially with her vocabulary choices. Well done Amira.
Birch	Olly	Olly is our star of the week for his excellent, aspirational attitude! Olly will always ask for help if he needs it. He listens so carefully in lessons and has been working on his active thinking. Well done!
Hawthorn	Raya	What a star Raya is! We have been super impressed with her maturity and readiness to learn in year 6! She is listening and taking on all advice and instructions and completing tasks to her best ability - super aspiration and a fabulous Y1 helper too! What a super start - Well Done Raya!
Maple	Aoife	Aoife is our star of the week. She has made such a wonderful start to Year 6 - tackling all work head on, even when it is challenging, showing wonderful resilience and responsibility for her learning. She has shown her kindness in helping the younger children at hometimes, as well as always helping me in class! Well done, Aoife, Mrs Maddex and I are very proud of you!

