



St Margaret's Academy

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #13
24th July 2025

Dear Families

As the school year draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our pupils, parents, Trustees, PTA, and staff for their unwavering dedication, hard work, and contributions to our vibrant school community.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements, resilience, and positive spirit shown by our pupils throughout the year. Beyond the classroom, they have shone in a wide range of extracurricular activities, showcasing their talents and building a strong sense of school spirit and self-belief.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated teachers and staff, whose tireless efforts have ensured that every pupil receives the support and guidance they need to thrive. We are also deeply grateful to our parents and carers for their continued partnership in creating a positive learning environment and for reinforcing the importance of attendance and punctuality—both essential for academic and social success.

To our graduating Year 6 pupils, we send our warmest wishes as you embark on your next chapter. We are confident that the skills, knowledge, and values you've gained at St. Margaret's will serve you well in the years ahead.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

End of Term Celebrations

A huge congratulations to all the pupils who were awarded their 'Reading Recognition' this term! Your dedication, enthusiasm, and love for reading have truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements.

To celebrate, I had the absolute pleasure of hosting a special Headteacher Tea Party with our award winners – and what a treat it was! From delicious cakes to wonderful conversations, it was a joyful afternoon filled with laughter and pride. It was a total privilege to spend time with such thoughtful, imaginative, and inspiring young readers.

Keep turning those pages, exploring new worlds, and letting your imaginations soar. We can't wait to see who joins us at the next celebration!

In addition, a huge well done to all the children who were recognised in our recent School Values Celebration Assembly and received their badges for promoting the school values 'Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Aspiration'.



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Good Luck, Year 6!

You've packed your bags, you're on your way,
To secondary school—hip hip hooray!
With memories made and friendships true,
The future holds great things for you.

Be brave, be kind, and always try,
Reach for the stars up in the sky.
Though you may leave our school behind,
You'll always be in hearts and minds.

So off you go with heads held high,
New dreams to chase, new goals to try.
Good luck, Year 6—go shine bright,
Your journey ahead looks bold and bright!

Farewell and Thank You

As we come to the end of the school year, we bid a fond farewell to three much-loved members of our St. Margaret's Academy family: Lorraine Wills, Anne Doolan, and Bridget Duff.

After many years of dedication, care, and commitment to our pupils and school community, they are now heading into a well-deserved retirement. Their impact has been profound, and their presence will be deeply missed by colleagues, pupils, and families alike.

We thank them wholeheartedly for everything they have given to the school and wish them all the very best for this exciting new chapter. May retirement bring them joy, relaxation, and plenty of new adventures!

Thank You to Our School Councillors

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated school councillors for their commitment, enthusiasm, and excellent representation of St. Margaret's Academy throughout the year.

Their highlights included:

- Meeting a Lord during a special visit
- Attending the Remembrance Day service at St Mary's Church
- Engaging with our local MP
- Organising charity fundraising events
- Interviewing headteacher candidates
- Researching and recommending new playtime equipment

Your voices have made a real difference, and we are proud of all you've achieved. Well done!



Year 6 Enterprise Success!

Our brilliant Year 6 pupils have wrapped up their enterprise project with a fantastic **£278 profit**—a huge well done to everyone involved! The PTA joined Year 6 in class on Tuesday to announce the following achievements:

Congratulations to the winning team of the Ping Pong Challenge, who showed great teamwork and creativity. Special recognition goes to Freddie G for his superb upselling skills—a true sales star in the making!

Special Mentions

- Noah – for his incredible enthusiasm and determination in drumming up business on the day.
- Bethany – for her dedication and resilience when her teammates couldn't make it. She kept the stall running with a smile!

As a reward, the winning team, along with Noah and Bethany, received some well-deserved treats. In addition, to celebrate everyone's hard work, the whole year group enjoyed a delicious ice cream at their BBQ!



A Polite Reminder About Parking Considerately on Barewell Road

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring the safety and respect of our local community during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We have recently received several complaints from residents on Barewell Road regarding vehicles blocking driveways and restricting access. These concerns have now been formally raised with local ward councillors. Let's work together to keep our school community safe, respectful, and considerate.

PTA Fundraising Success!

We're thrilled to share that, thanks to your incredible support, the PTA has raised an amazing £3,000! Every pound will go directly towards enriching our children's school experience through new resources, activities, and events.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and participated — we couldn't have done it without you!



Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful summer break. Enjoy the sunshine, make special memories, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September, refreshed and ready for a new adventure.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer



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Community News and Links

Friendly Faces 2025

29th Aug, 12:00 pm - 30th Aug 2025, 12:00 pm

[Friendly Faces 2025 for children moving from Yr6 into secondary Yr7](#)

Do you have children moving from Year 6 into secondary Yr7 this September? If so, join us for the return of our very popular Friendly Faces events. These events allow children moving from Year 6, into secondary Year 7, the opportunity to come along and join us at the museum for fun, games, and the chance to meet up with some friendly faces, before starting at their new schools the following week. (And also give the grown-ups the chance to chat in the café!)

Free School Meals & Holiday Support

Please note that free school meals are provided during term time only.

For support during the school holidays, including access to food vouchers and activities, parents and carers are encouraged to explore the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. For more information and to check eligibility, please visit:

[Holiday activity and food programme \(HAF\) – Torbay Council](#)

If you have any questions or need help accessing the programme, feel free to contact the school office.

RBL Remembrance Service

Dear Friends

The Royal British Legion Paignton Branch will be holding a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for VJ Day.

This will be held at the Rose Garden, in the Burma Star Garden, Cliffe Road, Paignton, on the 15th of August 2025 at 12.00 noon.

As always, we will assemble at 11.45 am at the Rose Garden, and form up around the Memorial Stone at 12.00 noon for the Service.

Parking is available at the nearby multi storey carpark.

If you need further details, please contact me on 07951 757437 or the email address above

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RBL Paignton Website

www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/paignton



Piano, Violin and Singing.

Sign up now ready for September start.

Lessons take place during the school day and are charged at:

One to one:
30 minutes £20
20 minutes £13.50

Groups:
from £7

for more details contact:
Laura @ BlossomsMusic.co.uk
07515 805 812

Blossoms Music @ St Margaret's



TORQUAY READS

Summer Reading Challenge

Fancy winning some great prizes while embarking on a fabulous reading adventure?

All you have to do is read five books and let us know their titles!

Click on the QR code, fill in the easy online form, and you will be in the prize draw!

Ask the adults in your life to follow us on social media for more information on prizes and upcoming events.

Open to everyone aged 4 -16



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Bookings are live

We'd recommend booking in ASAP as we expect the sessions to fill up fast!

Beginners are welcome

All equipment can be provided

Regular squads do not run during the summer holidays

You can find more information and book via this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BradleyBrownCoaching/Coaching/Camps>



BRADLEY BROWN COACHING
CARY PARK TENNIS CLUB

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

JULY 2025		AGE 11+
AGE 5-10	TUES 29TH- 9 TO 12 WED 30TH- 9 TO 12	WED 30TH- 12 TO 3

AUGUST 2025

SAT 2ND- 9 TO 11	SAT 2ND- 11 TO 1
TUES 5TH- 9 TO 12	SAT 16TH- 11 TO 1
WED 6TH- 9 TO 12	WED 20TH- 12 TO 3
SAT 16TH- 9 TO 11	SAT 23RD- 11 TO 1
TUES 19TH- 9 TO 12	
WED 20TH- 9 TO 12	
SAT 23RD- 9 TO 11	

ONLINE BOOKING VIA CLUBSPARK



TORQUAY ATHLETIC RFC

WHY CHOOSE TARFC FOR YOUR CHILD?

- Expansive pitches
- RFU Accredited Club
- Inclusive - All abilities
- DBS Screened Coaches
- RFU Qualified Coaches
- Proven Player Pathway
- Qualified First Aiders at all times
- Refurbished Clubhouse & lots of parking

MESSAGE US ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR
CONTACT LUCY (JUNIOR CHAIR) ON
07723 727874

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-16

JUNIOR SECTION

TEAMWORK • RESPECT • ENJOYMENT • DISCIPLINE • SPORTSMANSHIP



SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

ACORN YOUTH COMMUNITY & SPORT

25TH JULY
28TH JULY - 1ST AUG
4TH - 8TH AUG
11TH - 15TH AUG
12AM - 4PM
5 - 13 YEARS

£15 PER DAY

DELICIOUS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/BOOK/ACORN-YOUTH-COMPLEX-PROCOACHING-CAMP-WITH-PROCOACHING-18779](https://eequ.org/book/acorn-youth-complex-procoaching-camp-with-procoaching-18779)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

YOUTH DAYS:
WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST
AGES: U6-U10, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-12PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

JUNIOR DAYS:
THURSDAY 31ST JULY
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST
AGES: U10-U15'S, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
PICK UP AVAILABLE)
SKILL SESSIONS
@ CLENNON VALLEY PITCHES

RUGBY DAYS:
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST
MONDAY 18TH AUGUST
FROM 9-2PM (EARLY DROP OFF & LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
ALL AGES NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
@ PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB, SANDS ROAD

FOR ALL INFORMATION AND WAYS TO BOOK
EMAIL: SCHOOLS@PAIGNTONRUGBY.COM
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM:
PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB



PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB GIRLS DAY

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025
10-2PM, @PAIGNTONRUGBYCLUB SANDS ROAD!
ALL AGES WELCOME NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

**DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
TRY SOMETHING NEW
GIVE RUGBY A GO!**

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2nd September 2025	Staff Training Day (Non Pupil)
3rd September 2025	Staff Training Day (Non Pupil)
4th September 2025	First Day Back for Children
20th September 2025	11+ Registration on school websites
25th October 2025	Half Term Week

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