



St Margaret's Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the school year. There is so much for our children to be proud of. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their classes and built positive relationships with their new teachers. They have embraced new routines, challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm, helping to create a calm, purposeful and happy atmosphere across the school.

One of our key areas of focus this half term has been presentation and taking pride in our work. Some children may have brought home a Presentation Award, recognising the care and effort they put into their books. Presentation is about much more than neat work; it reflects a child's attitude towards their learning. We want our children to understand that their work matters and to take ownership of producing work that reflects their very best efforts. We have high expectations because we believe our children deserve the very best education, the very best opportunities and the very best chance to succeed. By encouraging pride, responsibility and attention to detail, we are helping them develop habits that will support them throughout their lives.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and have certainly earned a well-deserved rest. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful half-term break filled with time to relax, recharge and make special memories together.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd November for another busy half term.

Best wishes,

Denise Boyne

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

It has been a brilliant final week of our first half term, with lots of exciting learning to finish on! In Computing, we learned all about the World Wide Web, what it is, how it works, and how we use it. The children then put their learning into practice by designing their own websites. The highlight of the week was definitely Thursday, when we designed, prepared, and made our own soups. The children worked carefully to chop and prepare their ingredients before heading into the kitchen to cook their creations. It was fantastic to see them putting all of their DT learning into practice. Well done for such a great first half term, everyone. Enjoy the break and have a wonderful half term!

Year 5/6

It has been another great week for Years 5 and 6! In Writing, the children have continued conferencing, editing and refining their independent writes before publishing their finished pieces. In Maths, we have been developing our skills in addition, subtraction and multiplication, tackling a range of calculations and challenges. During Guided Reading, we have been exploring the poem Invictus, discussing its meaning and themes of resilience and determination. In Science, we have been learning about animal classification and life cycles, exploring how animals can be grouped according to their characteristics and how they grow and develop through different stages of life. Well done to everyone for their continued effort, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Jacob

Trust: Jake

Thankfulness: Immie

Forgiveness: Megan

Compassion: Charlie

Wisdom: Faye

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Do your kids play video games? If so, they're not alone - in the UK, millions of children play video games on consoles, tablets, phones and computers. **Power Up Parents**, a campaign to help parents navigate the ever-changing world of online video games. Follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/parents-power-up-how-you-can-help-your-child-stay-safe-while-gaming-online>

Mobile Phones in school.

Please can we remind you that pupils shouldn't be using their phones on school site at all - which includes in the playground at the end of the school day or if returning to an event out of hours?

Swimming lessons - Trust class will start their swimming lessons on Wed 4th November.

Year 6 top-up Swimming lessons also start on Wed 4th November.

As part of our curriculum, we want all children to leave Year 6 able to swim confidently. Top-up swimming lessons are for children who are still working towards this goal. Parents/carers of these children have been contacted by letter and email.

Outstanding Lunch Money

Could we politely remind you to check your balance on Arbor our Parent Portal and ensure that all outstanding balance for lunches are cleared over the half term.

Residential 2027. Please ensure all current instalment are up to date.

Next instalments for London 2027 are due by 30th November.

Next instalments for PGL 2027 are due by 4th December.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
23/10/2026	Inset Day School closed to pupils	
23rd Oct – 1st Nov	Half Term	
02/11/2026	Children back to school	
04/11/2026	Trust Class Swimming starts	Torridge pool
04/11/2026	Yr 6 Top-up swimming Lessons start	Torridge Pool
10/11/2026	Children in Need Day	Wear something spotty £1.00 donation
12/11/2026	Year 3 & 4 Kents Carven Trip	Kents Cavern Torquay
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying week (wear odd socks all week)	
27/11/2026	St Margaret's School Disco	3:20pm-4:30pm School Hall
18/12/2026	Last Day of Term	
19th December – 5th January	Christmas Holiday	
05/01/2027	Inset Day School closed to pupils	

DISCO AT ST MARGARET'S



£2 PER TICKET
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**PLEASE COLLECT
FROM YOUR CHILD'S
CLASSROOM**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE FOR SALE**

**WATER & SQUASH
INCLUDED**

CASH ONLY

**FRIDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER
3.20 - 4.30PM**

