



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

This week has been a real celebration of reading and storytelling, with the privilege of welcoming not one, but three fantastic children's authors to inspire our pupils.

The week began with our Year 5 children enjoying a visit from Jasbinder Bilan, the award-winning author of *Asha and the Spirit Bird* and many other wonderful books. Pupils were captivated by her stories, learning about the inspiration behind her writing and the journey to becoming an author.

Our Year 6 pupils were then treated to a visit from P.G. Bell, author of the hugely popular *Train to Impossible Places* series. His imaginative tales and insights into the writing process sparked plenty of curiosity and creativity amongst our oldest pupils.

To round off the week, Year 3 and Year 4 were delighted to spend time with Simon James Green, bestselling author of books including *Life of Riley* and *Finn Jones Was Here*. Simon shared his enthusiasm for reading and writing, encouraging children to embrace their own ideas and imaginations.

A particularly special part of these visits is that all our children have received, or will be receiving, a signed copy of their visiting author's latest book. What a wonderful way to encourage a lifelong love of reading. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities these visits provide and hope they will inspire many budding writers across our school.

Reading remains at the heart of everything we do, and seeing our children so engaged, enthusiastic and eager to discuss books has been a real highlight of the week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a relaxing weekend and look forward to another busy week of learning ahead.

Denise Boyne

Headteacher

Check out our fantastic lunchtime clubs!

We are still busy organising the return of our popular **Year 5 & 6 Netball Club**, which will take place on Wednesdays. We will share the start date with you as soon as arrangements are finalised. We look forward to seeing lots of children take part! 😊

	Lunchtime 12.30-1pm
Monday	Lego Club
Tuesday	Choir Origami
Wednesday	Gardening Club
Thursday	TTRockstars
Friday	Pokémon and Colouring Club

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

We have had a fantastic week in Years 3 and 4. Our highlight has to be the visit from the author Simon Green yesterday. He managed to write a whole story using our ideas in just one hour! The children added some fantastic twists to the plot and drew the story very well in the limited time they were given! In English, we have continued to look at sentence structure through 'The Beasties' and are getting pretty good at our grammar now. We will be writing our own character description next week. Hopefully, the children have wowed you at home with their recent French speaking skills? We have now learnt basic greetings and the French alphabet. Please ask them to recite it to you, if they haven't already done so! Finally, a reminder about our upcoming trip to Kent's Cavern in November. This is linked to our topic after half term on 'The Stone Age'. Payment can be made through Arbor. Enjoy your weekend.

Year 5/6

It has been another busy week for Years 5 and 6! In Writing, the children have been planning and beginning their independent writes, putting their creativity and writing skills into practice. In Maths, we have been working hard on place value, factors and multiples, developing our understanding through a range of challenges. In Computing, the children have been learning how to collaborate effectively by working together on Google Slides. During PSHE, we have been discussing worries and exploring strategies to help us manage them. Finally, in PE, we have enjoyed taking our learning outdoors with an orienteering activity around the school, developing our map-reading, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of learning!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Michelle

Trust: Marcie

Thankfulness: Devon

Forgiveness: Lucy

Compassion: Jacob

Wisdom: Oscar

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Swimming lessons - Thankfulness and Hope Class

Wed 23rd September	Please can you ensure your child has an extra underwear with them on swimming days due to wet changing room floors.
Wed 30th September	
Wed 7th October	
Wed 14th October	
Wed 21st October	

Please note: Trust class will start their swimming lessons on Wed 4th November.

Parent Teacher Consultations

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent Teacher Consultations. These will be available to book via Arbor our parent portal from 4pm today. Please contact the office if you experience any problems booking online.

Year 3 & 4 Kents Cavern

We are delighted to be able to offer this exciting opportunity to our pupils and recognise that the current cost of living continues to place financial pressures on many families. The voluntary contribution has been carefully calculated to cover the costs of the visit, including transport, admission fees and other associated expenses. To support families, payment may be made in instalments, making it easier to spread the cost while enabling the visit to proceed as planned. Please log on to Arbor our Parent Portal to make a payment.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
16/10/2026	Harvest Festival	TBC
19/10/2026	Parent Consultations Day 1 Hope, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Wisdom & Compassion.	School Hall
21/10/2026	Parent Consultations Day 2 Trust, Hope, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Wisdom & Compassion	School Hall
22/10/2026	Parent Consultations Day 3 Forgiveness, Wisdom & Compassion	School Hall
04/11/2026	Trust Class Swimming starts	Torridge pool
10/11/2026	Children in Need Day	
12/11/2026	Year 3 & 4 Kents Carven Trip	Kents Cavern Torquay
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying week (wear old socks all week)	
27/11/2026	St Margaret's School Disco	3:20pm-4:30pm School Hall