



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

One of the many strengths highlighted in our recent Ofsted inspection was the strong sense of community that exists within our school. Inspectors noted that "each morning, pupils are warmly welcomed into school" and recognised the "positive and respectful relationships between pupils and staff." They also praised the way our children develop a "sense of belonging and collective purpose" through shared experiences and activities across the school.

I was reminded of these comments today as we came together for our Harvest Festival Worship. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members joining us to celebrate and reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness and helping others. The sense of togetherness in the hall was truly special and demonstrated the strong partnership we share between home and school.

I would also like to sincerely thank everyone who donated food items. Your generosity will make a real difference to families within our local community who need a little extra support at this time. Through acts such as these, our children learn the importance of compassion, responsibility and caring for others, values that are at the heart of our school vision.

Next week is another busy and important one as we hold our Parent Consultation meetings. If you have not yet booked an appointment with your child's class teacher, please do so. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, celebrate their successes and gain an insight into their learning and development so far this year. Working together ensures we can provide the very best support for every child to thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend. Let's hope the sun keeps on smiling.

Warmest Regards

Denise Boyne

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

It has been another busy week in Year 3/4, with lots of practical learning and plenty to celebrate. In Maths, we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have worked really hard to spot which multiple a number is closest to and explain their reasoning. In DT, we had the chance to taste and evaluate a range of different soups. The children thought carefully about the flavours they enjoyed and began planning what they would like their own soups to be like when we make them next week. Finally, on Friday, we all walked down to the church for our Harvest Festival. We enjoyed singing some of our favourite harvest songs together and bringing along food donations to share with others. Well done for another fantastic week, everyone. Just one more week to go until the half-term holiday!

Year 5/6

It has been another fantastic week for Years 5 and 6! In Writing, the children have been conferencing with their peers and teachers, editing and improving their work before continuing to publish their independent writes. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, developing our calculation methods and problem-solving skills. In Computing, we have continued working collaboratively on Google Slides, while in PSHE we have been exploring worries and discussing strategies to help us manage them. In PE, we have continued developing our netball skills, focusing on pivoting and building on the different passes we have been practising. Well done to everyone for their continued hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm for learning!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Isaac

Trust: Kundai

Thankfulness: Harrison

Forgiveness: Lola

Compassion: Oliver

Wisdom: Sonny

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Devon Educational Psychology Service are offering the Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries (Overcoming Programme) for parents and carers of children experiencing anxiety around school that is beginning to affect attendance. The programme consists of six weekly online sessions (90 minutes each) and is designed to help parents and carers develop practical strategies to support their child's anxiety. It is primarily aimed at families of children aged 5-12 years, although adaptations can be made for older children and those with SEND. The next programme begins in November, and parents and carers are invited to register their interest by 23rd October using the link <https://forms.office.com/e/w13eSAg9a9>

Swimming lessons - Thankfulness and Hope Class

Last swimming lesson is on Wed 21st October

Please note: 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.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Last chance to book your parent/teacher consultations. Please give the office a ring as Arbor is still not working.

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.

Lunch Menu

Please find attached, along with the newsletter, the lunch menu for the period after half term through to the end of term.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
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
04/11/2026	Yr 6 Top-up swimming Lessons start	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 odd socks all week)	
27/11/2026	St Margaret's School Disco	3:20pm-4:30pm School Hall

