



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

Another busy and enjoyable week has flown by here at school!

It has been lovely to see the children reaching the end of their writing units and having the opportunity to create their own independent pieces of writing based on everything they have learned. This is such an important stage of the writing process, allowing children to practise and celebrate the skills they have developed throughout the half term while showcasing their creativity and individual voice.

I strongly believe that when children write, they do far more than simply put words on a page. They learn to think deeply, create confidently, and express who they are. Writing gives children the opportunity to share their ideas, experiences and imaginations with the world, and I cannot wait to celebrate their successes and achievements with them.

Our clubs have also been fully up and running this week, and it has been wonderful to see such fantastic attendance. From Choir, Gardening and Origami Club to Times Tables Club, Pokémon and History club, there has been something for everyone. The children's enthusiasm, positive attitudes and excellent behaviour have been a real credit to them. It has also been lovely to see children mixing across year groups, building new friendships and enjoying shared interests together.

Tuesday's Family Group Worship is now well established and continues to be a special part of our week. This provides an opportunity for children from across the key stage to come together to reflect, share ideas and think about our Christian values. It is always heartwarming to see the thoughtful discussions and strong sense of community that these sessions inspire. On that note...**Harvest Festival**

We are delighted to invite all families to join us for our **Harvest Festival Service at Westward Ho! Baptist Church on Friday 16th October**. We will be walking to the church and will aim to be settled and ready for a **9:40am start**.

The church has kindly invited our children to bring donations of tins, dried food or other non-perishable items. These contributions will be distributed within the Westward Ho! community to support those who may need a little extra help. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about gratitude, generosity and helping others, and we are very much looking forward to sharing this special occasion together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it at our Harvest festival celebration.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Denise Boyne

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

It has been another busy and productive week in Year 3/4, with lots of fantastic learning taking place. In English, we have been focusing on how to create a powerful descriptive paragraph based on one of the Beasties from our class book. The children have worked hard to choose effective vocabulary and build vivid descriptions, and we have been very impressed with what they have produced. In Science, we have continued learning about the human body, this week focusing on joints. We explored the different types of joints, including hinge joints and ball-and-socket joints, and discussed how they help our bodies move. Finally, in Maths, we have continued our work on place value, learning how to order numbers in both ascending and descending order. Well done for another fantastic week, everyone. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!

Year 5/6

It has been another productive week for Years 5 and 6! In Writing, the children have been putting the finishing touches to their independent writes and have started publishing their work, ready to share their fantastic ideas. In Maths, we have continued strengthening our understanding of place value, factors and multiples through a range of activities and challenges. During Computing, the children have been developing their collaborative skills by creating and editing presentations together using Google Slides. In PSHE, we have continued exploring worries and discussing ways to manage our feelings and support one another. In PE, we have moved on to netball, practising a variety of passes and developing our accuracy, teamwork and control. Well done to everyone for their continued effort, enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Jenson

Trust: Roo

Thankfulness: Arial

Forgiveness: Ava

Compassion: Felicity

Wisdom: Thea

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

Wed 14th October	Please can you ensure you child has an extra underwear with them on swimming days due to wet changing room floors.
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. We are sorry but we are still experiencing issues with booking via Arbor the parent portal. Please contact the office to book your appointment.

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	Baptist Church Westward Ho! 9:40am start
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 odd socks all week)	
27/11/2026	St Margaret's School Disco	3:20pm-4:30pm School Hall



Pumpkin Party

Sunday October 18th
2pm - 4pm

Northam Village Hall

A range of craft activities
for everyone to enjoy!

Refreshments

Free

Hosted by Northam Methodist Church, Cross Street



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

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