



St Margaret's CEVA Primary School Newsletter



Friday 29th November 2024

Autumn 6



Gift Giving and Thank You's for Staff

As Christmas approaches you may feel pressure to buy staff Christmas gifts. We want to reassure you that we're aware of the heightened financial pressures that many of you are facing at the moment. As such, we want to emphasise that our staff are not expecting any 'thank you' gifts from pupils and parents and carers. Of course staff are enormously grateful for all the wonderful gifts they do receive and will happily accept them but please do not feel under any pressure.

Should you wish to say 'thank you' in other ways, we always appreciate:

Homemade cards and letters, a spoken 'thank you' – kind words mean a lot! Homemade gifts or paying it forward – volunteering your time to help others, supporting the school and PTA or just generally being encouraging to staff and other parents are all ways to show thanks.

We wish for a community where everyone supports each other and treats one another with respect, gratitude and compassion. We hope you can join us in this vision.





Tennis Taster Session

Mr Durrant arranged for a tennis taster day; 'We had a great tennis day. All the children got a taster session and learnt some skills of tennis. We will have another day like this in the summer! '
Thank you Mr Durrant!



Remembering

Year 6 were privileged to attend the Schools Service of Remembrance at the war graves in Ipswich Old Cemetery on the 11th November. The children took part in the service and laid crosses at the graves of soldiers from the two World Wars. They were extremely well behaved and we were very proud of them. It was a memorable experience.



Have you ever wondered why there is a memorial in the church to the 115 men who gave their lives in the First World War but not one for those who died during World War II? Well in the 1959 Church Guide it reads 'That the memorial for the fallen of the Second World War should take the "very practical form of new Day School buildings" opposite the church' which were erected in order to secure 'aided' status for the school under the 1944 Education Act. It's full status as a Church School was thus preserved for coming generations. The first stage was completed at a cost of £10,000 when a new building was dedicated on June 3rd 1958.

We are a living memorial to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice-
how wonderful.

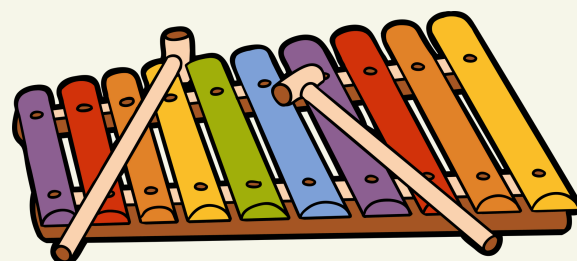
Cinema visits for Schools National Film Week

We were again fortunate enough to secure tickets for the Schools National Film Week. The children walked down to the cinema and saw various films including Garfield - The Movie, Despicable Me 4 and Kensuke's Kingdom. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience with their friends; "It taught me kindness", "It taught us how to persevere as if you keep trying you will achieve what you want to do" and "It helped us understand how to work together as a team."



Funding for Musical Instruments

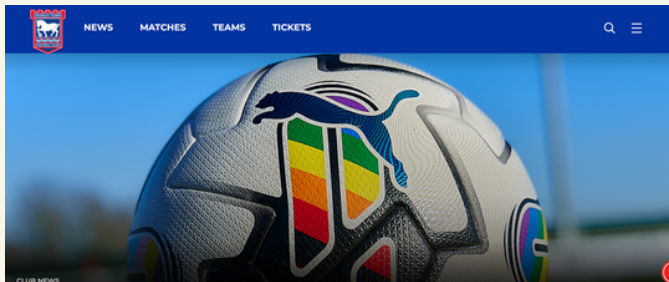
During the summer holidays, our music enhancement lead, Mrs Gower applied for funding from UMUK Sound Foundation. We have heard from the charity and we have been awarded £750 to spend on a range of musical instruments which will enhance the curriculum and music provision. Well done Mrs Gower!



ITFC visit to promote the Premier League's Rainbow Laces Campaign



ITFC Education Department popped into school today to explain to the children about the Premier League supporting the Rainbow Laces Campaign. Year 5 and 6 has some wonderfully mature answers and recognised the captain's armband and the Pride flag. They also commented; "It's ok to be yourself and you shouldn't let other people make you feel bad about who you are , we are all special and unique."

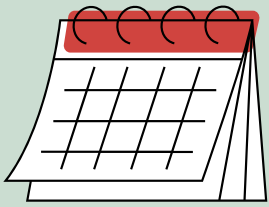


Trees at the Tower



St Mary-le-Tower are opening their annual Trees @the Tower today. As is our tradition, we give all pupils the opportunity to go and experience it as it is a lovely start to the Advent season.





Dates for diary

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 3rd December	'Christmas Sparkle' Performance	Reception and Year 1 pupils No ticket required, times 10am or 2pm
Friday 6th December	PTA – Christmas Bazaar	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 10th December	KS2 Panto (visiting theatre company)	tbc
Wednesday 11th December	Nativity Performance	Year 2 Parents No ticket required 10am start
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Dress down day: All Christmas attire and embellishments permitted!
Friday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service	St Margaret's Church 3.45pm
Monday 16th December	EY/KS1 Christmas Party	Class teachers will send out details
Tuesday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 18th December	End of term Christmas Service	Pupils only due to space
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term	Happy Christmas!

Academic Calendar Dates:
<https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/>

