



# St Margaret's CEVA Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Autumn 4



## Hello Yellow Day



Above is a picture of Year 3 enjoying a body percussion workshop

Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health Day. We celebrated this by joining in with the Young Minds, Hello Yellow Day. The children had an assembly and talked in their classes about what good mental health is and how we keep ourselves mentally healthy. For the rest of the day all classes carried out activities that are good for wellbeing and promote positive mental health.

We were delighted to be invited to a performance of a ballet held at Ipswich Library. It was an excellent production, held as part of Black History month, telling the story of the Windrush generation. The children were able to take part in a question and answer session with the dancers afterwards and asked some very thoughtful questions. The children were enthralled and were an excellent audience.

## The Black British Ballet



# County Harvest Festival



Our school was asked to represent the county's children on Sunday 6th October by writing and reading the prayers for the county harvest festival.

Huge well done to Megan, Bethal, DJ, Bryah, Damiola and Jowin and thank you to Mrs Hall, Mrs Izzard and Vicar Sarah for all coming to support. We were incredibly proud of our young people.





## Jazz Event at Ipswich School



As part of the Ipswich School Festival of Music, Year 5 were invited to attend a Jazz Concert. The pupils were provided with the opportunity to listen to professional musicians, two of whom perform with Jools Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. In addition to enjoying the performance, the pupils were able to benefit from a short presentation about each of the instruments and its role within the Band.



## Year 6 trip to Portman Road

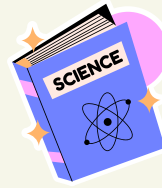
Year 6 visited the ITFC stadium last week for a 'Say No to Racism' workshop, supported by the Premier League. The pupils were given a thoughtful talk and an opportunity to discuss and challenge stereotypes. They also participated in an activity of judging people by appearance alone and how this can be misleading. Some wonderful learning as well as an opportunity to be shown behind the scenes.



# Subject leader profile



**Mrs Rodger**



# SCIENCE

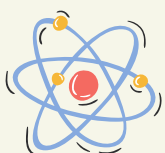


Science at St Margaret's is fun, engaging and high quality; providing opportunities for all children to reach their potential. We provide children with the knowledge and skills for a life of learning and curiosity; inspiring them to ask questions and equipping them to find answers.

Science is a way of working that allows children to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world in which they live. Each year groups covers 5 or 6 science units which build on their previous learning. This is done through research but also through practical, hands-on experiences. These experiences enable children to observe, question, investigate, communicate and evaluate their findings. Our Science learning is often linked to other curriculum learning too, making it relevant and deepening the children's understanding.

We want our children to become scientists – curious individuals who can ask questions, working together to discover the world around them and how it works. The children (and staff!) love science in our school. They speak highly of their learning. When asked what we could do to improve our science one of our year 5 pupils said “Everyone loves science at the moment so there is nothing we'd change”.

Take a look at our website to see some photographs and find out more about which science topics your child will cover next year:  
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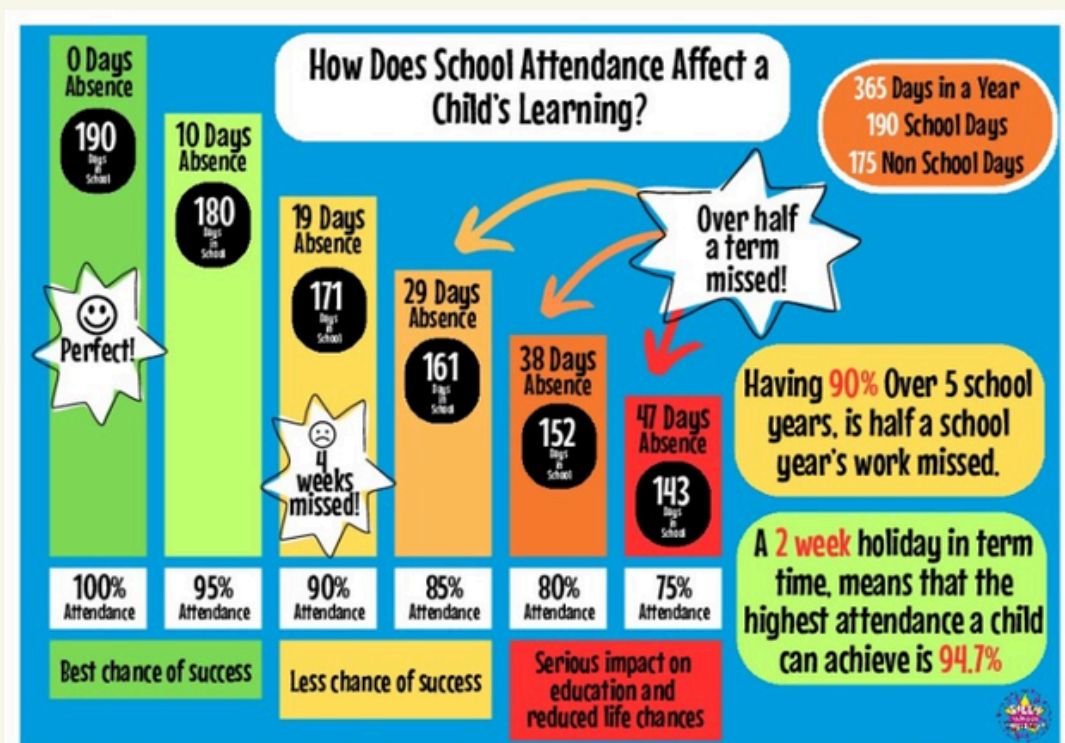


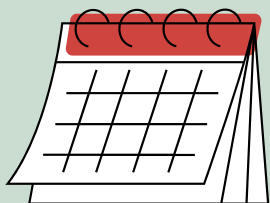
# Attendance Update from Mrs Richards

So far this academic year our whole school attendance has been great. However, with the weather changing and the germs out in full force, we have seen a lot of sickness in school over the last week. In school we have increased our cleaning and hygiene around the school. We are reminding children to wash hands and use tissues along with extra cleaning of tables, chairs and door handles throughout the day.

If your child has a high temperature please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they **MUST** stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If you are unsure if your child should come to school please refer to this guidance from the NHS. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We have also had an influx of absence request forms handed into the school office. We would like to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised and 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence will carry fixed penalty notice in line with the latest government guidance. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance or would like any support around attendance please get in touch with the Attendance Team via the school office.





# Dates for diary

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening	<b>3.30pm - 6.30pm</b> <b>Sign up through Parentmail</b>
Monday 28th October	Half Term Week	
Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th November	Phonics Workshop for Parents 2pm	<b>No need to sign up just come to the office at 1.55 pm</b>
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day	<b>Wear CIN/Pudsey attire and embellishments if you wish</b>
Wednesday 20th November	Year 5 and 6 to Cineworld	
Tuesday 26th November	Year 3 and 4 to Cineworld	
Thursday 28th November	Year 1 and 2 Cineworld	
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Sparkle	<b>Reception and Year 1 pupils</b> <b>No ticket required, times 10am or 2pm</b>
Friday 6th December	PTA – Christmas Bazaar	<b>2.00pm - 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 11th December	Nativity Performance	<b>Year 2 Parents</b> <b>No ticket required</b> <b>10am</b>
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day	<b>All Christmas attire and embellishments permitted!</b>
Friday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service	<b>St Margaret's Church</b> <b>3.45pm</b>

Academic Calendar Dates:

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