

# St Margaret's CEVA Primary School Newsletter



Friday 6th September 2024  
Autumn 1

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**

## Welcome Back



It was wonderful to welcome back all the pupils this week. The uniform is of a particularly high standard so thank you for making so much effort. We will be working to keep uniform standards high including PE kits to ensure our pupils are smart, confident and ready for Key Stage 3.



## Information for New Parents



A special welcome to our new Reception parents. For information we suggest you take some time to look at the school website. All communication will either come to you via Parentmail, hardcopy (please check your child's bookbag every day) text, newsletter, Learning Ladders and class teacher email. There are 2 opportunities to talk to your child's teacher face to face on a daily basis with very quick information, such as, 'my child is going home with', at drop off and pick-up time. If you need to speak at length please email your class teacher and book an telephone appointment.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's transition or learning please speak to your class teacher in the first instance and following that, Miss Elsdon as EYFS Phase Lead. We all need to let you know that we operate a one way drop off and pick-up system, which keeps the morning and afternoons orderly and calm.

# Waffle Update



Waffle has made the choice that he far happier playing with his friends every day outside than he is in school working! He has been a good pet but for now Chocolate and Wiggles our guinea pigs will have to step up!



## The Importance of Education



### Attendance Ladder

Equates to number of school days off each year



We do stress at the start of every year that we have an expectation that all pupils are in school every single day for both morning and afternoon sessions. Education has changed from when we as adults were at school and the teachers have an enormous amount of curriculum that they have to cover. If the children miss a session, all that work is missed and the child will have gaps in their learning. The curriculum is carefully designed to ensure children are taught exactly what they need in order to reach end of year age related expectation. There are no more 'settling in days' at the start of term or 'don't worry its the last week of term, nothing is happening'.

### Every Day Counts



School Absence has direct impact on future life chances, behaviour at home and school and has been proven to affect GCSE grades.



# Meet the Teacher



On Thursday 12th September at 6pm and repeated at 6.30pm, you are invited into the school to meet your child's class teacher. They will inform you of subjects and topic that your child will be learning, which days they need their PE kits, what the expectations are for homework and any other information that will be relevant for their year, i.e. swimming for year 5. The sessions will start on time so please be prompt so that you do not miss important information. No sign up needed.



## Parking

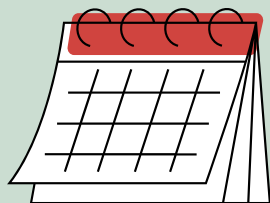


We encourage all families to walk or cycle wherever possible however if you do need to bring a vehicle to the school, we cannot stress enough that the local residents find it incredibly difficult when they cannot get access to or from their own drives.

We also have a small number of parents who continue to park on pavements and outside the school on double yellow lines, this is illegal parking and the school does not condone this. Parking attendants and the community police will be patrolling the area more regularly this academic year and fines will be issued. Expectations from the school are for all members of the community to follow the highway code and set a good example for their children.

<https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk>





# Dates for diary

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 12th September	Meet the Teacher	6pm & 6.30pm
Monday 16th September	All Clubs Resume	Information will be sent as we have it.
Wednesday 25th September	Year 6 Residential	
Tuesday 1st October	Black History Month Begins	
Thursday 3rd October	Individual & Sibling Photographs	
Friday 4th October	Open Morning for 2025 Reception Parents	10am
Sunday 6th October	County Harvest Festival	Trinity Park - Details to follow
Thursday 10th October	Wellbeing Day & Hello Yellow Day	
Monday 14th October	Reports out to Parents this week	
Thursday 17th October	Individual & Sibling Photographs	
	Parents Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening	3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday 28th October	Half Term Week	

Academic Calendar Dates:

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