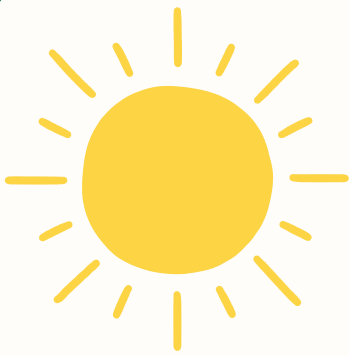


St Margaret's CEVA Primary



Newsletter Summer 1
Friday 2nd May 2025



Welcome back to the Summer Term

As we enter the final term of the year, we look forward to a packed term with many events. Just a couple of notices for you:

One thing to note is the sudden change of weather. Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle and sun hat to school every day. If possible, please apply suncream in the morning. If the temperature rises above the mid 20's, we call a 'Short Sleeve Order' which means all jumpers come off, all ties off, top button undone and regular water breaks. We had to call a Short Sleeve Order yesterday due to unseasonable hot weather with temperatures reaching 26 degrees!



Please name your child's tie!

And remember that on we have our annual international food celebration on Wednesday 21st May at 3.30pm! This has been hugely successful and gives us all a chance to showcase the delicious food that comes from the very many countries that are represented in our school. Mrs Richards will send out more details nearer the time!



Forest Schools



Our children all get the opportunity to enjoy Forest Schools. These children enjoyed investigating insects in the leaf mulch, relaxing in the hammock and constructing dens. They worked together, engaged with all the activities and had a fantastic time.



Our Forest School Lead



Mrs Wilmot



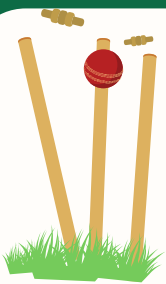
My name is Mrs Wilmot and I'm delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself and our Forest School provision here at St Margaret's. I joined our pastoral support team in early 2021 following work in early years woodland provision and wrap-around care settings locally. Wildlife education is my background, and my work here at St Margaret's sits alongside my work for a wildlife charity, where I teach children in woodlands, and at rivers and beaches too.

It is a privilege to share my passion for wildlife here and we are blessed to have fantastic wild spaces within school and over the road in Christchurch Park. This year we've opened up Forest School for everyone to benefit - from small nurture groups to whole class visits. Forest school is about exploring and learning in these environments, taking risks and building a sense of community with peers and teachers. Our children's self esteem blossoms when they are given opportunities for play and choice, and their resilience grows exploring the woods across the seasons.

Aside from Forest School I can also offer pastoral support with our children through ELSA and Thrive approaches, and I run our Eco Warriors club at school. We are improving school grounds and practices to improve the environment through the club, and we have plans to develop our spaces to allow for more therapeutic activities such as gardening and wildlife themed literacy and art. I hope you will support us as we grow and develop our work.

Year 4 and 5 Narrative Sharing

On Tuesday 22nd April, year 4 and 5 spent their reading session together. Year 4 pupils read their recently written first person narrative based on Oliver and the Seawigs to a member of year 5. Year 5 pupils demonstrated amazing listening skills and provided useful peer assessment to their year 4 partner. Pupils enjoyed reading and listening to the stories. Staff were really impressed with their teamwork skills.



Sports help required



Due to staff absence and local sports providers being fully booked, we are in need of help with sports this term.

If you enjoyed sports at school or have an interest in coaching children, please let me know by calling the school. We especially need people who enjoy rounders and cricket and maybe know a few rules!

You would not be doing it by yourself, but we are very keen on offering some clubs for the second half of the summer term. Thank you!

Year 5 Writing Competition Results

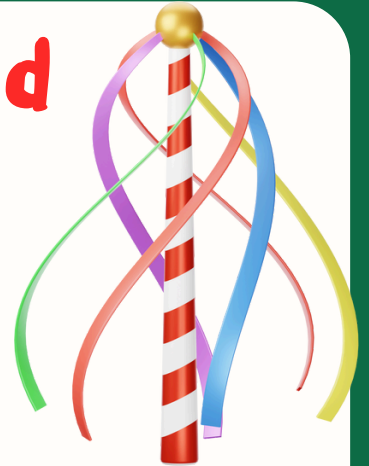
Some of the year 5 pupils entered a Writing Competition run by Young Writers. Their work has been chosen to be published. Mrs Izzard has been in communication with Young Writers and has the following exciting news. She will receive confirmation that the book is ready and will be able to award certificates to pupils who have worked so hard in their own time. We are very proud of all our children's writing, but a special well done to pupils who have been chosen to have their work published!



Bank Holiday Weekend



Please remember that this weekend is the May day bank holiday and so school is closed on Monday 5th May. We welcome the children back on Tuesday 6th May.



Curriculum

A reminder that if you wish to know more about what your child is learning about in class this term, then please visit the class pages on the school website and you will be able to read all about the topics! We have a very creative curriculum due to the local historical events that are happening.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 5 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day	School to be represented in ceremony at Christchurch park
Friday 9 th May	Year 3 & 4 French Workshop	
Monday 12 th May	SATS Week Year 6	There will be no orchestra & no choir
Monday 19 th May	Year 6 Bikeability	Please ensure your child brings their bike into school
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 1 trip to Jimmy's Farm	
Wednesday 21 st May	Class photos Year Reception and Year 6	
Wednesday 21 st May	International Food Celebration	3.30pm–4.30pm in the school hall More details to follow
Monday 26 th May	Half Term Week	School closed
Monday 2 nd June	Year 4 Multiplication times table checks	
Monday 2 nd June	Bikeability Year 6 week 2	
Monday 2 nd June	New parent meeting	
Monday 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics testing week	
Friday 20 th June	Sports Day	More details to follow
Academic Calendar Dates	https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/	