



St Margaret's CEVAP School

Newsletter Summer 1



Dear Parents and Carers

The Summer term is now well under way, and the sun has finally decided to shine! We are making the most of the warmer weather and enjoying a wide range of games and activities at lunchtime, alongside football. The introduction of a new football rota, at the recommendation of the School Council, is having a positive impact and behaviour at break times continues to improve.

Mrs McCann and I recently met with all the teachers for Pupil Progress meetings, where we discussed the effort and attainment of the pupils and looked for ways to offer further support as necessary. Following discussions, it is clear how well the staff at St Margaret's know your children, and how passionate they are about helping them fulfil their potential.

As always, we continue to seek ways to enrich and broaden the curriculum, providing access to activities that many pupils may not otherwise experience. Further information can be found in this newsletter. Don't forget to join us for Sports Day on Friday 22nd May to witness this first hand. Let's hope the lovely weather lasts that long!

Mr Gates

Head of School

Dates

Grandad Anansi performance for EYFS and Year 1

Friday 1st May 2026

Bank Holiday - school is closed

Monday 4th May 2026

Sports Day

Friday 22nd May 2026

Morning – Reception, Years 1 to 3

Afternoon - Years 4 to 6

Half term break

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Back to school

Monday 1st June 2026

World Environment Day

Friday 5th June 2026

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Tuesday 9th June 2026

End of the school year

Friday 17th July 2026

Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Clear guidance is available on our [website](#).

Remember that earrings should be small studs, not dangly or hooped styles and ideally should not be worn on PE days.

Join the Team

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor (MDSA).

If you are interested please ask at the school office for more information and an application form. Thank you

School Council

The School Council met again last week and finalised plans for football at lunchtimes. Please take a look at the [minutes](#) for more details.

The children are keen to trial a mixed age afternoon later on this term, where pupils are mixed across classes for a creative and exciting project.

Look out for more details in the next newsletter.

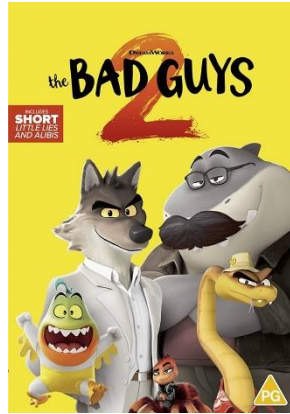
Cinema Trips

The children in Years 2 to 6 had a wonderful time visiting Cineworld and watching some recent blockbusters. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising this free event through the 'Into Film' initiative.

Year 2



Years 3 and 4



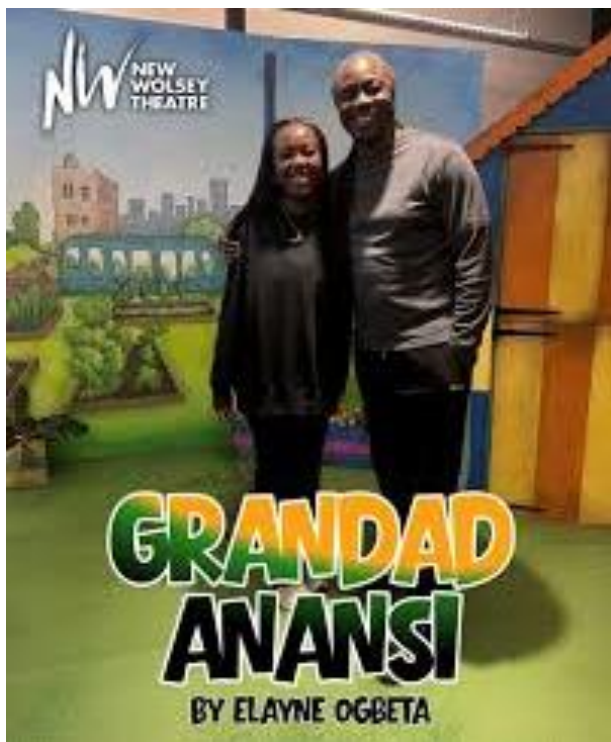
Years 5 and 6



Grandad Anansi

The children in Reception and Year 1 didn't take part in the cinema trip.

Instead, we have arranged for them to see a performance of 'Grandad Anansi' in school on Friday 1st May. This is being provided by the New Wolsey Theatre and is completely free!



School Farm Show

The children in Years 3 and 4 had a fun day at the School Farm Show on Thursday 16th April 2026. They behaved beautifully and enjoyed some close encounters with a variety of animals.



Do you know what to do if you suspect a child is at risk?

Safeguarding

is everyone's responsibility

If you are concerned about a child,
please call Customer First

0808 800 4005

or talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team



Mr Gates DSL



Mrs McCann DSL



Mrs Betts



Mrs Febvre ADSL



Mrs Sheeran ADSL



Mr Matthews (Gov)



Pink concern forms are in classrooms and the staffroom.

In an emergency you should call **999**

and speak to the police.

Starting School

We will be welcoming a new cohort of children to the school in September 2026, when the new Reception pupils join us. We are pleased to hear that many siblings will be joining the Penguins and Puffins classes.

If you haven't yet applied for your child's place, or have friends looking for a Reception place in September, please contact the school office.



Working Together

Many thanks to everyone who attended parents' evenings at the end of the Spring term. It was good to see you in person and to talk about your child's progress and wellbeing.

Overall attendance for the whole school was **77%** but there were a number of families who made appointments and didn't show up.

We really value and encourage dialogue between school and home and are keen to improve this in the future.

Look out for your child's end of year report which should be sent home on **Monday 13th July 2026**

Towards the end of the year, we will also be issuing a questionnaire for parents to share their views and feedback with the team.

In the meantime, Mr Gates, Mrs McCann and the class teachers are on the playground if you need to talk to someone. Thank you.

We Love Books!

The staff at St Margaret's are avid readers and are keen to motivate and inspire a love of reading across the school. We have a new display in the main corridor, which the children often stop and look at. The teachers have recommended their favourite children's books and explained why they love them. Did you know that Mrs Elliott-Duff loves *'The Magic Faraway Tree'* and has been to see the wonderful new film too? Mr Gates is a big fan of *'My Big Shouting Day!'* Ask your child what they have noticed on the display.



Brooks Hall Rovers FC

are looking for players for their newly formed
U9 football team
for the 2026-27 season
(school years 3 & 4 from September 2026)



The team will be led by experienced, qualified coaches.
Join us and be part of a great set-up, designed to help you
enjoy your football and reach your potential!

Open training sessions will be held on
Saturday 9th, 16th & 23rd May,
10am to 11am

Contact Dean on **07859 768788**
or Mark on **07504 504313**
brookshallrovers@outlook.com
for training location & more details



Coaches also required for other teams
contact Mark on **07504 504313**
for more details

Smooth Operators

Year 2 have been busy learning about healthy eating and had a wonderful time preparing smoothies in their Design Technology lesson.



Transforming lives by living and learning together in God's love.

We made a book!

In the Autumn term the EYFS classes entered a competition to draw a picture of their family. Some of our pupil's work was chosen to be published in a book. This week we received a copy of this book for each class to keep.



School Dinners – Aspens

The new [menu](#) has gone down well with most of the children in school. Aspens are hoping to offer some taster sessions for parents in the near future, so you can sample the delights of school dinners for yourselves!



Out of this World!

Last half term Reception and Year 5 had a visit from the WonderDome. This dome allowed the children to sit inside and see our universe projected around them. Lots of fantastic science learning! Thank you to Mrs Rodger for organising this exciting event.

