



St Margaret's CEVAP School

Newsletter Summer 2



Dear Parents and Carers

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils are enjoying their final term at St Margaret's before preparing to move on to high school in September. We are extremely proud of them and all that they have achieved. Their behaviour and effort were exemplary during SATs week and it was encouraging to see every child try their best. A special week of activities is planned for Year 6, from Monday 8th June. I am sure they will have a *whale* of a time!

Year 5 have been extremely busy as well, working with other local primary schools to prepare for the 'Seven Dimensions of Hope' concert in Clacton on 16th June.

The rest of the school continue to work hard and behave well. The teachers are starting to prepare the end of year reports, which will include assessments for the end of the academic year. We plan to send the reports home on Monday 13th July.

Thank you for your continued support. It is lovely to see your smiling faces every morning and to witness the many positive interactions you have with your children.

Mr Gates

Head of School

Dates

Sports Day

Friday 22nd May 2026

Half term break

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Back to school

Monday 1st June 2026

World Environment Day

Friday 5th June 2026

Activity Week for Year 6

Monday 8th June 2026

EYFS new parents meeting

Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6pm

Transition Day / New classes

Thursday 25th June 2026

Leavers' Service in Church

Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 2pm

End of the school year

Friday 17th July 2026

Staffing Update

We are pleased to be welcoming back **Mrs Barnes**, our Chaplain, who returns from maternity leave in June. She has been in school a few times recently to catch up. Mrs Barnes will be working every Wednesday, supporting the school's Worship Team and helping Year 6 prepare for transition to high school.

We will be saying a fond farewell to **Mrs Curtis**, **Mrs Mayhew** and **Mr Newson** who are moving on to pastures new at the end of the summer term. We thank them for their hard work at St Margaret's and wish them all the best for the future.

We are busy recruiting new teachers and will let you know more about plans for September once arrangements have been finalised.

School Council

The School Council met again this week to talk about ongoing projects in school. They have decided to hold a 'Design a Postcard' competition as part of the mixed age afternoon which takes place next half term.

Take a look at the minutes from the meeting [here](#).



Dear Parents and Carers

You are warmly invited to Sports Day on **Friday 22nd May**, on the school grounds. In the event of heavy rain, a decision to postpone will be made at 8:00am on Friday morning, and you will be contacted via Parent Mail.

The arrangements will be as follows:

ALL CHILDREN TO COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR PE KITS.

Please send your child prepared for any type of weather including a sunhat, school jumper or cardigan and a raincoat. Every child will also need a bottle of water (non-glass). Please apply sun cream at home.

8:30-8:40am School begins as usual. Parents should return at the appropriate time and enter via the Cobbold Street entrance.

9:15-10:30am Rec and Year 1 Parents enter via Cobbold Street and sign in before spectating. Gates will open at 9.00am. Parents will exit through the main gates to Bolton Lane.

10:30-11:45am Years 2 and 3 Parents enter via Cobbold Street and sign in before spectating. Gates will open at 10.15am. Parents will exit through the main gates to Bolton Lane.

12.00-1.00pm Lunch for the children. Parents will leave at 11.45am.

Due to space constraints, we won't be having a shared lunch this year.

1:30-2:30pm Years 4, 5 and 6 Parents enter via Cobbold Street and sign in before spectating. Gates will open at 1.15pm. Parents exit through the main gates to Bolton Lane.

2:30-2:45pm Year 6 only 5 in 1 race

3:10pm All pupils will be dismissed from the playground as usual

Please **do not** take photographs or videos during the day.

Many thanks



Music News

We have had a very busy musical Spring Term and start to the Summer Term across the school!

Our wonderful *Melody Makers* choir performed at a concert in March at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, as part of their Afternoon Series. This was raising money for SMART, a Suffolk charity which supports young people in accessing Music and Arts opportunities. Our choir performed alongside Farlingaye High School (Woodbridge) musicians and all got so much from this experience. I am delighted to share that we were also gifted £50 for our contribution to this event which we are going to spend on song resources for the choir. Well done team!

Years 1 & 2 took part in *Sing Up Day* again this year. This is a National Singing Day organised by the music charity *Sing Up*, which promotes singing in schools. We were able to put a dot on the map to show that we had participated alongside 100 schools from all over the UK.

As a cross curricular project, Years 5 & 6 spent half a day each in St Margaret's Church with Jeremy and Nicholas from Woofyt.org, an organisation which teaches children about the science of sound. Pupils learnt about Design Technology, Science and Music, creating a home-made organ with bellows and blocks. It was a fascinating experience and one we all enjoyed.

Every child in Year 3 has taken part in English National Opera's '*Finish This...*' project, which we have taken part in for the last three years, where the children become composers, librettists and performers for a term. The children had to create a response to a musical idea which was unfinished, writing a libretto (the story), composing their own music, singing, playing instruments and creating sound effects with their voices. Both Year 3 classes have received glowing feedback from ENO for their work - we are very proud.

ENO introduced a new project this year, called '*Plant This Seed*'. Year 2 took on the challenge to write a short opera per class about a dream world where they could look after nature. The children worked collaboratively to create lovely images of this special place. We then had to shorten it which we all agreed was really tricky! Together, we experimented with how to create melodies to bring their libretto to life and we shared this with ENO. Another wonderfully inclusive enrichment experience for our children. Well done Year 2!

Next term, Year 5 will be performing on stage in Clacton on Sea with Pete Letanka and his jazz band, as part of a multi-school project celebrating diversity and the natural world. Year 5 are enjoying visiting St Helen's Primary School for workshops with Pete this term, before the concert in June.

Date for your diary:

Summer Concert, 13th July 2026, St Margaret's Church

Mrs Gower (Music Lead)



Music News ENO Finish This Project Libretto

Here is one of the outcomes of the project, written by the children in Seahorses (Year 3)

Enter Gold...

It was night, the shiny stars were out,

*But something is hiding behind us...
...a trophy, sparkling like the sun, with crystals and diamonds.
It is shiny and beautiful.*

*The King wears gold watches.
But there was cloud and he flew to the golden gates of
heaven;
The lightning hit him and the trophy shattered into pieces.*

*The stars still shone, bright and powerful.
YOU are my trophy, my gold star and you shine really far.*

No football cards

Please do not allow your child to bring football cards into school. They can lead to upset and disagreements when swapped or lost. Thank you.



Missing Scooters

A couple of scooters have gone missing from the playground this week, including the one pictured below. If your child has brought one home that doesn't belong to them, please make sure it is returned as soon as possible. Bikes and scooters are left at school at your own risk. Thank you



Parking

We kindly ask parents, carers and visitors to be considerate when parking around the school at drop-off and pick-up times.

Please avoid parking on pavements, across driveways, on zig-zag lines or in the way that blocks visibility for pedestrians and other road users. This includes the wide strip of pavement at the front of the school. This is not a parking space and you should avoid parking there please.

We have also been notified by **Saracen's House** that parents and carers have been parking inconsiderately. Sadly, some parents have even sworn at tenants who have asked them not to use their allocated parking space.

Please can we remind you that this is private property and patrolled by parking security regularly. They have advised that if you are found to be parking illegally in either of these car parks you will be issued with a parking fine which they are unable to revoke.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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