



# St Margaret's CEVAP School

## Newsletter Summer 3



### Special Edition – Next Year

#### Planning ahead for September 2026

We have been busy making arrangements for the next academic year and appointed our last new teacher this week. We are now able to tell you more about the plans for September 2026. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The decisions we have made have been very carefully considered, with the children always at the forefront of our minds.

#### Class groupings will mainly stay the same

As you know, the school has been through a period of change, and we have several new teachers joining us in September. This is very exciting, but we are aware that change can be unsettling for some. We have therefore decided that all year groups from Years 1 to 5 will move up in their current class groups.

The children are mostly settled, have developed strong friendships and bonded well as a class. We envisage this will help with the return to school in September as they already have well established relationships with their peers. The exception to this is the current Reception classes.

There will be some movement here to balance the needs of the children and ensure they are organised in the best way to help them settle into Year 1. Further details to follow.

#### Class names and email addresses

We have decided to rename the classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The sea-themed titles were great, but it helps visitors, supply teachers and more generally to have classes identified by year group. The Reception classes will still be called *Penguins* and *Puffins*. The current class email addresses will no longer be used from September, but we will provide details soon about how you can contact class teachers directly from September.

#### New Teachers

We are thrilled to be welcoming four new teachers to the school in September. We had a strong field of candidates and feel confident that we have made some excellent appointments. I'm sure you will make **Miss Allard, Mr Bullen, Mrs Goldfinch** and **Miss Miller** feel very welcome. The new teachers have been paired up with established teachers to help with transition and planning.

#### Transition Day – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Next Thursday, most of Year 6 will be visiting their high schools, so the rest of the children will also get to spend the day with their new class teacher. The start and the end of the day will be as usual, but after assembly, the children will be taken to their new classroom for the day. This will give the teachers a chance to get to know the children and answer any questions they may have about September. The children will also find out then which Teaching Assistants will be supporting them in class. The new teachers will be joining us on this day, apart from Miss Allard who is on a residential trip with her current school. Mrs Curtis will look after Class 1A on this day, and Miss Allard will visit before the end of term.

## Classes from September 2026

Here are the class arrangements for September.

The children in Reception will receive a separate letter to let them know which class they will be in.

Pupils return to school for the new academic year on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**.

Current Class	New Class	Teacher(s)
Reception classes TBC	<b>1A</b>	Miss Allard
	<b>1H</b>	Mrs Hall
Tigers	<b>2A</b>	Miss Benjamin
Lions	<b>2B</b>	Mr Bullen
Zebras	<b>3P</b>	Mr Peck
Giraffes	<b>3R</b>	Miss Ross
Seahorses	<b>4H</b>	Mr Harrison
Sea Turtles	<b>4M</b>	Miss Miller
Starfish	<b>5A</b>	Mr Graham
Jellyfish	<b>5G</b>	Mrs Goldfinch
Stingrays	<b>6ED</b>	Mrs Elliott-Duff
Dolphins	<b>6FW</b>	Mrs Febvre – Monday to Wednesday Mrs Webster – Thursday and Friday

### The School Day

Drop off and collection arrangements will stay the same, entering the school via Cobbold Street and following the one-way system out on to Bolton Lane. Timings will remain the same too.

**8.30 – 8.40am** Arrival      **3.10pm** End of the school day

Further information will be sent out soon regarding a free *Breakfast Club* before school, in line with new Government guidelines. Please note that you will need to book a place to access this.

*Wraparound* provision will also continue after school. You can book by clicking [here](#).

### School Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform for September. Guidelines are on our [website](#). It is important that PE kit also complies with guidelines and should not be branded sportswear.

The children need a plain white t shirt and green shorts please. A blue, grey or black tracksuit is also needed for some lessons in Key Stage 2. Earrings must not be worn on PE days from September.

### Moving from Year 2 to Year 3

If your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3 there are a few more things to remember...

Your child will need to wear the Key Stage 2 uniform including a school tie.



Your child will need to pay for school dinners unless you are entitled to free school meals. Meals cost £2.80 Here is a link to the [menu](#).



Free fruit will no longer be provided at break times so your child should bring in their own fruit or vegetables to eat if required.



### School bags

Children in Reception and Years 1 to 3 should bring a book bag to school not a bigger bag or rucksack. This is due to space restrictions in school.



Children in Years 4 to 6 should bring a small rucksack to school.



All children should bring a named water bottle.

### Allergies

A reminder to keep us up to date with any allergies or medical conditions your child may have.

St Margaret's is a nut free zone. Packed lunches should be healthy and balanced and avoid any products containing nuts. This includes *Nutella*.



### Earrings

If your child wears earrings, they must be small studs, not hooped or dangly styles.

From September, **earrings must not be worn to school on PE days** or covered with tape. Staff are not permitted to remove them. If your child is getting their ears pierced soon, please do it at the start of the summer break so that they can be removed on PE days in September. Thank you.



# St Margaret's Melody Makers

Fridays 19 & 26<sup>th</sup> June & 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
for Y3-Y8 pupils to rehearse ready to  
perform during our St Margaret's Day  
Festival Service: Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist about to finish school years 3,4,5,6,7 or 8, we would love you to join us in preparing some special music as part of our celebration of St Margaret's Day. Bring your voice or your instrument and work with Mrs Claire Gower and Revd Sarah. You'll need to make your way from school to St Margaret's Church, arriving no earlier than 3.15pm (and no later than 3.45pm). Water/squash/fruit/biscuits will be offered. We'll finish at 4.30pm.

There is no charge for anyone to participate in this special event although there are a limited number of places so please sign up now by scanning the QR code or following this link:  
<https://stmargaretsips.churchsuite.com/events/dowawxsr>



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