



Newsletter Summer 4

Dear Parents and Carers

Phew! What a scorcher!

It's been quite a week in school. The children and staff have coped admirably with the incredibly high temperatures. Thank you for remembering to apply sun cream at home and for ensuring your children wore suitable clothing for the weather. Thanks to St Margaret's Church as well, for offering cooler spaces for us to use when the classrooms got too hot.

Despite the heat, Transition Day was a huge success, and we were pleased to welcome all four of our new teachers to the school on Thursday. The children enjoyed spending the day in their new classrooms and their teachers tell me that everyone worked hard to make a positive first impression.

With three weeks left until the end of term, there is a lot still to fit in. Mrs McCann and I have finished reading all of the end of year reports and these will be sent home on 13th July.

The children will spend time in mixed age groups at some point next week, designing a special postcard which will be used to share and celebrate successes in school. I look forward to judging the entries with the School Council soon.

Mr Gates

Head of School

Dates

Story time for new EYFS children

Wednesday 1st July 2026 2.30pm

Whole School Art Day

Friday 3rd July 2026

Year 6 performance of *Grimm!*

Tuesday 7th July at 6pm

Wednesday 8th July at 6pm

Annual reports sent home

Monday 13th July 2026

Leavers' Service in church

Wednesday 15th July at 2pm for

Year 6 families only

End of the school year

Friday 17th July 2026

PD days for staff only

1st and 2nd September 2026

Back to school

Thursday 3rd September 2026

School Council

The current School Council has one more meeting before the end of term.

They have worked well together, organising the postcard competition and writing to the council about road safety issues.

You can find the minutes from the most recent meeting [here](#).

PTA

A big thank you to the PTA who have organised many wonderful events this year, including a disco, uniform sale, fayre and activities linked to Mothering Sunday and Father's Day.

If you would like to get involved please contact Mrs Hart stmargaretsprimary.pta@gmail.com

Money raised always gets invested in enrichment opportunities for the children.



Our Wonderful School

Next time you are in the school hall, take a look at the display showing how our school has changed over the years. The children have enjoyed looking at the old photographs while they queue up for lunch. Which member of staff has been here for over 20 years? Can you spot them in one of the pictures?



Music News

Seven Dimensions of Hope Princes Theatre, Clacton-on-Sea



On Tuesday, 16th June 2026, Year 5 pupils embarked on an exciting trip to Clacton-On-Sea where they took part in a multi-school music project led by jazz musician and composer, Pete Letanka. Prior to this, Year 5 had learnt the songs at school and attended workshops hosted by St Helen's Primary School.

The songs are catchy and when coupled with actions, it was such a joy to watch them being performed. In all, 300 children sang, with Pete leading the massed choir and a live band. St Margaret's children were impeccably well behaved and a real credit to our school. We all had an amazing time and really enjoyed sharing a second performance with parents this week. Congratulations to everyone for this outstanding achievement!

Summer Music Recital for Years 3 & 4 Musicians

On Tuesday afternoon (23rd June 2026), we enjoyed some splendid musical performances in our summer music recital in the school hall. These were played on a variety of instruments including keyboard, piano, clarinet, guitar, violin, cornet and trumpet. The children performed to a high standard and enjoyed the experience of performing on the school stage.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to parents for your support.

Save the date:

Monday 13th July 2026 at 3.40pm - Annual Summer Concert in the church

Mrs Gower (Music Lead)

Sports

Thank you for your support during Sports Day this year. The day was a wonderful success.

If you have any feedback, please email Miss Ross seahorses@stmargaretsipswich.org

On Sunday 31st May, twelve pupils from Year 5 played on the Portman Road pitch in 6v6 mini matches. They showed great teamwork and enthusiasm playing against Year 6 teams and made us all very proud!



St Margaret's were visited by Ipswich Town Football Club with their promotion trophy.



Medicine

Please note that we can only administer prescribed medicine in school, and this should be handed in at the school office.

Thank you.

Here is a link to the relevant [policy](#).



Free School Meals

A reminder that there is no cost for school meals if your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2. Once your child moves into Year 3 you will need to pay for meals, unless you are eligible for *Free School Meals*.

It is worth applying if eligible, even if your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1, as this releases additional funding for the school and gives you access to supermarket vouchers during the school holidays.

Follow this [link](#) to apply.

From the Bible

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
His love endures forever."

Psalms 107 v 1



We are looking for two Parent Governors to join our Governing Board - an excellent opportunity to support the school and help shape its future.

No specific experience is required, but we would particularly welcome skills in finance, HR, legal, buildings, or education.

Deadline: 3rd July 2026

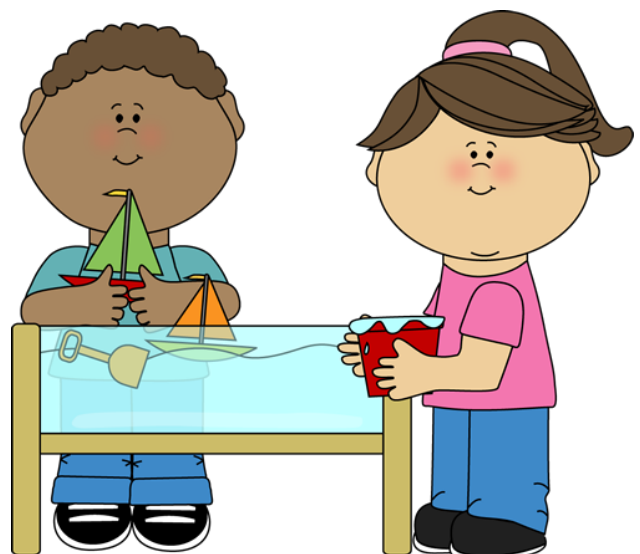
Interested? Please contact the school office at admin@stmargaretsipswich.org to arrange a conversation with the Chair of Governors.

If you regularly worship at St Margaret's or any other church, you may also be considered as a Foundation Governor.

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 our Early Years 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.



Year 6 Activity Week

During Activity Week, the Year 6 pupils were visited by Jon and his team from *Lush*. Each pupil had the opportunity to hand-make a butterfly bath bomb. Jon talked through the ingredients and explained the ethos behind the company. Following this, Year 6 played a few games using some of the products.

"It was really enjoyable and we got to take home a bath bomb and some shower gel samples." Brisa



Year 6 also enjoyed a visit to Superbowl and their behaviour was excellent. They enjoyed two games of bowling and a session of Ninja Tag.

"It was really fun and I enjoyed working as a team during bowling." Millie
"It really helped me discover new techniques." Ezra



Staying Safe in the Sun

Many thanks to Zoja in the Sea Turtles class who created this informative poster in a computing lesson.



Keep cool



Keep eyes protected



8 glass of water or 6

Bring a umbrella
or a sun hat



50 + for kids



Keep lips protected

At the beach, stay in
the shade .



**Reading 5 books during the
summer can prevent a decline
in reading achievement when
returning to school.**

Source: Home Libraries Research Foundation 2023



Rainbows
1st Birkfield

GIRLS AGED 4-7!!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN
RAINBOWS GIRL GUIDING
6PM-7PM
EVERY FRIDAY
BIRKFIELD/ CHANTRY AREA
EMAIL: auntiepolley@me.com

We spend our Fridays doing activities and crafts that are all designed to build and improve communication, creativity and expand on what they already learn at school. They can work towards badges as rewards and it is a great chance for your girls to make friends, relax after a long week at school and make a great start to their weekends!!

CHILDRENS YOGA SUMMER CLUB

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AGE 4-11 YEAR OLDS

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OUR PROGRAM

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- Each week 45 minute class
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- Perfect to:
- Help your child grow stronger, calmer, more confident, and better focused through fun, engaging yoga classes designed especially for kids."

CHILDREN'S SUMMER YOGA CLUB BOOKING FORM

REGISTER TODAY!

INFO@SHINEBYESCONSULTING.COM

New Wolsey Youth Theatre

Applications now open for September 2026

Applications close Fri 3 July

Build confidence, develop theatre making skills and have fun in creative sessions led by professional theatre practitioners with experience in making inclusive theatre!

Youth Theatre 1 Ages 7-9
Youth Theatre 2 Ages 9-11
Youth Theatre 3 Ages 11-13
Youth Theatre 4 Ages 13-16

Youth Theatre Plus & Squared
 Neurodivergent and disabled people from ages 11-25

Young Company
 Those aged 16-22 (entry via audition)

creativecommunities@wolseytheatre.co.uk | 01473 295930

Next Thing

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 27TH JULY - 7TH AUGUST

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SUMMER CAMPS 2026

DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!

The timetables below are for this Summer - we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM: FIRE = YELLOW, SPARK = PURPLE, POWER = RED, CLASSIC = BLUE, EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR, NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
DRIVING ROBOTS INFLATABLE GAMES ZONE LITTLE BITS INVENTIONS DIY SKILLS WORKSHOP MINECRAFT REDSTONE INVENT & BUILD LAB AUGMENTED REALITY CARD CREATION STUDIO MUSIC CREATION LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LEGO BOOST BOT HOVERCRAFT BUILDING SCIENCE SHOW LIZARD STOP MOTION ANIMATION FUN! ROBOT ARENA HOVERCRAFT RACING SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS ROBLOX WORKSHOP ANIMATION STUDIO

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

- SAFE & SECURE
- EXPERT INSTRUCTORS
- OFSTED REGISTERED & TRUSTED
- 5-11

FIND A CAMP NEAR YOU!

We have more than 80 camps running this summer across the UK.

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RAVE REVIEWS

★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"

Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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