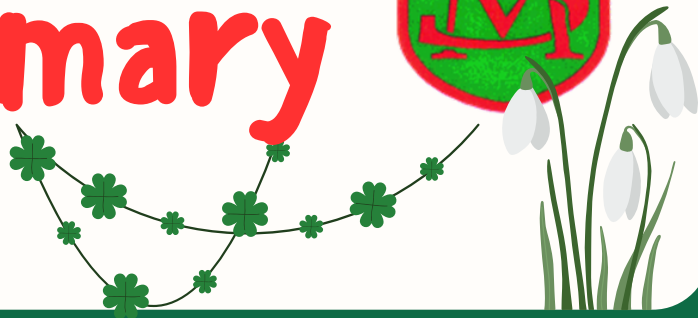


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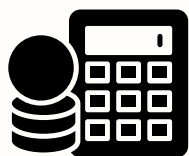
Newsletter Spring 5
Friday 21st March 2025



New Parent Governor Required

Due to a recent resignation, we now have a space for a parent governor on our school governing body. We are asking for expressions of interest to be emailed to the headteacher's PA through admin@stmargaretsipswich.org

We are currently looking for people with a skill set that involves experience of working with or having experience of finance in an organisation.



Governing boards make strategic decisions and work together to:



- Develop a vision and strategy for the school
- Oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent
- Hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- Engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community to understand their views

Parent governors offer a parental perspective to issues being discussed; however, they are **not expected to represent the parent body** or act as a spokesperson. We can offer you the chance to be part of a forward thinking and strategic group of committed people from all walks of life, and the opportunity to make real change in young people's lives. Please call the school if you would like to chat this over with Mrs Gunn.

We offer our grateful thanks for Mrs Hayward Cox's many years of committed service to the school and especially to the work she has completed within her role as SEND governor.



Snape Maltings Performance



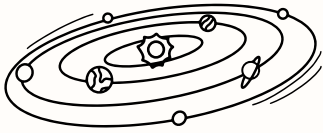
Mrs Gower writes:

'Our Upper School Choir members were absolutely fabulous in their session on Friday evening. They sang beautifully, unphased by the size of the stage and venue, and their overall performance was polished. Whilst other schools performed, their behaviour was exemplary. Ours was the only primary school performing in the 5pm session, all others with high schools and young people up to age 19. Our children sat and watched with appreciation. The staff and I were so impressed with our children throughout.

As this was a festival, we had feedback on our performance at the end. The choir had some wonderful comments, the festival mentor concluding that they are an accomplished choir! I am extremely proud of them all and plan to share their parts of their performance with the school community.'

Many thanks to Mrs Gower for organising and Mrs Izzard and Mrs Febvre for supporting and assisting on the evening.





Planetarium



The planetarium visited this week and many of the children got to experience a 360 solar system, which brought the universe to life for them!



Storyteller

The year 6 children took part in a storytelling workshop with the Windrush Society and Chapter 82. They listened to stories and developed the idea of oral storytelling. They then developed their own stories which they retold orally to groups of Year 1 the following week.

Year 1 enjoyed listening to the stories enthusiastically. This forms part of our speaking curriculum and we are delighted to encourage this wonderful art form of verbal storytelling and oracy.

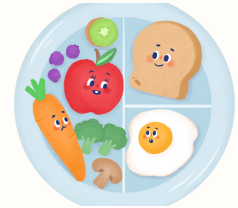


Free School Meals Update

If you think your child may be entitled for Free School Meals, please apply between now and the end of March 2025. Please visit [Apply for free schools meals - Suffolk County Council \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk) to submit an application. There is some changes to this service so we would strongly encourage you to check this.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



Year 2 Colchester Zoo Visit

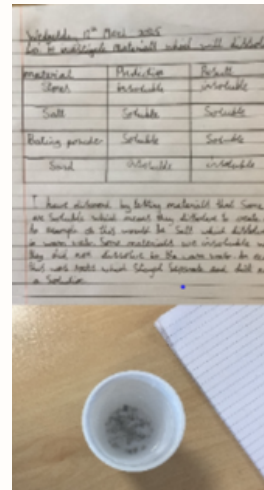


The children enjoyed an educational talk about how animals are adapted to suit their African Savannah habitat. The children had a 'hands on' experience!

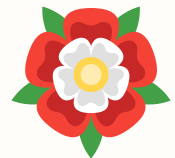
Science Week

Last week our school celebrated British Science Week. Each class carried out a lesson or investigation under the theme of 'Change and Adapt'.

From creating space rockets in EYFS, to chromatography in Year 3 and evolution in Year 6 - each class across the school explored a unique concept; asking scientific questions, experimenting and researching.



Wolsey 550



On Thursday 20th March, a selection of year 4 pupils represented St Margaret's at a primary showcase of recent work based on Thomas Wolsey. He was born in Ipswich in 1473, the son of a local butcher and rose to be second most important person in England under King Henry VIII. Our pupils shared how they had worked in teams to discover more about Tudor Ipswich before completing a creative writing task in groups.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 27th March	Wonderful Women Day	PTA Organised event
Friday 28th March	Year 3 sailing on the Orwell Lady	
Friday 28th March	Reports out to parents*	*Other than Seaturtles
Monday 31st March	Year 5 Anti-social Behaviour Workshops with the Police	
Tuesday 1st April	Year 6 Anti-social Behaviour Workshops with the Police	
Tuesday 1st April	Worship Leaders to the 'Big Spring Sing' at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds	
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April	Soul Space	School Chaplain will offer the children a chance to reflect on the story of Easter and have thinking and reflection time.
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer Term	
Academic Calendar Dates	https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/	

