



# St Margaret's CEVAP School

## Newsletter Summer 5



### Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe another academic year is over!

Thank you for your ongoing support and for making me and Mrs McCann feel so welcome. We are thoroughly enjoying our time at the school and are working hard with the team to ensure your children get the best possible start in life.

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's end of year report. Please note the next steps and consider ways you might support with these during the summer break.

The teachers have met to hand over assessments and other information to ensure a smooth transition when the children join their new classes. Senior Leaders meet with teachers once a term for Pupil Progress meetings too, where we talk about pupils' strengths and areas for development. These meetings will resume in the Autumn Term.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and come back refreshed and ready for an exciting new academic year in September. All the best to our amazing Year 6 pupils too, who we feel sure are ready to achieve great things as they move on to high school.

**Mr Gates**

Head of School

### Dates

**End of the school year**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**PD days for staff only**

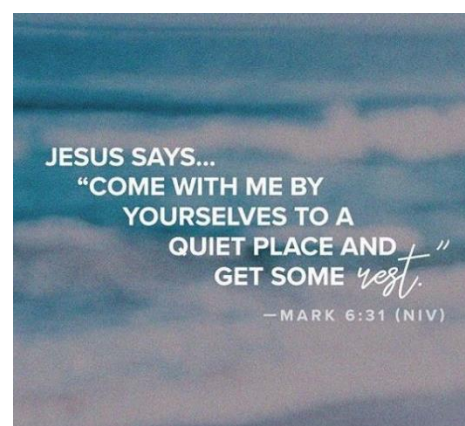
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

**Back to school**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**

Term dates are on our website.

### From the Bible



### Constable Exhibition

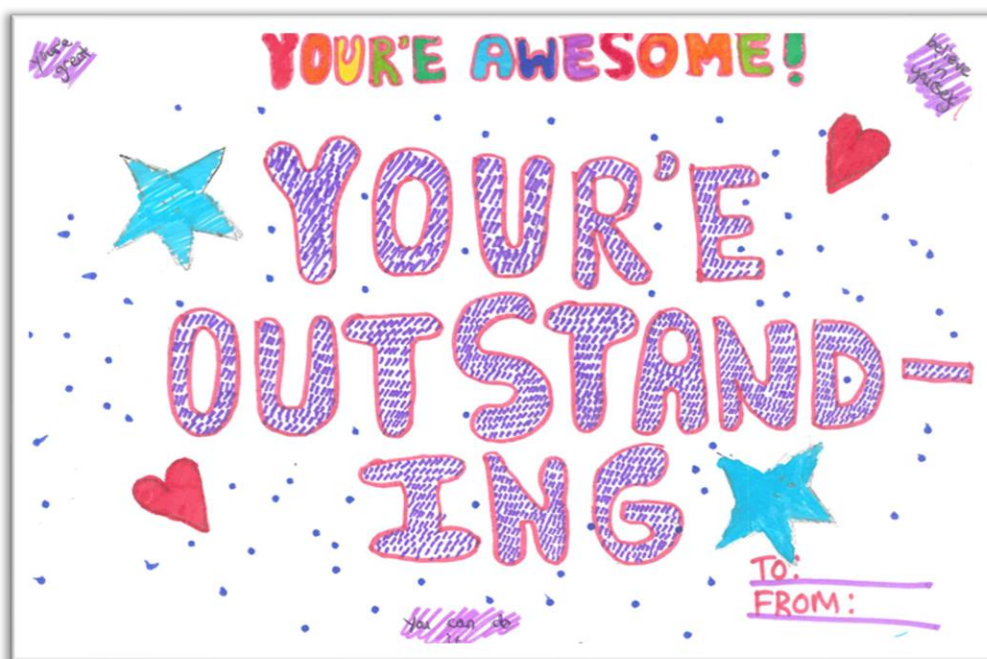
Well done to the children from Years 4 to 6 who visited Christchurch Mansion on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July for a special preview of Constable's *The Hay Wain*. They conducted themselves well and asked some intelligent questions.

You can read all about it [here](#).



### Postcard Competition Winners

The children had a wonderful time during their mixed age sessions and produced some fantastic designs for the postcard competition. The *School Council* voted to choose the three winners, which will be printed and used in school next term. The talented winners were Amara, Ezra W, August, Edward and Anika. They received a special prize which included some art supplies and a framed copy of their postcard design.



### 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.



We are delighted to announce that our school has maintained its Gold School Games Mark status.

## Fun in Felixstowe

On Thursday 2nd July Year 5 visited Felixstowe as part of their Geography topic of *Oceans*.

The purpose of the visit was to gather data through fieldwork to answer the question '*How do human activities affect the coastline at Felixstowe?*' The children visited two sites to make observations and gathered data. They also had the opportunity to learn more about coastal process like tides and longshore drift as well as used techniques to measure wind speed through activities led by Mrs Wilmott.

In between all their hard work there was time to throw stones and enjoy ice poles on a hot and busy day.

The behaviour of the children was exemplary, and they were thanked by the bus driver who was also notably impressed with their behaviour. They were a credit to the school.



Year 1 also enjoyed a fun day at Felixstowe exploring a coastal location.



## Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

For other serious or urgent issues, contact Customer First directly on 0808 800 4005

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free 24/7 crisis support. Parents wanting advice can also contact the

YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544

## Staying Safe during the Summer

Follow this [link](#) for a useful 90 second video



## Fidget Toys and Squishy Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring in fidget toys or squishy toys from home. There have been recent reports in the [media](#) about some items being unsafe and having strong chemical smells. Trading Standards warn that such toys often look like food, such as jelly cubes, butter blocks or steamed buns, which could cause choking or ingestion hazards to small children.

Some children have been given fidget toys by their teacher to help with concentration. We know that these products are compliant with UK legislation and safe to use. Thank you.



## New email addresses

From **September**, please use the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher.

[penguins@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:penguins@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[puffins@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:puffins@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year1@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year1@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year2@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year2@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year3@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year3@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year4@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year4@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year5@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year5@stmargaretsipswich.org)

[Year6@stmargaretsipswich.org](mailto:Year6@stmargaretsipswich.org)

Thank you

# GOODBYE



We say a huge **thank you** and a fond farewell to these members of staff.

Mrs Rolland, Mrs Mayhew, Mrs Curtis, Miss Baillie, Mr Newson, Mrs Izzard and Mrs Brown.

## Suffolk Libraries Summer Reading Quest

Follow the [link](#) to find out more about reading activities at your local library this summer.



## Music News from Mrs Gower

### Summer Concert

On 13th July 2026, we held our annual Summer Concert in St Margaret's Church. The audience enjoyed outstanding performances by our school orchestra, Melody Makers Choir, and ensembles and solo pieces played on cello, violin, French Horn, trumpet, cornet, keyboard, piano, guitar, flute and clarinet. Every performance was given to such a high standard. It was a magical hour of music making by our talented and enthusiastic musicians. Thank you to everyone who took part for giving us such an enjoyable concert.



### Grimm! - Year 6 End of Year Musical

What a show! We were wowed by fabulous performances by Year 6, in this 'Brothers Grimm fairytale story with a twist'! The humorous moments had the audience laughing away, with great acting and singing throughout. We were so impressed with the confidence shown by both show casts and the teamwork and collaboration shown by all the children in making this the best St Margaret's Year 6 show to date. So many of the children deserve a special mention for their excellent performances.

Well done everyone - we are all so proud of you!



We said farewell to our Year 6 leavers on Wednesday afternoon (15th July), with a lovely service sharing memories and music. The 'Cups Song' was performed brilliantly by our 'cups percussion' group and the singing was great too! Year 6 pupils shared pride and passion in their singing, speaking clearly and eloquently in their reflections. We wish our Year 6 children every success for the future.

### THANK YOU

We are so proud to have such a talented and committed group of young people who attend music groups and instrumental lessons every week, including those who learn an instrument outside school. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and to parents for your support.

# WONDERFULLY M.A.D.E. SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

# SUMMER FESTIVALS

All children are welcome

Food • Culture

 20<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July

 Monday to Friday  
(No weekends)

 9am – 2pm

 Burlington Church Halls  
2–6 Burlington Road, Ipswich, IP1 2HA

 Ages 5–11

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

-  PE & Team Games
-  Health Education
-  Arts & Crafts
-  Workshops & Presentations
-  Cooking & Baking
-  Outdoor Challenges

## A SUMMER OF FESTIVALS!

### FOOD FESTIVAL

- Cooking • Baking  
Tasting

### CULTURAL FESTIVAL

- Global Crafts  
• Costumes

## PRICES

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Full Day: £35

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