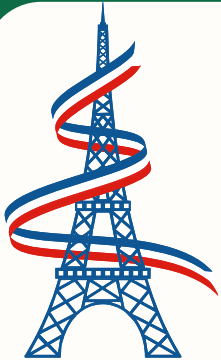


# St Margaret's CEVA Primary



Newsletter Spring 4  
Friday 1th March 2025



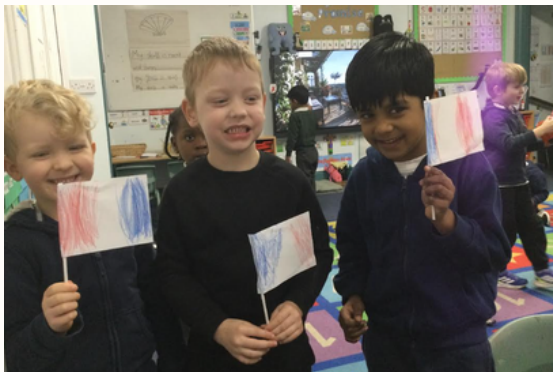
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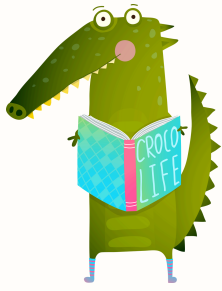
Bonjour

We enjoyed French day last Friday and all the activities that Mrs Webster prepared for us. The children got stuck into a range of exciting lesson!s

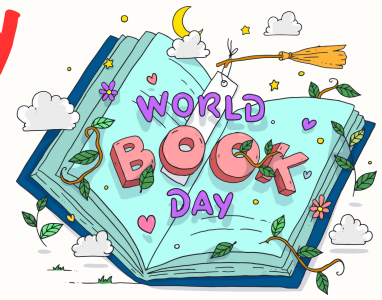
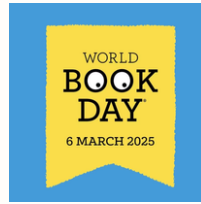
Reception children competed in their own Tour de France on the trikes on the astroturf, Year 6 built some magnificent Eiffel Towers out of paper straws, Year 5 tried out a French recipe and there was many other culturally enriching activities.

Below are some pictures of these events.





# World Book Day



We had an exciting World Book Day with staff and children dressing up. The children had an opportunity to read with children from another year group in the school, design their own spines for their favourite book and delve into enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

Mrs Izzard and Miss Elsdon, our English leads, handed out some new picture books to each class for story time that we have each day.

We have put a link here which explains the benefits of reading:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/impact-and-research/Research/the-benefits-of-reading/>



# Sad News



We are very sorry to tell you that one of our school governors, Mrs Gill Jackson, passed away unexpectedly last weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time.

Gill was the chair person of our Learning and Standards committee and was committed to working with the staff to provide the very best curriculum and opportunities possible for our young learners. Gill showed enormous generosity with her time, supported the staff and leadership with her knowledge and wisdom and was regularly seen in school visiting and monitoring.

Some of you may know Gill from worshipping at St Margaret's church.  
Gill will be greatly missed.

# Invitation



Let's be  
**Together!**

Starting on the  
**20th of March**  
3.30pm until 5pm in  
St Margaret's Church Centre on  
Bolton Lane,  
A new way of gathering to learn  
about God, especially for children  
& their families.  
Stories, activities, prayer and food!

Future dates -17th April  
22nd May  
19th June  
17th July

**ALL WELCOME!**



of faiths and none



Dear Parents and Carers, I wish to introduce myself. I am the new fulltime Curate at St Margaret's Church where I have been worshipping for around 15 years and a former school parent as well.

I am writing to invite you and your children to our new monthly after school gathering in the Church Centre on Thursday the 20th of March at 3.30pm. There will be Bible storytelling, activities and a warm shared meal each time and we would love for you to join us if you can.

Following dates are all the 3rd Thursday of the month.

If you have any questions or want more information please do contact me

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Blessings  
Rev Helen

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 11th March	Silent Disco Years 4, 5 and 6	
Monday 17th March	Wonderdome Planetarium visiting	
Thursday 20th March	Year 2 to Colchester Zoo	
Thursday 27th March	Wonderful Women Day	
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer Term	
Academic Calendar Dates	<a href="https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/">https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/</a>	



## Lent



We started Lent this week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. The children have all brought home Lent activity sheets.

Lent is the forty days preceding Easter in the Christian calendar.

It remembers the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, when he was tempted. By observing Lent and making a 'Lenten sacrifice' Christians remember and reflect on this period of Jesus' life, prior to the celebrations of Easter, and draw us closer to God.



## Ramadan



Evening of Fri, 28 Feb 2025 – Sun, 30 Mar 2025

We also remember our families who are observing Ramadan. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is important during Ramadan as it Muslims believe it allows to devote themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah, or God.