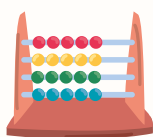


St Margaret's CEVA Primary

Newsletter Spring 3

Friday 14th February 2025



NSPCC Number Day

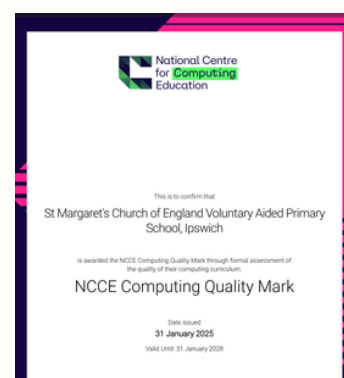


We celebrated 'Number Day' in aid of NSPCC. If you have already donated to our online appeal thank you so much. The children have had lots of fun with maths and numbers all day. Thanks to Mrs Elliott-Duff for organising this.

Computing Award

We have been recognised for delivering high-quality computing education to young people, developing their digital skills and preparing them for the future!

Huge congratulations go to Miss Benjamin and the teaching team who have achieved the national Computing Quality Mark after evaluation of our computing education and demonstrating high-quality provision. The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by a school as part of their curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework





Safer Internet Day



All children were given a special age appropriate assembly this week reminding them to stay safe online. Mrs Cashen sends out regular newsletters to parents for practical support, but I would like to reinforce the message below.

A very popular tv show called Squid Games has made its way onto school playgrounds. Due to the inappropriateness of this show (games that result in death) for primary age children, we have banned any games linked to this (e.g. red light, green light) and have clear consequences around any kind of rough play/play fighting. Please be aware that popular platforms are not always appropriate for primary aged children, for example:

Squid Games (15+), Fortnite (12+), Doki Doki Literature Club (13+).

Also, not all games on **Roblox** will be appropriate for your child. The platform has a setting that lets parents and carers limit what their child can play by allowing them to build lists of age-appropriate games. You can also switch off in-app spending or set them monthly limits. **Minecraft** also allows you to chat with someone that your child may not know. Please watch your settings.

We also spend time dealing with children falling out over conversations at home over WhatsApp. You must be at least 13 years old to register for and use **WhatsApp**. We would ask you to monitor your child's use of this if you do let them use it.

Many popular video games contain content that's too violent, scary, or mature for young players. As a parent, you need to stay informed and aware of these inappropriate games for your child online. This way, you can help protect your child from harmful experiences. Making sure your parental controls are set, will help you monitor and manage what your children access online, including the games they play. Hopefully we can work together to keep our children safe and make good choices about the games they play at home and how they tip into school.

We will be teaching the children traditional playground games in PE lessons so they begin to build a repertoire of social appropriate games, and the Year 6 play leaders are out every day encouraging and leading games for the younger children.



Subject Leader Profile

Mrs Sheeran Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENCO)



At St Margaret's, it is our vision and mission to try and ensure that all children have access to a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum so that they can reach their full potential. Our school is a warm, caring and happy place and we believe that we have much to offer those children with SEND. We strive to support our children to make excellent progress through targeted support and intervention.

Also, we regularly liaise with outside agencies to help ensure that all our children's needs are being met. Some of our interventions are below:

	<p>Accelerad Accelewrite is a targeted literacy intervention program designed to help children improve their reading, spelling, and writing skills. It's particularly effective for children who find literacy challenging, such as those with dyslexia or other specific learning needs.</p>
	<p>Numberstack is a fun and engaging intervention program designed to help children develop their number sense and math skills through hands-on activities. It's particularly effective for children who may find mathematics challenging or need additional support in understanding key concepts.</p>
	<p>Nessy is an interactive program designed to help children develop essential literacy skills such as reading, spelling, and writing. It's particularly effective for children with dyslexia or other learning challenges, offering a fun and supportive way to build confidence and improve their skills.</p>
	<p>Beat Dyslexia is a structured, multi-sensory program designed to support children who struggle with dyslexia or other literacy-related challenges. It focuses on developing essential reading, writing, and spelling skills through engaging and systematic activities tailored to each child's needs.</p>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 14th February	Well being/ French Enrichment Day	
W/B Monday 17th February	Half Term Week	No school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	
Tuesday 11th March	Silent Disco Years 4, 5 and 6	
Thursday 27th March	Wonderful Women Day	
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Summer Term	
Academic Calendar Dates	https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/	



**Football card
Trading Club will
not continue after
half term!**

