

ST MARGARET'S

Mailing



Dear Parents and Carers,

A wonderful couple of weeks have flown by at St M's, and it's been lovely to see all the children settling so well into their new classes and embracing their learning. I've been really impressed by the excellent attitudes to learning I've seen in classrooms — well done, children!

Working in partnership with parents is essential to support every child's education. I encourage all parents to attend the upcoming meetings with your child's teacher — appointments can be booked via Ping.

Further down in the newsletter, you'll find the whole-school calendar of events so you can get those key dates in your diary early. You can also view this year's trips and cultural capital events on our website:

<https://www.stmargarets.brighton-hove.sch.uk/parents/school-trips-and-enrichment>

The PTA AGM will take place on Monday 29th September at 2.30pm. Please do come along to find out how you can support our parent fundraising group — we'd love to welcome more volunteers!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Rachel & the St M's Team



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

You are all welcome to join us on Friday 3rd October 2025 at for our Harvest Service led by the children.



DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are kindly asking for food bank donations to support our local community. These can be brought in from next week, and will be displayed on Friday at our Harvest Service. A list of most needed items is included below. Thank you.



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ALIEN DAY - YEAR FIVE



As part of our Space topic, we came into school dressed up as aliens! We started our day by designing our own alien life forms and then we got put our artistic skills to the test, and created these creatures from clay. We also devised our own top trump cards and played against each other. We then designed our own planet that we are now using for our writing lessons.

Written by Tori-Mae and Mia

School Meals in Brighton & Hove ... tasty, healthy, social and fun

- Freshly prepared
- 95% of fruit & vegetables UK grown
- Meat from the UK/EU
- Meals cooked on site



There is such a thing
as a **FREE lunch**

For information about
Free School Meals
contact your child's
school or call 293497



Primary School Menus can be viewed at
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schoolmeals
Contact us schoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FUNDING

Do you qualify?

Did you know your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if your household receives Universal Credit or other income-related benefits?

These meals ensure children stay healthy, focused, and ready to learn—while saving families up to £495 per year!

Applying is simple and confidential through your local council. Even if you're unsure, it's worth checking—some families earning up to £26,000 may now qualify.

Plus, schools receive extra funding to support your child's education. Don't miss out—check your eligibility and apply today! Thanks for your support.



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SCHOOL FOOTBALL MATCH



We hosted our first football match of the year on Friday 19th September against St Martin's School.

The girls match

We struggled a little in the first half and conceded a lot of goals. We regrouped at half time and played really well in the second half. Ultimately we lost, but we enjoyed the game and tried our best.

The boys match

The first half was close with a half time score of 0-0. The second half saw lots of chances but we conceded 1 goal and unfortunately lost the match. We played well and are proud to have represented the school. We are very proud of the good sportsman ship shown by all pupils who played.

JUMBLE SALE IN AID OF GAZA

On Wednesday, 8th October at 1-6pm at St Margaret's Church, there will be a jumble sale of children's clothes and toys in aid of the Gaza Crisis Appeal (CAFOD). To donate items or help out, please bring items into the school office. Come along and grab a bargain for a great cause!



SAVE THE LIBRARY

Rottingdean Library is under threat of closure, and our community is rallying to protect this vital space.

Please support the campaign by signing the petition, responding to Brighton & Hove City Council's consultation, and spreading the word. Every voice counts in keeping this cherished resource open.

We have entered some posters into a competition that has been set up as an exhibition in St Margaret's Church. Pop along to see what is displayed and find out who will claim the winning entry on 2nd October!

Visit saverottingdeanlibrary.co.uk to learn more and take action today!

ART EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S POSTERS SAVE ROTTINGDEAN LIBRARY



24/09 - 03/10
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH,
ROTTINGDEAN

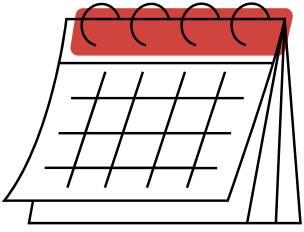
JOIN US HERE FOR A
SPECIAL CELEBRATION
OF THE WINNING
POSTERS AND PRIZE
PRESENTATION!

02/10 - 3:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

A full list of dates was issued this week and the calendars are included in the newsletter below. Some of the key dates coming up this half term are:

KS1 Reading workshop for parents: Wednesday 1st October 9:00am
SEND Coffee Afternoon 2nd October 2:00pm
Harvest Service 3rd October 2025 9:00am at School
Year 4 trip to Bignor Villa
KS2 Reading workshop for parents: Wednesday 8th October 9:00am
Parents Evening 13th and 15th October from 3:30pm-6:00pm
booking open on Ping now
Year 6 PGL 22nd-24th October
HALF TERM 27th - 31st October

Celebrating us!

★ Our learning skills winners are:

Foxes - Avni
Squirrels - Gogo
Badgers - Jack
Otters - Bastien
Woodpeckers - Lolita
Owls - Camilla

**GOLDEN DUSTPAN
WINNERS: OWLS**



AUTUMN TERM 2025 DATES

Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
1	Mo	1	We	1	Sa	1	Mo
			Black History Month 9:00 KS1 Parents Reading				Assessment Week
2	Tu	2	Th	2	Su	2	Tu
			SEND Coffee 2pm				DecemBAR Month
3	We	3	Fr	3	Mo	3	We
	INSET		9am Harvest Service		8.40am School reopens		9.30am TOUR
4	Th	4	Sa	4	Tu	4	Th
	8.40am School reopens				Y3 to Michelham Priory Girls football (selected)		
5	Fr	5	Su	5	We	5	Fr
					1:30pm TOUR		
6	Sa	6	Mo	6	Th	6	Sa
			Y6 Bikeability all week				
7	Su	7	Tu	7	Fr	7	Su
			Y4 to Bignor Roman Villa		Flu Vaccines		
8	Mo	8	We	8	Sa	8	Mo
			9:00 KS2 Parents Reading				
9	Tu	9	Th	9	Su	9	Tu
			Y1 Forest school session				
10	We	10	Fr	10	Mo	10	We
			Y5 to Herstmonceux		Anti-Bullying Week 9.00am KS2 Parents Maths		
11	Th	11	Sa	11	Tu	11	Th
					9am Remembrance Service Y3 Forest school session		2pm Nativity
12	Fr	12	Su	12	We	12	Fr
					Cross Country		Xmas jumper day 2pm Carol Service
13	Sa	13	Mo	13	Th	13	Sa
			Y6 Heights & Weights Parents Evening		Y3 Forest school		
14	Su	14	Tu	14	Fr	14	Su
			9:30am TOUR				
15	Mo	15	We	15	Sa	15	Mo
	3.15pm Meet New Teacher		Parents Evening				
16	Tu	16	Th	16	Su	16	Tu
							Santa Dash event
17	We	17	Fr	17	Mo	17	We
	Y5 Alien Day						Xmas dinner Day
18	Th	18	Sa	18	Tu	18	Th
					Y4 Forest school 1.30pm TOUR		Santa Dash (reserve day)
19	Fr	19	Su	19	We	19	Fr
					9.00am KS1 Parents Maths Individual photos		Last day of term
20	Sa	20	Mo	20	Th	20	Sa
					Y2 Forest school session		
21	Su	21	Tu	21	Fr	21	Su
			Pm boys football (selected children)				
22	Mo	22	We	22	Sa	22	Mo
	BHCM Harvest assembly		Y6 PGL				CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
23	Tu	23	Th	23	Su	23	Tu
	Brighton college Make a Difference Day		Y6 PGL				
24	We	24	Fr	24	Mo	24	We
			Y6 PGL Finish for half term				
25	Th	25	Sa	25	Tu	25	Th
26	Fr	26	Su	26	We	26	Fr
	Y5 Forest school session 3.15pm Macmillan coffee						
27	Sa	27	Mo	27	Th	27	Sa
			HALF TERM WEEK				
28	Su	28	Tu	28	Fr	28	Su
					2:30 Curriculum Showcase		
29	Mo	29	We	29	Sa	29	Mo
30	Tu	30	Th	30	Su	30	Tu
		31	Fr			31	We



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SPRING TERM 2026 DATES

Jan	Feb	Mar
1 Th	1 Su	1 Su
2 Fr	2 Mo 9.00am Candlemas service National Story Telling Week	2 Mo World Book Week
3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu
4 Su	4 We	4 We
5 Mo INSET - school closed	5 Th	5 Th World Book Day
6 Tu 8.40am School reopens	6 Fr Numbers Day	6 Fr
7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa
8 Th 1:30pm TOUR	8 Su	8 Su
9 Fr	9 Mo	9 Mo National Science Week
10 Sa	10 Tu Safer Internet Day	10 Tu Assessment Week
11 Su	11 We	11 We
12 Mo	12 Th	12 Th
13 Tu	13 Fr Finish for half term	13 Fr
14 We Y5 Roedean sessions start	14 Sa	14 Sa
15 Th	15 Su	15 Su
16 Fr	16 Mo HALF TERM	16 Mo Y4 Let's Dance week
17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Tu
18 Su	18 We Ash Wednesday	18 We
19 Mo	19 Th	19 Th
20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Fr 2.30pm curriculum showcase
21 We	21 Sa	21 Sa
22 Th 9.00am SEND Coffee Morning	22 Su	22 Su
23 Fr	23 Mo 8.40am School reopens	23 Mo Parents Evening
24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Tu
25 Su	25 We	25 We Y4 Streetfunk dance event Parents Evening
26 Mo	26 Th	26 Th 9:15 Easter Service - Church
27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Fr Last day of term
28 We	28 Sa	28 Sa
29 Th		29 Su
30 Fr		30 Mo EASTER BREAK
31 Sa		



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SUMMER TERM 2026 DATES

Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1 We EASTER BREAK	1 Fr Mental Health Awareness month	1 Mo 8.40am School reopens Y4 MTC Window	1 We
2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Fr	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr 2.30pm Curriculum Showcase
4 Sa	4 Mo BANK HOLIDAY	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Su	5 Tu Y5 Bikeability sessions	5 Fr World Environment Day	5 Su
6 Mo	6 We Y5 Bikeability sessions	6 Sa	6 Mo
7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu 1.30pm Y6 leavers service -Hove
8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo Y1 Phonics check week Class photos	8 We
9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th Y4 last swimming lessons
10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr Reports Issued to Parents
11 Sa	11 Mo SATS WEEK – YEAR 6	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 Mo INSET – school closed	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo
14 Tu 8.40am School reopens	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu 6pm Y6 leavers show
15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We
16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th
17 Fr	17 Su	17 We	17 Fr
18 Sa	18 Mo	18 Th	18 Sa
19 Su	19 Tu 2.00pm SEND Coffee	19 Fr	19 Su
20 Mo	20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo
21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu 9am Y6 Leavers Assembly Last day of the year
22 We	22 Fr 9am Pentecost Service Finish for half term	22 Mo	22 We INSET – school closed
23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Fr	24 Su	24 We Withdean Athletics	24 Fr
25 Sa	25 Mo HALF TERM	25 Th Pm sports day	25 Sa
26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr INSET – school closed	26 Su
27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo
28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo Assessment Week	29 We
30 Th Y4 Swimming starts	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
	31 Su		31 Fr



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INSET DATES 2025 -2026

We have now finalised our INSET dates for next academic year.
All the dates for next year are now published in the calendar
below.

Please organise your holidays in the school holidays!



School term dates 2025/26 St Margaret's CE Primary School

	September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	

	January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026					
Monday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
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	May 2026					June 2026					July 2026					August 2026					
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Key

- Bank holidays (see details below)
- School holidays
- 3 September = INSET day for most schools
(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

First day of term

Last day of term

Bank holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	Thurs 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Fri 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thurs 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Fri 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Mon 6 April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Mon 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31 August 2026

Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	38
Autumn 2 nd half	35
Spring 1 st half	30
Spring 2 nd half	25
Summer 1 st half	29
Summer 2 nd half	38
TOTAL	195
	(includes 5 INSET days)

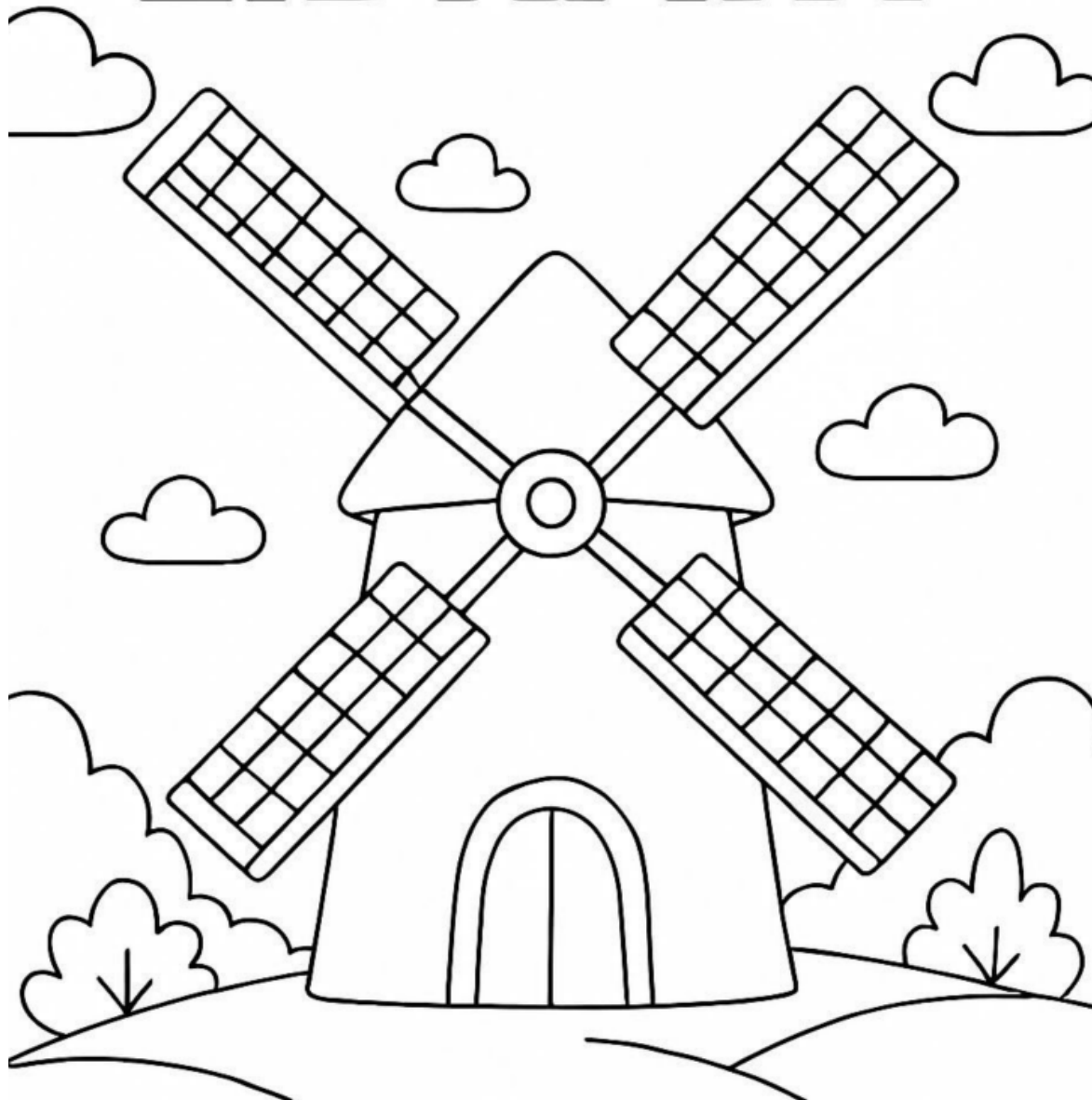


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[Colouring Sheet for children - to download a printable copy click here](#)

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**DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED TOYS
OR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING?
CAN YOU BAKE A CAKE?**

We are seeking good-quality children's toys and clothes,
plus homemade bakes, for our charity jumble sale in aid of

**CAFOD GAZA
CRISIS APPEAL**

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Please drop donations to St. Margaret's school office.
Cake donations on Wednesday 8th only please.

Can you volunteer your time?

Are you available on the 8th October anytime between 1 – 6pm?
We would love your help setting up, running a stall or packing up.
Please message Kate on **07802211563** for more info.



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HARVEST NEEDS LIST

Currently we require the following items -

TINNED MEAT - curry, corned beef, pies, spam, hot dogs, mince, meatballs

TINNED FISH - tuna, sardines, salmon, mackerel

INSTANT COFFEE & TEA

JAMS & SPREADS

PASTA SAUCES

RICE & NOODLES

TINNED TOMATOES

HOT CHOCOLATE

SHOWER GEL & SHAMPOO

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED RICE PUDDING

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Thank you so much for your amazing support.



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