

# ST MARGARET'S

## Mailing



Dear St M's families,  
It's the most wonderful time of the year!

What a week of fabulous celebrations we have had at St M's - we were so proud of all of the children for their singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to our fantastic staff team as ever, for all their efforts in putting together these performances. A huge thank you to you all for your continued support and lovely feedback - it is always much appreciated.

Next week is the last week of a busy and action packed Autumn term and the fun and busyness continues!! We are looking forward to our Santa Dash on Tuesday, and I have been overwhelmed by the sponsorship donations we have received already - thank you so much.

The monies raised from our Santa Dash will be going towards brand new Science equipment across the school that all children will benefit from using during their time at St M's. This will enhance our science curriculum and allow us to do more 'hands on' scientific learning - we are looking forward to placing an order in the New Year.

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



It is very important that you do not send your child to school with anything that contains nuts, as we have children and staff who have nut allergies - thank you for your support with this.



Parking in the Lane should be for blue badge holders ONLY. If you do have to drive up the Lane, please ensure you drive slowly for the safety of our whole school community - thank you for your support.



**NEW PARENT TOURS**  
Come and see our fabulous school in action!  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
at 1:30pm



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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!



It's always such a joy to hear our KS2 children sing – they do it so beautifully. A big well done to Year 5 for creating the wonderful tableau moments during the service, and to all the children for their fantastic reading, singing, and acting. This was a lovely, reflective occasion that reminded us of the importance of giving and helping others at this time of year. Big thank you to our staff as well for pulling it all together!

Thank you so much for all your kind words and feedback about the performance – they mean a lot to us!

## THANK YOU!

We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Mrs Avey and Dobbies Garden Centre for our beautiful real Christmas tree!

Miss Avey entered us into a competition to win a real tree for the school and we won!! A big thank you also to the PTA who gave up their time to decorate it for us all to enjoy - it looks fabulous!



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## NATIVITY



‘Baarmy Bethlehem’ was a joyful celebration of everything that makes this time of year so special in school. From the acting and singing to the dancing and sheer enthusiasm, the children brought such energy and warmth to the stage – it truly was a performance to treasure.

We’ve received so many lovely compliments from parents, and the KS1 team is thrilled to hear how much you enjoyed it. A huge well done to all the children and staff for creating such a fabulous show!

An apology from silly Mrs Kershaw - I was given one job at the nativity and that was to take photos for the newsletter..... and I was enjoying it so much, I forgot to take any - and so we only have this one that another staff member took. I am sure you all have lots of photos that you took yourselves, and Mrs Kershaw has learnt her lesson that she must listen harder to instructions given!!!!



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# 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER SANTA DASH

We will be holding our sponsored Santa Dash in school. The sponsorship forms will be sent home for completion and there is one included within the newsletter.



# 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Christmas lunch day at school for children. Children can opt to have a hot Christmas dinner, a vegetarian option will be available or bring a packed lunch if they prefer. Festive clothes can be worn!



# ST MARGARET'S *Santa Dash*

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Santa Dash is a sponsored fun run that your child will complete with their class. They will be dashing around like Santa on Christmas eve tackling a variety of obstacles en route!

**Sponsorship money can be brought into the school office until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



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## SEND - PACC COFFEE MORNING

Please note that the Parent and Carer Council (PaCC) coffee morning has been rearranged and will now be held on the 8th January. **Please do come and support this.**

If you haven't yet completed the survey, I really would encourage you to do so as this will provide valuable feedback via PaCC for us to then work on developing our provision even further.

Parent Survey link [PACC survey link](#)



**At St Margaret's Primary School**  
**Thursday 8 January 2026, 8.50-10.20am**  
*(report to the school reception after school drop-off)*

The Parent Carers' Council (PaCC) is a forum of parent carers of children with additional needs, who work to help improve services and support in the Brighton and Hove area.

PaCC is holding an event at your school for parent carers of children with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND). This is part of a project called PINS - Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. It is funded by NHS England and aims to improve the experience of neurodivergent children in mainstream primary schools.

At this session, we'll talk a bit about the project, the support and services available in the local area, and provide a chance to meet other parent carers and share experiences. There's no need to book—just come along!

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## SPRING TERM 2026 DATES

### UPDATED FOR JANUARY 2026

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 Multi sports festival
3 Sa		3 Tu	Book fair in school all week	3 Tu	
4 Su		4 We		4 We	Swimming championships
5 Mo	<u>INSET</u> - school closed	5 Th	Indoor Athletics (Y5 & Y6)	5 Th	World Book Day
6 Tu	8.40am School reopens	6 Fr	Numbers Day	6 Fr	
7 We	3.15 school nurse dental team	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	Y5 last <del>Roedean</del> session
12 Mo		12 Th	Valentine's Disco PTA	12 Th	Y4 beach school
13 Tu	Rec Heights and Weights Y6 Antarctica Day	13 Fr	Finish for half term	13 Fr	
14 We	Y5 <del>Roedean</del> 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	Y1 forest school session
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 <del>Streetfunk</del> dance event Parents Evening
26 Mo		26 Th	Y3 Chinese New Year Day	26 Th	9:15 Easter Service - Church
27 Tu	Pm Y4 badminton	27 Fr	Y5 forest school session	27 Fr	Last day of term
28 We		28 Sa		28 Sa	
29 Th	Y1 to Paradise Park			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 <small>TM Y4 MTC Window</small>	1 We
2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Fr	3 Su Children's Parade	3 We	3 Fr Curriculum Showcase
4 Sa	4 Mo BANK HOLIDAY	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Su	5 Tu <small>Y5 bike/Take The Temp Week 4.30am FGB</small>	5 Fr World Environment Day	5 Su
6 Mo	6 We <small>Y5 Bikeability</small>	6 Sa	6 Mo <small>SEND</small>
7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu Y6 leavers service – Hove
8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo Phonics Screening Week Class photos / <small>TM</small>	8 We
9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th Y4 swimming ends
10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr Reports Issued to Parents
11 Sa	11 Mo SATS WEEK <small>SEND</small>	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 Mo <small>INSET – RE/PSHE Pupil progress meetings</small>	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo Pupil leadership meets <small>TM</small>
14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu 6pm Y6 leavers show
15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo Pupil Leadership <small>TM</small>	15 We
16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th
17 Fr	17 Su	17 We <small>Withdrawn Athletics</small>	17 Fr
18 Sa	18 Mo Pupil leadership meets <small>Curriculum - English</small>	18 Th 9.30am CNCS assembly	18 Sa
19 Su	19 Tu SEND Coffee 2pm	19 Fr	19 Su
20 Mo Subject Leadership	20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo <small>TM</small>
21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu 9am Y6 Leavers Assembly
22 We	22 Fr Pentecost Service	22 Mo Pupil Voice Whole School <small>TM</small>	22 We INSET
23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr
25 Sa	25 Mo HALF TERM	25 Th Pm sports day	25 Sa
26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr INSET	26 Su
27 Mo Pupil leadership meets <small>Curriculum - Maths</small>	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo
28 Tu Govs - Resources	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo <small>Writing Moderation Assessment Week</small>	29 We
30 Th <small>9.30am CNCS assembly Y4 Swimming starts</small>	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
	31 Su		31 Fr



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## SPECIAL TICKETS FOR SCHOOL KIDS & FAMILIES

2 ADULTS  
**£15**

CHILDREN U16  
**FREE**



## BE PART OF AN EQUAL FA CUP



MEET THE PLAYERS



EXCITING FOOTBALL



FUN ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY  
**14 DEC**  
**4 PM**

AN EXCITING AFTERNOON AT THE DRIPPING PAN AWAITS FULL OF AMAZING FOOD & DRINKS, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, AND MUCH MORE. JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OUT!

The Dripping Pan

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22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th December

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SPORTSCOOL BRIGHTON PRESENTS



## WINTER MULTI SPORTS CAMP!

LONGHILL SPORTS CENTRE, BN2 7FR

08:30 - 15:30 4\* - 11 YEARS

\*4 year old must be picked up at 12:30 (£20)

£27 PER DAY

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# ART EXPLORERS

EVERY SATURDAY @19A STUDIOS

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

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EVERY CHILD TAKES THEIR OWN CANVAS HOME



## WHAT HAPPENS?

- 8:30 DROP OFF  
MEET AND GREET
- 8:30 - 9:30 EXPLORING ART  
EXPLORING ART (DIFFERENT ACTIVITY EACH WEEK)
- 9:30-9:45 TIDY UP AND SNACK  
FRUIT AND HEALTHY SNACK
- 9:45 PICK UP

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## ABOUT ME



### LUCY DIXON

- 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN
- LEVEL 3 PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID TRAINING
- DBS CERTIFIED
- MA IN ILLUSTRATION
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