

ST MARGARET'S

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic couple of weeks we've had in school—full of learning, enrichment, and community spirit. Our Harvest service last Friday was an absolute joy to be part of. It was wonderful to see the Hall so full (possibly the busiest it's ever been!) and to hear such lovely feedback from so many of you. A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant contributions.

Thank you also for your generosity in supporting our local food bank. Brighton and Hove City Mission collected all the donations on Monday and asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to you all.

Next week is a busy one with parents' evenings. Please do make sure you attend your booked slot—it's a great opportunity to hear how your child is settling into their new year group and to ask any questions you might have.

We're also kicking off our new parent tours next week. As always, our St M's families are amazing at spreading the word about our wonderful school, and we'd love for you to keep doing just that. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

And finally, on a personal note—thank you so much to those of you who've taken the time to share kind and supportive words with me following the news about the temporary change to my role. Your thoughtfulness has meant a lot.

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

NEW PARENT TOURS

Come and see our fabulous school in action!!
9.30am Tuesday 14th October



REMINDER

We have noticed an increase in the amount of toys coming in from home. We'd like to kindly remind everyone that toys should not be brought into school.

As you know, we are an OPAL school and have ensured that playtimes are very well resourced with a range of resources for children to enjoy. While we understand that children may be excited to share their favourite items, toys can be distracting during learning time and may get lost or damaged, which then upsets children. Thank you.



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BIKEABILITY



Our Year 6's have had the Bikeability team in this week to help them feel more confident with cycling. The children have been off site, cycling around the village, learning how to manage risk and cycle safely - well done Owls!

PTA

Our wonderful PTA will be holding a fundraising Disco 'inferno' Thursday 6th November for all children. Please make sure that you are signed up to School Ping where all the information will be shared with you.

I would also like to say a HUGE THANKS to Donna (ex-Chair) and Alex (ex-Treasurer) who stood down at the PTA AGM recently - your contributions to the PTA have been appreciated so much by us all over recent years - thank you both so much.



READING WORKSHOPS

We have held two reading workshops in school delivered by Miss Coney (English lead). One for our KS1 and EYFS parents, and another for our KS2 parents.

Thank you to those who were able to attend. If you've missed out on these sessions, please go to our website where you can see a copy of the presentation and other tools that you are able to use to support your child with reading at home.



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BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA



This week, Year 4 went on an exciting trip to Bignor Roman Villa! We had so much fun learning about Roman life. We made flour using stone querns, just like the Romans did, and saw amazing mosaics, including a really cool one of Medusa!

We also wrote on wax tablets, played Roman games, and explored the villa while learning all about how people lived in Roman times. It was a brilliant day and we all really enjoyed it!

OPEN THE BOOK

We enjoyed the first of many 'Open The Book' assemblies this year delivered by Cardinal Newman Students.

The program is designed to bring Bible stories to life through the 'Open The Book' project by the Bible Society. Trained in drama, the students delivered an engaging assembly to our school using costumes, props, and storytelling—making scripture accessible, creative, and memorable for young children.

We are looking forward to the next one!



LIBRARY POSTER WINNER

We're delighted to share that Soreenna (Y4) has won the Save Rottingdean Library Campaign Poster Competition! Her creative and thoughtful design stood out among many wonderful entries and will be used to help raise awareness of the importance of keeping our local library open.

Libraries are more than just buildings filled with books—they are vibrant community hubs that support learning, imagination, and connection. We are incredibly proud to have taken part in this campaign and to see our children engaging with such an important cause.

Well done, Soreenna, and thank you to everyone who participated!



PARENT GOVERNOR



We will shortly have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body. This is a fantastic opportunity for a parent to play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of our school and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

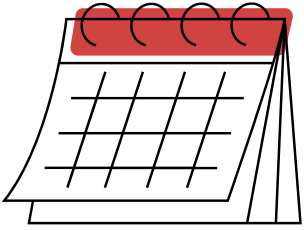
We will issue all the paperwork after half term ready for an election before the New Year, but in the meantime, if you wish to have an initial look at what the role of Governor entails, then you can find more information here:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/jobs/open-vacancies-and-how-apply-brighton-hove-city-council/volunteering-opportunities/become-school-governor>



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UPCOMING EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

A full list of dates was issued in the previous newsletter and the calendars are included in the newsletter again below.

Some of the key dates coming up this half term are:

Parents Evening 13th and 15th October from 3:30pm-6:00pm

New parents tour - 9.30am on 14th October

Year 6 PGL 22nd-24th October

HALF TERM 27th - 31st October

School reopens at 8.40am on 3rd November

Celebrating us!

Our learning skills winners are:

Hedgehogs - Lioba

Foxes - Elora

Squirrels - Amelie

Badgers - Elizabeth

Otters - Robert

Owls - Isabella

GOLDEN DUSTPAN: Foxes

HOUSEPOINT WINNERS: [SAPPHIRE](#)

This week, we're delighted to share that our school has been awarded a Get Out! Grant—one of a series of £500 grants provided by EVOLVE Advice. The aim of the grant is to support children in experiencing the benefits of learning beyond the classroom.

We've always proudly funded the Year 6 surf lifesaving day ourselves, but thanks to this successful application, we're now able to cover the cost through the grant—making it even more sustainable for the future.



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ST MARGARET'S PRESENTS

DISCO INFERNO



FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER



**FINISH:
16:30**

**£7
PER CHILD**

AUTUMN TERM 2025 DATES

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



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

COTTESMORE ST MARY THE UPPER DRIVE, BN3 6NB

MON 27 OCT WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

TUE 28 OCT NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

WED 29 OCT ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS, TREATS & CAMPFIRE FUN!

THU 30 OCT BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS

FRI 31 OCT WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT, GAMES & CHALLENGES!

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WED 22 OCT BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS

THU 23 OCT WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT, GAMES & CHALLENGES!

FRI 24 OCT WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

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