

ST MARGARET'S

Mailing



Dear St M's families,

What a glorious and action-packed two weeks it has been! I've been fortunate to spend more time at St M's recently, and it has been wonderful to see all the fantastic learning, enrichment and play taking place. St M's truly is a special place.

Planning for the summer term is well underway, and you'll find a list of updated dates later in the newsletter. I'm also delighted to share that we have a new and enthusiastic play team in place. Together, we're looking forward to refreshing and revamping our outdoor play and learning offer for the summer term — and we need your help! Please do take a look at the next page for more details.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening next week to discuss your child's progress.

Wishing you a lovely — and hopefully sunny — weekend,

Rachel & the St M's Team

Play Equipment - After-School

As a safeguarding and safety reminder, please ensure that children do not use the school play equipment after school.

Staff are not on duty at this time, and we cannot guarantee safe supervision. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe at the end of the day.

Driving on the Lane - Important Safety Notice

We have received several reports of unsafe driving on the lane outside school. This is extremely concerning, and we ask all parents and carers to drive slowly, carefully, and with full attention at all times.

If you witness unsafe driving, please note the vehicle's number plate and report the incident directly to the police. Your support helps us keep our pupils, families, and staff safe.



OPAL PLAY



OPAL Outdoor Play & Learning – We Need Your Help!

As many of you know, we are continuing our exciting journey with the Outdoor Play and Learning Project, which aims to transform playtimes and give our children richer, more imaginative, active and social play experiences every day.

This term, our new play team will be working hard to revamp and refresh our outdoor areas, and we would be incredibly grateful for support from our school community. OPAL thrives when children have access to a wide range of open-ended, loose-parts resources – items that spark creativity, build teamwork, and encourage adventurous play.

Can You Help? We Are Collecting...

We are looking for donations of clean, safe, good-condition items such as:



If you have anything else you think might be useful, please feel free to ask – OPAL celebrates creativity and repurposing, so many everyday items can be transformed into play treasures!

How to Donate

Please bring items to the school office.

We can also arrange collection for larger items where needed.

Thank You!

Your donations make a huge difference. With your help, we can create an inspiring, exciting outdoor environment where every child can play, explore, collaborate and thrive.



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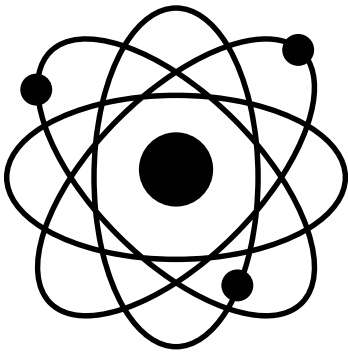


SCIENCE WEEK



We've had a fantastic time celebrating British Science Week, with a full timetable of exciting science activities taking place across the school all week long! This year's theme focusses on curiosity – encouraging children to ask questions, wonder why things happen, and think about how scientists explore and make sense of the world around them.

Across the school, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of investigations including making ice cream, testing static electricity, exploring shadows, investigating buoyancy, and experimenting with magnetism. Classrooms have been full of brilliant ideas, thoughtful questions, and exciting discoveries from our young scientists! British Science Week has been the perfect opportunity to spark imagination, celebrate scientific thinking, and inspire children to look a little closer at the world around them. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and fantastic scientific curiosity throughout the week!



CURRICULUM SHOW CASE



Thank you to all who could make it - we hoped you enjoyed seeing some of the learning that has been taking place this term.



DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM AND THE SUMMER TERM



Parents Evening

Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th March

Please ensure you arrive on time for your appointment slot and let us know in advance if you are now unable to attend - thank you.



INSET DAY

Reminder that Monday 13th April is an INSET day so no children in school



SUMMER TERM DATES

The calendar for the Summer term has been updated and is below. All trips and events for the term are on there, so get those dates in your diary.

Celebrating us!

Our learning skills winners are:

Hedgehogs - Willow

Foxes - Isaac

Squirrels - Maddie

Badgers - Elira

Otters - Gracie

Woodpeckers - Hollie

Owls - Ivy

GOLDEN DUSTPAN: Badgers

HOUSEPOINT WINNERS: DIAMOND



SUMMER TERM 2026 DATES

| Apr | | May | | Jun | | Jul | | | | | |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|----|-----|--|-----|----|--|----|----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | We | EASTER BREAK | 1 | Fr | Mental Health Awareness month | 1 | Mo | Y4 MTC Window | 1 | We | |
| 2 | Th | | 2 | Sa | | 2 | Tu | | 2 | Th | |
| 3 | Fr | | 3 | Su | | 3 | We | | 3 | Fr | Curriculum Showcase |
| 4 | Sa | | 4 | Mo | BANK HOLIDAY | 4 | Th | | 4 | Sa | |
| 5 | Su | | 5 | Tu | Y5 bikeability. Y6 Ilikelele starts | 5 | Fr | World Environment Day | 5 | Su | |
| 6 | Mo | | 6 | We | Y5 Bikeability | 6 | Sa | | 6 | Mo | Perform Workshops Y1, Y3, Y5 |
| 7 | Tu | | 7 | Th | | 7 | Su | | 7 | Tu | Y6 leavers service – Hove 1:30 |
| 8 | We | | 8 | Fr | VE Day | 8 | Mo | Phonics Screening Week Class photos | 8 | We | YR to Middle Farm |
| 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 | 11 | Th | | 11 | Sa | |
| 12 | Su | | 12 | Tu | | 12 | Fr | Y2 Pavilion Trip | 12 | Su | |
| 13 | Mo | INSET – school closed for pupils | 13 | We | | 13 | Sa | | 13 | Mo | Pupil leadership meets |
| 14 | Tu | | 14 | Th | | 14 | Su | | 14 | Tu | 6pm Y6 leavers show |
| 15 | We | | 15 | Fr | | 15 | Mo | | 15 | We | |
| 16 | Th | | 16 | Sa | | 16 | Tu | Y6 Surf Life Saving | 16 | Th | |
| 17 | Fr | | 17 | Su | | 17 | We | Widdean Athletics | 17 | Fr | |
| 18 | Sa | | 18 | Mo | | 18 | Th | 9.30am CNCS assembly | 18 | Sa | |
| 19 | Su | | 19 | Tu | Tri Golf (pm) SEND Coffee 2pm | 19 | Fr | | 19 | Su | |
| 20 | Mo | | 20 | We | Y6 Safety In Action (am) | 20 | Sa | | 20 | Mo | |
| 21 | Tu | | 21 | Th | | 21 | Su | | 21 | Tu | 9am Y6 Leavers Assembly |
| 22 | We | Perform EYFS/Y1/Y2 (am) | 22 | Fr | | 22 | Mo | | 22 | We | INSET – school closed for pupils |
| 23 | Th | Y4 Swimming starts | 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 – no swim | 25 | Sa | |
| 26 | Su | | 26 | Tu | | 26 | Fr | INSET – school closed for pupils | 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 | 9.30am CNCS assembly | 30 | Sa | | 30 | Tu | | 30 | Th | |
| | | | 31 | Su | | | | | 31 | Fr | |





ST. MARGARET'S PRIMARY BASKETBALL CLUB



**SKILLS, GAMES AND TEAM PLAY
AGES 7 - 11 (SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6)
FRIDAYS FROM 3.15 - 4.15 PM
FREE TRIAL SESSION AVAILABLE**

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All Experience Levels Welcome!

Ultimate Frisbee Easter Holiday Club

👤👦 Ages 5-17
(groups split by age)

📅 30th March - 2nd April
2026

🕒 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(early drop off & late pick up
available)

💷 £36 per day
Sibling & multi-day discounts
available

📍 Brighton Football Club,
Waterhall Rd, Brighton,
BN1 8YR

- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ DBS-checked coaches
- ✓ Build confidence, teamwork & coordination



Any other questions?
 07360 172017
 admin@youthultimate.co.uk
 www.youthultimate.co.uk/byu-holiday-clubs



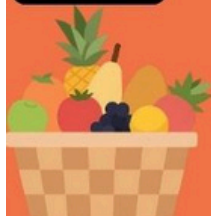


Experienced staff, SEND support

The Hub, Meridien Way, Peacehaven
7,8,9th April

Newhaven, Lewes Road Hut
10th, 11th, 12th April

Booking Link:
<https://eequ.org/easter2026pressplayfilmsci>



**HAF EASTER
ANIMATION, COOKING
& ACTIVITIES**

AGES 7-14

**Free animation, cooking
and games activities with
Press Play Films and Feel
Good Food,
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PRESS PLAY

World of Warhammer HAF workshops Ages 9 to 16

- **Friendly matches based on experience - all levels including beginners and experienced are welcome!**
- Make new terrain and customise models to add to your collection
- Improve your painting skills
- Design factions, develop backstories and get armies ready games.
- Booking: <https://eequ.org/easter2026pressplayfilmsci>
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April 8 and 9, 2026
@ The Railway Land, Lewes,
BN7 2FG

www.pressplayfilms.co.uk



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ALL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITY

CoppaFeel!
breast cancer awareness

BACK to 90's

A Dance Party

TICKET £20
+50P BOOKING FEE

FRI MAY 1ST

With DJ ATOMIX

THROW IT BACK TO THE 90S WITH BIG TUNES & NOSTALGIA, RAISING MONEY FOR COPPAFEEL & BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. ❤️

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND LET'S PARTY FOR A PURPOSE.

Saltdean Lido B12 8SP
7:30pm - 10:30pm

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FOR TICKETS VISIT - [TINYURL.COM/SALTDEAN90](https://tinyurl.com/saltdean90)



Level 1 & Level 2

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April

Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 April

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 –15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £47 per person.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847
or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April

Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 April

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a level 2 course and show allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £ per person.

To book your place, please contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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FOODIE WALL ART

COMPETITION

Let your imaginations run wild and win £200 fund for your school and £20 book voucher for **YOU!**

DEADLINE 31ST MARCH

CREATE AN A4 PAGE OF COLOURFUL, FOODIE-INSPIRED LANDSCAPES.

THINK BROCCOLI TREES, BAGUETTE FENCES, OR EVEN CARROT CHIMNEYS – THE MORE CREATIVE, THE BETTER!

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR **NAME, AGE AND SCHOOL ON THE BACK!**

EITHER POST TO **HOP HOUSE TN2 4HS** OR EMAILED TO **INFO@CATERLINKLTD.CO.UK**

Good luck



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