

ST MARGARET'S

Mailing



Dear St M's families,

Another busy couple of weeks has flown by at St M's, and there has been a great deal of hard work from everyone. Our school is such a wonderful place to be all year round, but particularly in the summer, when we are blessed with the most fabulous environment in which to learn and play.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us over recent weeks. We also have several more families joining us after half term. It is always a pleasure to welcome new children to the school, and we hope they settle in well with us.

There is plenty more to look forward to this term, including trips, Sports Day, the Year 6 production, and the PTA Summer Circus. Further details can be found in the newsletter below. We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks at our events.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Rachel & the St M's Team



Congratulations Year 6!

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs.

They approached the week with determination, resilience and a positive attitude, and we are incredibly proud of every one of them.

The children worked hard, supported one another and showed great maturity throughout. Whatever comes next, they should feel proud of all they have achieved.

Well done, Year 6 — we are so proud of you all!



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YEAR 5 BIKE ABILITY



Year 5 pupils have recently taken part in Bikeability Level 1, a programme that helps children develop essential cycling skills in a safe, off-road environment.

During the sessions, children focused on building confidence and control on their bikes. They practised key skills such as starting and stopping safely, maintaining balance, riding in a straight line, using simple signals, and becoming more aware of their surroundings.

Bikeability Level 1 places a strong emphasis on bike control, safety awareness and confidence, helping children develop responsible cycling habits before progressing to more complex situations.

The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and resilience, and it was great to see their confidence grow throughout the sessions. These skills are particularly important as children become more independent cyclists.

Well done to all of our Year 5 pupils for their excellent effort and positive attitudes.

YEAR 4 UKELELE LESSONS

Year 4 pupils have been enjoying learning to play the ukulele, giving all children the opportunity to experience learning a musical instrument.

Through these lessons, pupils will develop key musical skills such as keeping a steady beat, following rhythm patterns and working together as an ensemble. They have also shown great perseverance as they practised new techniques and grew in confidence.



We believe it is important that every child has the chance to learn an instrument, helping to build creativity, resilience and a love of music. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and pride in their progress.

We look forward to sharing more of their musical journey as the year continues.



IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

We would like to make families aware of important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, which will take effect from the start of the 2026-2027 academic year.

The government has confirmed that all children from households receiving Universal Credit (UC) will be eligible for free school meals, regardless of income. We want to ensure that every eligible child is registered so families receive the support they are entitled to and the school can continue to access vital funding.

From September 2026, there will be two FSM categories

Targeted Free School Meals

Children will qualify if their household:

- receives Universal Credit, and
- has annual earnings of £7,400 or less

Children in this category will receive:

- free school meals
- Pupil Premium funding for their school
- access to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme
- for secondary pupils, the extended rights element of school travel assistance (where applicable)

Extended Free School Meals

Children will qualify if their household:

- receives Universal Credit, and
- has annual earnings above £7,400

Children in this category will receive:

- free school meals only



Why registering matters

- your child can receive a free meal each school day
- the school receives extra funding to support learning, wellbeing and enrichment

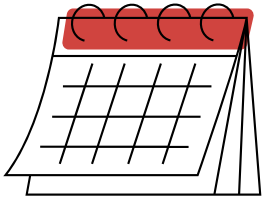
Even if your child does not usually have a school meal, registration is still very important.

You may be eligible if you receive:

Universal Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related ESA, Child Tax Credit (with an income limit), or support under the Immigration and Asylum Act. (You do not need to be working or unemployed.)



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



A full list of dates are listed below, but here are the highlights for this half term.

Tuesday 19th May - SEND Coffee Afternoon at 2pm

Wednesday 20th May - Year 6 Safety in Action trip

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - HALF TERM

Monday 8th June - Phonics Screening Week

Friday 12th June - Year 2 Brighton Pavillion trip

Tuesday 16th June - Year 6 - Surf Life Saving Day

Wednesday 17th June - Years 4-6 Withdean Athletics

Thursday 25th June - Sports Day - afternoon parents welcome!

Friday 26th June - INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Celebrating us!

Our learning skills winners are:

Hedgehogs - Hudson

Foxes - Christina

Squirrels - Layth

Badgers - Clem

Otters - Bear

Woodpeckers - Skye

Owls - THE WHOLE CLASS

GOLDEN DUSTPAN: Owls

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	Play & Stay EYFS
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 Y4 Ukulele 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	New EYFS Forest School
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	YR to Middle Farm
16	Th		16	Sa		16	Tu	Y6 Surf Life Saving	16	Th	
17	Fr		17	Su		17	We	Withdean Athletics	17	Fr	
18	Sa		18	Mo		18	Th	9.30am CNCS assembly New to EYFS Meeting	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	PTA Summer Circus	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	



Brighton and Hove Parent Carers' Council (PaCC)

'a voice for parent carers living in Brighton & Hove'

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/>



Resources and services available in Brighton & Hove for families of neurodivergent children

1. Information and support

Amaze



Amaze is a charity that gives information, advice and support to families with children and young people 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Contact SENDIASS sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk or 01273 772289

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/>

info@amazesussex.org.uk

01273 234020

Brighton & Hove Local Offer



TheLocalOffer is support for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families.

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities>

2. Parentcarers support groups and befriending

Amaze



Amaze runs regular, support groups in Brighton & Hove for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Some groups are in person, some are WhatsApp groups. Amaze also offer one-to-one befriending for those parents who need more individual support.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-groups-and-befriending/brighton-hove/>

info@amazesussex.org.uk

Brighton Pebbles



Brighton Pebbles provide support and groups for SEND families who live in Brighton & Hove, especially for families who find difficult to access mainstream activities because of their child's special needs.

<http://www.brightonpebbles.org.uk/>

brightonpebbles1@gmail.com

07506 105265

mASCot



mASCot is a parent led peer to peer support network for families with autistic children. mASCot brings families together and enables them to connect with others in similar situations as themselves.

<https://www.asc-mascot.com/>

info@asc-mascot.com

07943346055

T21 Brighton



T21 Brighton & Hove offers friendship & support for children & young people with Trisomy 21/Down Syndrome and their families. They run monthly preschool meet ups, info sessions, social & sporting activities.

T21Brighton@gmail.com

07930 418298

The Dads Group

The Dads Group brings fathers of children with additional needs and disabilities together, to meet and talk about issues that surround their family's lives.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-groups-and-befriending/>

dads@amazesussex.org.uk



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ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

COMING TO
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

★ SATURDAY 20TH JUNE ★

A central graphic featuring a white and yellow striped circus tent with a red flag on top. A blue banner with yellow text reads "CIRCUS" and a red banner with white text reads "PAZAZ". The background is a vibrant orange and yellow sunburst pattern with confetti and streamers. Various circus-themed items are scattered around: a pink cotton candy on a stick, three hot dogs in buns with mustard, and a blue balloon dog. A rainbow-colored hula hoop is also visible.

CIRCUS
PAZAZ

PRIORITY TICKET SALES

FOR ST. MARGARET'S FAMILIES
★ FRIDAY 8TH MAY ★



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BRIGHTON WATER SPORTS SAILING CENTRE

4-DAY MAY HALF TERM KIDS CLUB 2026



**MAY HALF TERM KIDS
CLUB**



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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.



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Saltdean Utd U9s (2025/26) Players Wanted

We are looking to add new players to an existing team with great new facilities. All abilities welcome. Training Saturdays 9am - 10am at Hill Park, Saltdean 3G. All Welcome.

Please contact Jack Sagar for more information. Thank you
(jacksagar@hotmail.com)



THE HIGHLAND JOKER PRESENTS

The Bubble Show

Join Mr Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes!

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Face TV New Zealand



Suitable for ages 3-12+

Guinness World Record Holder
Bubble Artist 2020

The Original



'The Bubble Show: flawlessly simple and full of wonder... engaging showmanship from bubble maestro the Highland Joker'
*****Deadline, Edinburgh

BRIGHTON FRINGE.



2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 May 2026, Wagner Hall
Saturdays 11:30am & Sundays 2pm
& Legends of Bubbleland 30-31 May
brightonfringe.org/events/the-bubble-show/



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MAY HOLIDAY CAMP

Longhill Sports Centre



26th 27th 28th & 29th May

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...

- Dodgeball
- Archery
- Fencing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Tri Golf
- Badminton & more...

£27/day, £100 for the week
£20/day, £72 for the week (4 y/o)

SCAN HERE



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Summer
Forest School
4th, 11th, 18th August
9.30am- 2.30pm

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Kirby Drive or Park
Avenue

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**BRIGHTON
GIRLS**
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Discovery Day



BRIGHTON GIRLS

22ND JUNE 9AM - 3.30PM



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