

ST MARGARET'S

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PRIDE

It starts with believing in yourself...



Dear St M's families,

Welcome back to the Summer term. With the sun shining, it has been wonderful to see everyone return in such positive spirits, setting a bright and uplifting tone for the weeks ahead. Our school value this term is Pride, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school life this week – they have returned with enthusiasm, kindness and a great attitude to learning.

We have an exciting term planned, packed full of enrichment opportunities that we are really looking forward to sharing with you. Please take time to check the dates included in this newsletter to stay up to date with everything happening over the coming weeks.

We have enjoyed a calm and settled start to the term, including refreshing our OPAL provision, and we would really value your support with this. Read on to find out how you can help.

We are excited for the term ahead and look forward to making the most of it together.

Best wishes, Rachel & the St M's Team

Toys

We still have a number of children bringing in toys from home. A gentle reminder that toys should not be brought into school. This helps prevent items from being lost or damaged. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and focused.

Welcome to new families

A very warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you are already beginning to feel settled. Starting at a new school is an exciting time, and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. Our staff are always here to support you, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

We wish you a happy and successful time with us and are very glad to welcome you to our school.



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LUNCH UPDATE

Please see the updated lunch menu options for Summer Term.

Freshly Baked Bread, Salad, Yoghurt and Fruit available daily.		Brighton & Hove Spring/Summer 2026				caterlink Leading the innovation	(V) Vegan Wholemeal
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option 1	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🍷	Pork Sausage Roll with Homemade Paprika Wedges	Marinated Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholewheat Penne Pasta Beef Bolognese 🍷	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2	Vegan Chilli with 50:50 Rice	BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta 🍷	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Cheesy Baked Bean Puff or Vegan Baked Bean Puff with Homemade Jacket Wedges	Falafel with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)	
	Jacket Potato	Baked Beans (V)	Cheese	Baked Beans (V)	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	
	Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Rainbow Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Roasted Summer Vegetables & Carrots	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans	
	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread (V) 🍷	Pear & Raisin Cake with Custard or Golden Cookie(V) 🍷	Jelly with Ice Cream or Vegan Custard	Golden Cookie (V) 🍷	Vanilla Shortbread with Fruity Friday (V) 🍷	
	13.4 4.5 1.6 22.6 13.7 7.9 28.9 19.10						
WEEK TWO	Option 1	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🍷	Breaded Fish with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry With 50:50 Rice(V) 🍷	Vegan Quorn Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (V)	Roast Quorn (V) with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholemeal Pasta with a Vegetable Tomato Sauce (V) 🍷	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)	
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Baked Beans (V) & Cheese	Baked Beans (V)	Cheese	
	Vegetables	Sliced Carrots & Peas	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cauliflower & Peas	Sweetcorn & Grated Carrot	Peas & Baked Beans	
	Dessert	Apple & Raisin Flapjack (V) 🍷	Gingerbread Cookie(V) 🍷	Jelly with Mandarins (V)	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Custard or a Golden Cookie (V) 🍷	Oaty Cookie with Fruity Friday (V) 🍷	
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WEEK THREE	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken & Bean Enchilada Bake with Jollof Rice 🍷	Roast Chicken Breast & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Farm Assured Beef Burger with Seasoned Potatoes	MSC Fishfingers or MSC Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
	Option 2	5 Bean Chilli with 50:50 Rice (V) 🍷	Vegan Mince Bolognese (V)	Mediterranean Gratin with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Vegan Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta (V) 🍷	Spinach & Cheese Whirl or Vegan Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
	Jacket Potato	Baked Beans (V)	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Baked Beans (V) & Cheese	Cheese	
	Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Peas & Baked Beans	
	Dessert	Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square (V) 🍷	Summer Lemon Cake or Oaty Cookie(V) 🍷	Peaches(V) with Ice Cream or Vegan Custard (V)	Cornflake Tart with Custard or Jam Tart with Vegan Custard (V) 🍷	Fruity Shortbread with Fruity Friday (V) 🍷	
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Packed Lunch	Hot Vegan Sausage Baguette	Ham & Cheese Baguette	Roast Meat Baguette	Cheese & Cucumber Wholemeal Sandwich 🍷	Hot Pork Sausage Baguette		

DIAMOND HOUSEPOINT WINNERS

Well done to Diamond House, who were the overall winners of last term's house point competition! They celebrated their success today by enjoying a non-school uniform reward.

Keep showing our school values and working hard to earn points for your house – which house will take the top spot this term?



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OPAL PLAY



OPAL Outdoor Play & Learning - We Need Your Help!

Many of you will be aware that we are continuing our exciting work with the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Project. This initiative is all about enriching playtimes and providing children with daily opportunities for imaginative, active and social play.

This term, our newly formed play team will be focusing on refreshing and developing our outdoor spaces, and we would really appreciate the support of our school community. OPAL is most successful when children have access to a variety of open-ended, loose-parts resources — items that inspire creativity, encourage collaboration and promote adventurous play.

Can You Help? We Are Collecting...

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



If you're unsure whether something might be useful, please do ask — OPAL is all about reuse, imagination and seeing everyday objects in new ways!

How to Donate

Please bring items to the school office.

We can also arrange collection for larger items where needed.

Thank You!

Your generosity makes a real difference. With your help, we can continue to create an engaging outdoor environment where children can play, explore, work together and thrive.



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DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM AND THE SUMMER TERM

Year 4 Swimming



This will start on Thursday 23rd April and run for 10 weeks every Thursday. Please ensure children come into school with swimming kit, including swimming cap, costume, towel and goggles if needed.



Year 5 Bike Ability

will take place from Wednesday 6th May - children need to bring their bikes into school to participate as well as a helmet. All bikes need to be road worthy.



Year 6 SATS Week

Starts on 11th May and runs until 14th May. Children are welcome to come into school early for a free breakfast and a soft start to help them feel more comfortable.



Sports Day

Afternoon of Thursday 25th June. Come along and cheer!

Celebrating us!

Our learning skills winners are:

Hedgehogs - Roman

Foxes - Maya

Squirrels - Aida

Badgers - T

Otters - Joe

Woodpeckers - Asher

Owls - Camilla

GOLDEN DUSTPAN: Otters

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**FOR MORE NEWS AND UPDATES FOLLOW US**



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