

# ST MARGARET'S

## Mailing



Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW..... what a fantastic half term we have had at St M's. The newsletter is action packed with the learning and the opportunities that the children have had and I want to say a huge thanks to our dedicated staff team, who work hard in their own time to provide these memories for our children! Thank you to the parents that have sent feedback to the staff team too - it is lovely to read and appreciated.

Tomorrow is the last day of term and we will finish at 3.15pm, returning at 8.40am on Monday 24th February.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and a great half term!

Rachel & the St M's Team



## PTA FUN HAIR DAY

TOMORROW

All children are invited to come to school in their own clothes with a wild hairstyle and £1 cash for PTA funds, AND there will be a cake sale after school. Please bring donations of cakes and biscuits to the office in the morning.

Helpers welcome!



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## NUMBERS DAY

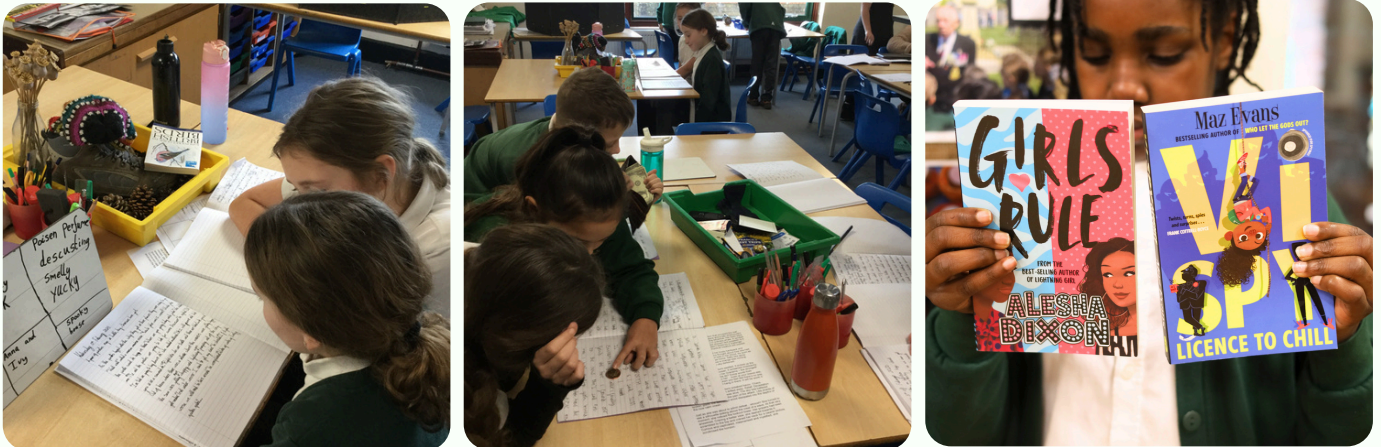


A fabulous day today celebrating all things NUMBER!

We were delighted with the parental engagement last week and how many of you came and had fun with maths - thank you so much as ever for your support!

I have seen so much enthusiasm across the school all week whilst children were undertaking investigations, playing games, trying to solve tricky problems etc - what a wonderful buzz showing children just how enjoyable maths can be - well done all!

## STORYTELLING WEEK



Wednesday 5th February was National Story Telling Day. To mark the event, each class held different activities throughout the day to celebrate stories.

In Otters class (pictured above) the children were given prop boxes that they used to inspire their story writing. There was then an opportunity to share these stories with the class.

Foxes enjoyed creating their own story worlds inspired by Joseph Coelho's book 'our tower'.

We had lots of enchanted fairy forests, candy lands, and even some futuristic computer game inspired worlds!

We also enjoyed a Welsh Traditional Tale read to the classes by Rosie Crane (thank you!).

The children really enjoyed listening to the stories that were shared.

Thank you also for all your support with our book fair - an incredible amount raised, which then means the school gets credits to spend on books. Enjoy your new books children!



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## CHINESE NEW YEAR



Year 3 spent all day immersed in celebrating Chinese New Year and experiencing traditional activities. We made our own spring rolls, created a dragon dance and gifted the Hedgehogs class red envelopes. We also brought in the new year with some sparklers. It was a brilliant and enriching day - thank you to the Y3 team for all their efforts!

## SHACKLETON DAY



Year 6 had a fantastic Shackleton Day where we got to pull a boat around 800 metres. Thanks to Mr Thomas for putting the wheels on it so we could do this! We also got to do some physical training that the crew would have done and we made some biscuits for our travels. The biscuits did taste more like bread though! We made a shelter like Shackleton and his crew would have done after the Endurance sunk, but it didn't really resemble a shelter! We all enjoyed a great day!

Report written by Noah, Jethro and Ronnie



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## YEAR 5 SCHOOL TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX OBSERVATORY



When we arrived, we went into a big observatory dome and listened to our guide explain all the interesting facts about space and the history of the huge telescope that we looked at. We learnt that they were made in the 1800s and they were transported there from Greenwich.

After lunch, a lady named Kit led us into a room full of yellow robot hands that represented the massive claws on the ISS. It was really fun! Did you know it takes an astronaut about 3 year to learn how to use one?! A great day had by all. Report written by Alice and Victoria.

## YEAR 1 SCHOOL TRIP TO PARADISE PARK



Year One had a fantastic trip to Paradise Park, where they explored the Sussex Heritage trail and showed off their knowledge on the dinosaur safari.

They even got to ride the train!

A fantastic day was had by all, and it really helped to enrich their dinosaurs and minibeasts topic this term.



We are excited to announce we have a brand new Instagram account to share all our news and photos of the wonderful things going on at St M's.

Please do follow our new Instagram account  
 @stmargaretsschoolrottingdean  
<https://www.instagram.com/stmargaretsschoolrottingdean>.

Please note, this will be replacing our Twitter/X feed which will now no longer be updated.



### FOREST SCHOOL DATES:

Thursday 27th March  
Year 3 / Year 6



SAVE THE DATE: WHOLE SCHOOL  
OUTDOOR ENRICHMENT DAY OFF SITE -  
1st APRIL 2025

Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately to be outside for these sessions.



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### SPRING TERM 2025 DATES

The inset days for this year are as follows:

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025



### School calendar 2024/25

#### Spring Term Parents Key dates

January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
1 We New Year's Day	1 Sa	1 Sa	1 Tu WHOLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR DAY
2 Th	2 Su National storytelling week	2 Su	2 We Parents Eve
3 Fr	3 Mo 9:15 Candlemas Service 3.15pm Book fair in hall	3 Mo	3 Th 9.15am - Easter Service
4 Sa	4 Tu 3.15pm Book fair in hall	4 Tu	4 Fr Finish for Easter
5 Su	5 We 3.15pm Book fair in hall	5 We 9:15 - Ash Wednesday service Book Week Event	5 Sa
6 Mo THEME OF TERM - RESPECT	6 Th Forest school - Years 5 and 1	6 Th World Book Day	6 Su
7 Tu	7 Fr Numbers Day - Parents Invited in 9am - 9.30am	7 Fr KS1 Perform workshops	7 Mo
8 We 9.30am TOUR	8 Sa	8 Sa	8 Tu
9 Th	9 Su	9 Su Science Week	9 We
10 Fr	10 Mo	10 Mo Science workshops all day 2:30pm Parent/Carer Forum	10 Th
11 Sa	11 Tu Safer Internet Day	11 Tu	11 Fr
12 Su	12 We	12 We Y5 Bikeability Y5 / 6 Hockey festival (selected)	12 Sa
13 Mo	13 Th	13 Th Y5 Bikeability	13 Su
14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Fr	14 Mo
15 We Y5 start at Rodean weekly	15 Sa	15 Sa	15 Tu
16 Th Census	16 Su	16 Su	16 We
17 Fr	17 Mo Half term	17 Mo Y4 Let's Dance performance	17 Th
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Tu	18 Fr Good Friday
19 Su	19 We	19 We	19 Sa
20 Mo	20 Th	20 Th	20 Su
21 Tu 9am SEND Coffee Morning	21 Fr	21 Fr World poetry day	21 Mo Easter Monday
22 We	22 Sa	22 Sa	22 Tu THEME OF TERM - PRIDE
23 Th Forest school - Years 2 and 4	23 Su	23 Su	23 We
24 Fr	24 Mo	24 Mo	24 Th
25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Tu NSPCC in school	25 Fr
26 Su	26 We	26 We	26 Sa
27 Mo	27 Th	27 Th Forest school - Years 3 and 6	27 Su
28 Tu Y5 - Herstoncoteaux trip	28 Fr	28 Fr 2:30pm Curriculum Showcase	28 Mo
29 We Y3 - Chinese new year day Y6 - Antarctica day		29 Sa	29 Tu
30 Th Y1 - Paradise Park trip		30 Su	30 We
31 Fr		31 Mo Parents Eve	



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# MOANA

## DANCE PARTY

Saturday 1 March  
9:00am – 11:00am  
Brighton College Prep School  
**For children currently in Reception**  
*Join us for a mesmerising Moana experience*  
**Meet and greet with Moana!**  
Sing-along and dance to your favourite  
Disney songs in our magical beach setting.  
Dress-up as your favourite Disney prince or princess.

A promotional image for a Moana dance party. It features the characters Moana and Maui from Disney's Moana. Moana is on the left, holding Pua the pig. Maui is on the right, holding his fishhook and with Ikaika the rooster on his shoulder. They are standing in front of a stylized background with palm trees and geometric patterns. A QR code is in the bottom left corner, and social media icons for Instagram and Facebook are in the bottom right corner.

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