

# ST MARGARET'S

## Mailing



Dear St M's families,

Thank you to everyone who came to Numbers Day this morning - it was amazing to see so many parents in school sharing their children's maths learning - thank you for joining us.

The last couple of weeks have been filled with enriching experiences for our children. Year 1 enjoyed their exciting visit to Paradise Park, and many pupils have proudly represented the school in sports competitions and tournaments, including football and indoor athletics. We've also celebrated National Storytelling Week, hosted our Book Fair, and continued to see amazing learning taking place every single day.

It has also been our 'take the temperature' week in school where we do learning walks, talk to the children and spend lots of time in classrooms. We had another Headteacher join us for some of this work this week who noted that 'Overall behavior was really good around the school. Learning behaviors were also good' - well done to all!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,  
Rachel & the St M's Team



### CAR PARKING AND DRIVING UP THE LANE

Please remember that the Rottingdean Whiteway Centre car park is private and reserved for Centre users only. Parents collecting from St Margaret's should avoid parking there and keep the lane clear.

Additionally, please avoid driving up the lane during school hours. Heavy traffic causes safety risks for children and difficulties for pedestrians and residents. Your cooperation helps keep the area safe for everyone.

We kindly ask everyone to show courtesy to Centre visitors, staff and neighbours at all times.



## YEAR 1 STUNNING START



As part of our animals (including humans) unit in science, foxes tried using a 'blubber glove' in icy water. We discovered how polar bears and seals can withstand freezing waters!



We also went on a school trip to Paradise Park. The children learnt even more about herbivores and carnivores. Coming face to face with some dinosaurs in a safari, enjoying a scavenger hunt around the Sussex Heritage garden and putting their knowledge to the test when in the museum.

## YEAR 4 - GEOGRAPHY LEARNING



Otters class have been diving into the study of biomes through hands-on, crafting of their very own miniature biomes. We researched our biomes and then used our creativity and the outdoor environment to create the Rainforest, Grassland, Arctic and Ocean. We have connected our learning of Geography and Science, thinking about how animals have adapted to live in each biome - the polar bear has lots of blubber to keep it warm in the cold conditions. This even inspired some at home biome making of the Jurassic Biome!



## DESIGN A BOOK COVER WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners of the design a book cover competition - Evelyn in Hedgehogs, Rishi in Squirrels, Callee in Badgers, Skye in Woodpeckers and Kennedy in Owls.

There were so many wonderful entries it was a really difficult job to choose just 5 winners. The creativity on show was just fabulous!

Thank you to all those children who entered - keep being creative!



## YEAR 5/6 INDOOR ATHLETICS



Well done to our amazing Indoor Athletics Team who came 3rd overall at the City wide event yesterday - just brilliant!! The team showed great teamwork and were cheering each other on and helping classmates who had hurt themselves or were nervous - their resilience and determination shone through. A special well done to Lyla and Camilla, who won their race, which was 6 laps of the running track shared between them both.

## REMINDERS

A gentle reminder that school gates close promptly at 8:50am for registration, so please try to arrive in plenty of time to help children start the day calmly and ready to learn. We have noticed that an increasing number of children are arriving at school still eating 'breakfast', and we kindly ask that breakfast is eaten at home before school unless children are attending breakfast club.



## NUMBERS DAY



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support NSPCC Number Day. We hope you enjoyed seeing maths in action across the school and sharing in the fun, problem-solving energy of the day!

## NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK



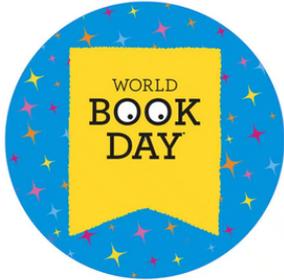
This week, our children have been celebrating National Storytelling Week by exploring RAP - Rhythm and Poetry! They've taken part in exciting activities, created some amazing pieces of writing, and expressed themselves with wonderful creativity.

We can't wait to share a selection of their work with you during our Celebration Assembly on 13th February. It's going to be a fantastic showcase of their voices, rhythm and imagination!



# SPRING TERM EVENTS

We have an action packed spring term of events that parents and carers are welcome to come along to - we hope to see you there!



## **World Book Day**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Further exciting details to follow



## **Curriculum Showcase**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 2:30pm

You are welcome to attend our curriculum showcase afternoon and see what the children have been learning about this term.



## **Parents Evening**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Bookings will be available via Ping nearer the time, make sure you book a slot!



Our Year 4 Otters Class have already started rehearsals for the Let's Dance show held at Brighton Dome in March.

You can get your tickets from Brighton Dome Box Office. We will be performing on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - we hope to see you there supporting!

<https://brightondome.org/whats-on/Lq0-lets-dance-2026/>



## SPRING TERM 2026 DATES

Jan		Feb		Mar	
1 Th		1 Su		1 Su	
2 Fr		2 Mo	9.00am Candlemas service National Story Telline Week	2 Mo	World Book Week Multi sports festival
3 Sa		3 Tu	Book fair in school all week	3 Tu	
4 Su		4 We		4 We	Swimming championships
5 Mo	INSET - school closed	5 Th	Indoor Athletics (Y5 & Y6)	5 Th	World Book Day
6 Tu	8.40am School reopens	6 Fr	Number Day	6 Fr	
7 We	3.15 school nurse dental team	7 Sa		7 Sa	
8 Th	PACC Coffee morning 9.00am 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	Y5 last Roodean session
12 Mo		12 Th		12 Th	Y4 beach school
13 Tu	Rec Heights and Weights Y6 Antarctica Day	13 Fr	School Talent Show Finish for half term	13 Fr	
14 We	Y5 Roodean 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	Y1 Forest School Session
19 Mo		19 Th		19 Th	
20 Tu		20 Fr		20 Fr	Y2 Australia Day 2.30pm showcase
21 We		21 Sa		21 Sa	
22 Th		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	Y3 Chinese New Year Day	26 Th	9:15 Easter Service - Church
27 Tu	Pm Y4 badminton	27 Fr	Y5 Forest School Session	27 Fr	Last day of term
28 We		28 Sa		28 Sa	
29 Th	Y1 to Paradise Park			29 Su	
30 Fr				30 Mo	EASTER BREAK
31 Sa					



## 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	



# ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

★ *A Showbiz Spectacular!* ★

**Lights! Camera! Talent!**

Join us for an afternoon of singing, dancing  
& amazing performances!

**13th FEBRUARY**

**Show Times:**

🕒 Key Stage 1: 3:45pm

🕒 Key Stage 2: 4:45pm

**TICKETS: On sale from 2nd February via PTA**

**£5** Watch One Key Stage

**£7** Watch Both Key Stages

★ *Prizes to be Won!* ★

Entry forms now available at school



## Schools Mental Health Service



### Does your child struggle to go to school?

#### Regular drop-in sessions for parents and carers

Hosted by the Family Support team, the sessions are a friendly space to access information and support and meet other parents/carers facing the same challenges.

#### Online sessions

24 February 7-8.30pm

19 May 7-8.30pm

#### Face-to-face sessions

**Modelo Lounge** (145 Church Road, Hove BN3 2AE)

17 March 10-11.30am

**Alcampo Lounge** (84 London Road, Brighton BN1 4JF)

21 April 10-11.30am

23 June 10-11.30am



To find out more or [book onto the online sessions](#), please email:  
[schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or Jo Roeg: [jo.roeg@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:jo.roeg@brighton-hove.gov.uk)



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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

**COTTESMORE ST. MARY'S, THE UPPER DRIVE, BN3 6NB**

- MON 16 FEB** TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!
- TUE 17 FEB** CAMPFIRE COOKOUT PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT
- WED 18 FEB** WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!
- THU 19 FEB** BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
- FRI 20 FEB** NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

**LANCING PREP HOVE, THE DROVEWAY, HOVE, BN3 6LU**

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**BRUNSWICK PRIMARY, SOMERHILL ROAD, HOVE, BN3 1RP**

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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: [WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK)

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## YOUNG CHEFS CLUB!



### Holiday Cooking Classes 8-13 Year Olds

- ▶ Turning simple, fresh ingredients into healthy meals made completely from scratch
- ▶ Learning real kitchen techniques, not just recipes, inspired by global flavours
- ▶ A safe, hands-on space where young chefs explore, experiment and create with confidence
- ▶ Growing independent, capable kids with life skills that last far beyond the kitchen

#### SIGN UP NOW

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/young-chefs-club-119f6e18-479f-4d02-b27e-83096528adde>

### ANNUAL CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Date	Class Age
18 Feb 2026	8-10 year olds
20 Feb 2026	11-13 year olds
08 Apr 2026	11-13 year olds
10 Apr 2026	8-10 year olds
25 May 2026	11-13 year olds
26 May 2026	11-13 year olds
27 May 2026	8-10 year olds
10 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
11 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
12 Aug 2026	8-10 year olds
17 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
18 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
19 Aug 2026	8-10 year olds
24 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
25 Aug 2026	11-13 year olds
26 Aug 2026	8-10 year olds
26 Oct 2026	8-10 year olds
27 Oct 2026	11-13 year olds
28 Oct 2026	11-13 year olds
19 Dec 2026	Combined Class: 8-13 year olds

Kids bring home a portion of the meals cooked and a recipe card!



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& FUN  
LEARNING  
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# FEBRUARY

## HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Longhill Sports Centre, BN2 7FR

16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> February, 8:30 - 15:30

Sibling & block discounts available  
£27/Day

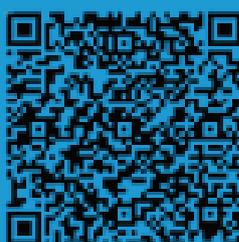


### Action Packed Activities

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Archery
- Inflatable
- Ultimate Frisbee
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- Gymnastics / Dance



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