

ST MARGARET'S

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Thank you to all those families who came along to our last PACC coffee morning. We will be hosting another one on Tuesday 3rd February at 8:50am. All are welcome - we hope to see you there!



Dear St M's families,

It's been a busy couple of weeks in school, with lots to share and celebrate. This term is full of opportunities for families to come into school, so please make sure to check the dates and information listed below—we'd love to see as many of you as possible.

Our termly topics have got off to some truly stunning starts, with children already showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning. We are also delighted to share that we have proudly maintained our accreditation for FA Barclays Girls Football in Schools Equal Access in Football, reflecting our ongoing commitment to inclusive sport for all pupils.

As we continue to enjoy our beautiful school grounds, a quick reminder that children need coats and welly boots each day. We make the most of our outdoor spaces in all weathers, and having the right clothing helps keep everyone comfortable and ready for learning.

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



We have been recognised with this award for providing girls with the same opportunities as boys to play football in PE lessons and extracurricular activities. Well done St M's.

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YEAR 5 JUNIOR ROEDEAN ACADEMY

Year 5 will be attending Roedean Junior academy for the next few weeks. So far the children have been challenged to create the tallest possible tower from spaghetti, tape, string and marshmallows (as pictured). They have also learnt about witch trials, what the world would be like if there were no rules and played lots of fun and exciting games.

YEAR 6 ANTARCTICA DAY

Year 6 had an action-packed outdoor enrichment day as they stepped into the icy boots of Shackleton's Antarctic explorers!

The children threw themselves into every challenge—building makeshift shelters, whipping up their own 'sledging biscuits,' brewing zingy ginger tea and joining forces to haul a very heavy boat across the field. They even created their own expedition songs to keep everyone's spirits soaring. A brilliant day of teamwork, adventure and imagination!

**YEAR 2 CRASH LANDING!**

Year 2 have made an exciting start to their new topic, Safari Salama (Safe Travels), after discovering a mysterious spaceship crash-landed in the school grounds! This was a fantastic way to introduce the story Beegu. The children are using this to support them with their writing and have asked some intriguing questions for the alien!



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KS2 BASKETBALL

This week, children in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to take part in basketball sessions delivered by BTM Basketball, Brighton & Hove's largest primary school basketball provider. These taster sessions gave pupils an excellent introduction to basketball, and it was wonderful to see everyone joining in and enjoying the experience.

The sessions focused on developing fundamental basketball skills alongside important life skills, all within a fun, safe, and supportive environment. BTM Basketball's sessions are led by a fully qualified and highly experienced coaching team, bringing many years of international playing and coaching experience. Following the enthusiasm and enjoyment shown by the children, we are pleased to announce that a Basketball Club will now run on Fridays after school for those who would like to continue developing their skills and love of the game.

Further details about how to sign up below.



FOOTBALL MATCH

Our KS2 football teams played their first fixtures of 2026 this week. Despite torrential rain and challenging conditions, both teams performed brilliantly. The boys showed great grit and perseverance in a closely fought match. It has been fantastic to see so many girls joining local clubs and trying out for the school team. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, supported each other throughout, and secured an impressive 4-0 win.

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, where possible, breakfast is eaten at home before school unless children are attending breakfast club.



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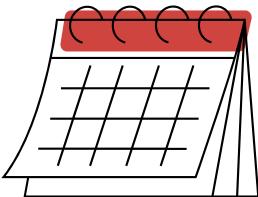


LET'S DANCE AT THE DOME

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 20th March - we hope to see you there supporting!

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



DATES

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

Thursday 29th January - Year 1 Trip to Paradise Park

Monday 2nd February - Candlemas Service 9am

Monday 2nd February - Book Fair after school all week

Tuesday 3rd February - PaCC Coffee Morning at 9am

Friday 6th February - Number Day

Friday 13th February - PTA Talent Show

Celebrating us!

Our learning skills winners are:



Hedgehogs - Leena
Foxes - Hadley
Squirrels - Millie
Badgers - Ptolemy
Otters - Freddie H
Owls - Leander



GOLDEN DUSTPAN: Badgers

HOUSEPOINT WINNERS: SAPPHIRE

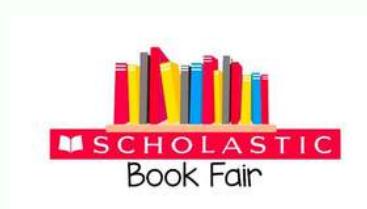


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SPRING TERM EVENTS

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!



Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair after school from 2nd-5th February.

KS1 days are Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th
KS2 days are Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th

Number Day - 6th February

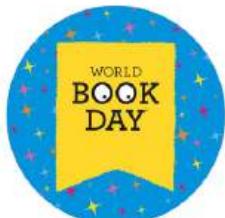
Children are welcome to come in dressed as a number with a donation of £1 in aid of the NSPCC. We will be holding an open maths session that you are welcome to join us with. No celebration assembly today.



National Story Telling Week

Runs from 2nd-6th February.

Celebration assembly on 13th February will include an 'open mic' where children will share some of their story telling from the previous week.



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Further exciting details to follow



Curriculum Showcase

Friday 20th 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 23rd and Wednesday 25th March

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



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SPRING TERM 2026 DATES

Jan		Feb		Mar	
1 Th		1 Su		1 Su	
2 Fr		2 Mo 9.00am Candlemas service National Story Telling 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 <u>INSET</u> - 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 Roedean 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 Roedean 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					



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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



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PINS Coffee Morning Event
for parent carers of neurodivergent children

At St Margaret's Primary School
Tuesday 3 February 2026, 8.50-10.20am
(report to the school reception after school drop-off)

The Parent Carers' Council (PaCC) is a forum of parent carers of children with additional needs, who work to help improve services and support in the Brighton and Hove area.

PaCC is holding an event at your school for parent carers of children with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND). This is part of a project called PINS - Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. It is funded by NHS England and aims to improve the experience of neurodivergent children in mainstream primary schools.

At this session, we'll talk a bit about the project, the support and services available in the local area, and provide a chance to meet other parent carers and share experiences. We will also talk about parent carer wellbeing and share strategies. There's no need to book—just come along!

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Get Creative and Win!

Design a book cover for a
chance to win a £5 book
voucher at our book fair!

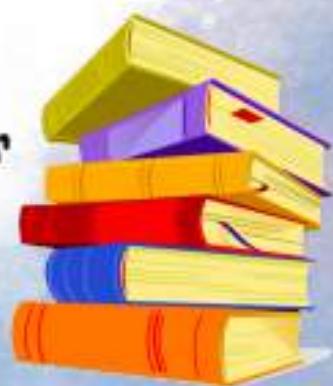


How to enter:

- create your own amazing book cover
 - it can be for your favourite book or one that you have imagined
- Use any materials you like: pencils, paints, collage - be creative!
- Hand in your design to your class teacher by Thursday 29th January

Prize:

- There will be 5 winners across KS1 and KS2
- Winners will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair
- Winning designs will be announced on Friday 30th January in Celebration Assembly



Good luck & happy designing!



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LET'S DANCE

BRIGHTON 2025 A CELEBRATION OF DANCE



BRIGHTON DOME

Monday 17th - Friday 21st March

Doors open: 6.30pm

Performance: 7.00pm

Tickets: £10.50

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ST. MARGARET'S PRIMARY BASKETBALL CLUB



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AGES 7-11 (SCHOOL YEARS 3-6)
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Brighton Futsal

Book your child's two FREE taster sessions NOW!

Our Futsal sessions aim to develop players technical ability and confidence on and off the ball all whilst having lots of fun, making new friends and instilling a love of movement.



Futsal Sessions

Futsal is a twist on the game we are all crazy about, Football! It is FIFA's officially approved small-sided format of Football and a fantastic tool to aid technical development.

Why not book your child in for 2 free taster sessions and they can join our 1000's of members technically developing and growing in confidence all whilst having lots of fun.

To see our full timetable of weekly sessions and book your child's free tasters scan the QR code above NOW!



PRO Scheme

The corner stone of our syllabus, a system that allows us to track your child's progress.



Presentation

A show and presentation to celebrate the hard work of our members and their PRO Scheme progress.



Futsal Games

An opportunity to put their learning into practice in our friendly futsal games.



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FEBRUARY

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Longhill Sports Centre, BN2 7FR

16TH - 20TH February, 8:30 - 15:30

Sibling & block discounts available
£27/Day



Action Packed Activities

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



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