

St Margaret's CEVA School

Newsletter 1 - September 2025



Welcome back children and families to the start of another year! A warm welcome to our new families that have joined us from other schools and the children that have started in reception. We wish our leavers well as they begin their secondary school journeys. We hope you have had a lovely summer and have returned rested and ready to begin another busy term!

Security

We have installed new fencing at the front of the school to improve site security. The gate is not yet fully operational, however installation works to complete the intercom system will be working by the end of September.

This upgrade aligns with standard access procedures across schools and reflects our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all.

Staff changes

At the end of summer term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Lovett, who has been a valued part of our school community for the past 13 years. She is now going to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Mrs Lovett has kindly offered to volunteer when needed! We wish her joy, relaxation, and lots of adventures ahead!

We also said goodbye Miss Sweeney and Miss Pring. We wish them both well and every success in their new roles in schools.

We would like to welcome, Miss Russ, Miss Humphreys and Miss Davis to our school, if you do see them, please do say hello, they have been enjoying their time in their new classes and have enjoyed the first few days with us!

Parking

The council has recently painted lines on the corners of School Close to improve safety and visibility. Please be mindful of where you park:

Avoid parking over driveways - it blocks access and causes frustration for our neighbours.

Do not park on junction entrances - this creates dangerous blind spots for drivers and pedestrians.

Be considerate - a little awareness goes a long way in keeping the area safe and neighbourly.

Let's all do our part to keep School Close safe and accessible for everyone.

Uniform



We are delighted to see the children back at school looking so smart! Our pre-loved uniform rail is now a permanent feature in reception, making it easier to find what you need.

Mrs Hallett is kindly maintaining the stock and constantly adding new items. If you are looking for a specific size and don't see it on the rail, please email the office, we will be happy to check availability. Donations of uniform items are always welcome. Please leave them in Reception.

Please

Tax Free Child Care vouchers

A reminder that our school is registered with The Government-backed Tax-Free Childcare scheme. This scheme can help reduce the cost of wrap-around care (Breakfast & Stay & Play). The scheme is designed so that for every 80p you put into your Tax-Free Childcare account, the state will add 20p. It essentially gives you basic-rate tax back on your bill – hence the scheme's name. Information can be found here [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare). Please contact Mrs Morgan in the office, if you would like more information on how this works in school.

Pupil Premium

Has your situation changed – is your child eligible for free school meals? Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)

It is easy to check and apply. Click [Apply for Free School Meals - Somerset Council](#) and complete the form.

Milk

If you would like your child / children aged 5 years and over to receive milk at break times, you will need to pay for this on [Parents – Cool Milk](#).

Children who receive **free school meals** are also eligible for free milk. Please email the office if you would like your child/ children to have it.

School duties

Over the next week, we will be organising which children will become this year's house captains, school councillors, play leaders. Voting will take place and will be announced in our Achievement assembly, next Friday 12th September.



School lunches

School dinners are available to purchase up until the end of term.

Just a couple of reminders regarding the ordering of lunches:

- Please order by Tuesday lunchtime
- If you have ordered a school packed lunch, when selecting a pudding this also needs to be the packed lunch option.
- Please do not select allergen options unless you have notified us at school of your child's allergen. These meals are charged at a higher rate and are not available to all children.



We are a nut free school.

Please ensure that no part of your child's lunchbox contains nuts.

Lunch Box Parent Guidance

Sending your child into school with a packed lunch is a great way to ensure they're eating a balanced and healthy diet that will keep their energy levels up and ready for learning. You can plan your child's lunch (or encourage them to help plan their own) using some of the guidance below.

Ready, Steady, Go!

Foods that contain carbohydrates are great for giving us long-lasting energy, meaning your child will have plenty of go power throughout the day. You should try to get two portioned sources of carbohydrates in your child's lunch, such as:

- bread
- pitta
- scone or English muffin
- plain biscuits
- wraps
- rice cakes
- quiche (a slice or child-size)
- rice
- pasta



Tall and Strong

Foods containing calcium (like dairy products) can help to boost your child's bone growth, while protein-rich foods can help with muscle strength - that's why these foods are in the 'Tall and Strong' group! You should aim for one portion of these foods, which could include:

- yoghurt pots or tubes
- cheese slices, cubes or sticks
- fish (e.g. tuna)
- eggs (boiled or in a sandwich)
- chicken
- ham
- salami



Healthy Glow

Fruits and vegetables are fantastic sources of vitamins and minerals that keep your body healthy. They're also a good source of fibre, too. You should try to get two sources of these foods, including:

- fresh fruits like apples, strawberries or oranges
- canned fruits like pineapple or peach slices in juice
- cut vegetables like cucumber, bell peppers and carrot



No, No, No!

There are some foods that aren't appropriate for school lunches, including excessive snacks or fast foods. Many schools are also nut free, so precautions should be taken when considering nut products. The following foods can be enjoyed in moderation at home and should be avoided at school:

- takeaway (leftovers such as pizza)
- sugary biscuits
- sweets
- large bags of crisps (i.e. sharing packs)
- fizzy drinks



Snack time

Just a gentle reminder that as children move into Key stage, they no longer are entitled to a snack via the school fruit and vegetable scheme. If they would like a snack for break time, please could you provide them with a piece of fruit / vegetable each day.

Please can you give your children water or **VERY** diluted squash in their water bottles. We are seeing lots of children with juice coming into school - Thank you



Discoverers

Welcome back, everyone, we hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new children and their families; we are looking forward to getting to know you all!

Discoverers will be exploring lots of interesting concepts over the coming months, and most importantly, having lots of fun! We look forward to sharing all of this with you 😊

Car Show

On August bank holiday, Yeo-Vale Rotary held their annual car show at school and have raised a fantastic £2,433 which is being donated to school. A BIG thank you from us all for raising this amount and putting on a great display of classic cars!



Reminders

- **INSET dates for 25-28** - can be found [here](#).
- **Cross Country race 1 – Monday 22nd September Yeovil Rugby Club**
- **Creators Class trip – Tuesday 30th September, more information to follow**

As always, we have an open-door policy, please do speak to your class teacher or a member of staff if you have any concerns. We also love to hear good feedback!

Best wishes

Ms Robinson and the St Margaret's Team

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Please contact:**

- Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 • or by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk
- The police on 999 For more information please go to:
<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/safeguarding-children/report-a-child-at-risk/>



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FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025
09:30AM - 12:00PM**

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Bespoke education that is free for boys aged 11-16

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- ✓ Open to day pupils and boarders
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