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Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The weeks are passing by so quickly, but there are still so many events planned. Make sure you have the dates in your calendars!

Open afternoon this Friday

As you will know from the diary dates this Friday is open Afternoon. You can come and see your child's work from 2.30pm. If you have more than 1 child at school the other children can't come along to their siblings' classroom as there just won't be room.

If you are with your child/ren you can take them home from 3.00pm, but no child will be allowed to go home unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Year 2, 3 4 5 and 6 all went to Cineworld last week for their FREE trip. Everyone enjoyed themselves at their different films and had a great time. Thank you, Mr McGivern, for organising this.



Miss Dell writes:

On Friday 24th November, Year 1 had an exciting morning where the Horsham museum came and paid us a visit to talk about the history of toys. Both classes had a chronological explanation about the toys that were around during that time and what they were made from. Then, the children got to explore all the different types of toys from the ages. We had a lot of happy faces and all the children had a great time.

Reindeer Run



The school council already have their next fundraiser in the diary. It is a Reindeer Run on Friday 8th December and we are raising money for St Catherine's Hospice, a charity close to many of our hearts. Please [click here](#) to make your donation. As always, if everyone raised £1 that would be an amazing boost to their fundraising. All the children will receive a pair of reindeer antlers which I'm sure they will love.



Book of Brilliance



Every week we are celebrating children who have shown wonderful manners, have helped another child or an adult, have demonstrated our values or another reason that has really impressed an adult in school. All adults can write any child's name in the 'Book of Brilliance' during the week and then the names are read out every week in worship.

Well done to all the children that got their name in the Book of Brilliance.

Elfridges

Elfridges is happening again this year on Friday 8th December. Some of you are probably wondering what Elfridges is. It is an afternoon when children can come and buy presents for their family members. You need to have pre-bought these tickets with the PTFA beforehand and details for this will be sent out very soon. It really is a very magical afternoon for the children as they choose presents for their loved ones and the staff and volunteers wrap them up and put a tag on so it is all ready to give to their special someone.



This week on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th November or Friday 1st December children can wear their own clothes and either bring in biscuits, sweets or chocolates or a £1 donation.

School Christmas Tree Decorations



Every year we like to have our school Christmas tree in the hall covered with homemade decorations.. The children can make any decoration as long as it has a Christmas theme. If you would like the decoration returned please make sure it has a name on the back. All decorations also need a looped thread that we can hang it by. Please send decorations in from December 1st

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part. I am sure our tree will look lovely again this year.

Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday. The children love receiving the cup that sits in front of them for the whole week.

Reception	Butterfly	
	Ladybird	
Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	
Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	



Leaf awards

Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf on Friday.



Well done to you all.

Attendance



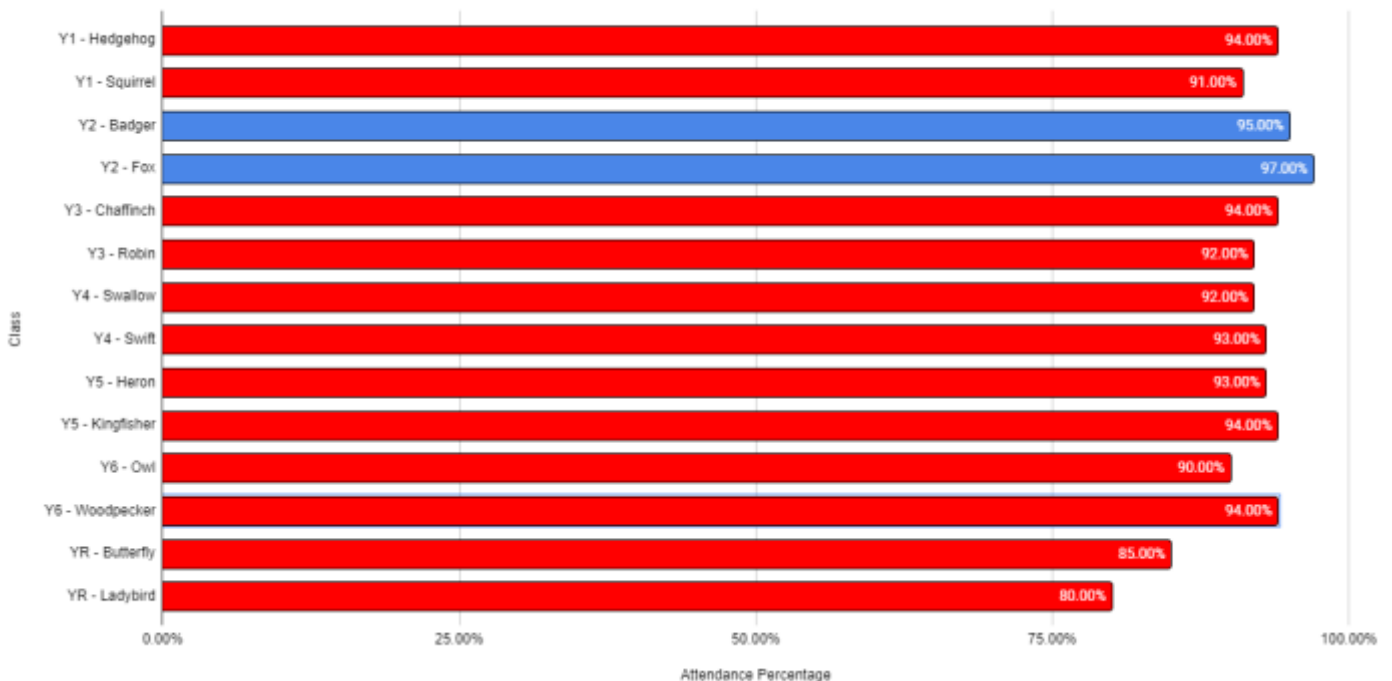
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time by 8.50am every day.

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

Overall School Attendance: 91.7%

Class Percentages



**Well done to Fox
Class**



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Diary Dates

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold. I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control.

Wednesday 29 th ,Thursday 30 th or Friday 1 st December	Non uniform Day for Elfridges. Bring in a £1 in or sweets, biscuits or chocolates for Elfridges. If your child has PE on this day they can wear their own clothes on Wednesday or Friday instead.
Friday 1 st December	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm PTFA quiz night. Please organise a group and join in the fun.
Monday 4 th December	pm Reception dress rehearsal to school
Tuesday 5 th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers
Wednesday 6 th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers pm Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 7 th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers 2.15pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch
Friday 8 th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers Reindeer Run for St Catherine's Hospice
Monday 11 th December	No school run clubs this week.
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church 9:45am Years 3 and 4 10:30am Years 5 and 6
Friday 15 th December	Last day of the term
Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th Dec	Christmas holidays
Monday 1 st January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day 2
Thursday 11 th January	9.00am Year 5 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 8 th February	9.00am Year 4 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 14 th March	9.00am Year 3 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 21 st March	9.00am Year 1 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Date to be confirmed	9.00am Year 4 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of the term
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 25 th April	9.00am Year 2 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 16 th May	9.00am Year 3 Worship



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Thursday 23 rd May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Friday 14 th June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 20 th June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 27 th June	9.00am Reception Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 th July	Last day of term 9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at St Margaret's church. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Friday 19 th July 2024	INSET Day 3
Monday 22 nd July 2024	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	INSET Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.
Take care.

Jill Hine,
Headteacher.

