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Monday 4th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in school on Friday afternoon for our open afternoon. The children love showing you all their learning and I'm sure you all loved looking at it too.



We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Nativities this week. We will be selling Hamper raffle tickets and there will also be a retiring collection at the end of each performance for Myeloma UK, a charity that supports people and families who have blood cancer.

Our annual Christmas Hampers have been created and tickets are being sold. You can buy tickets before school as Miss Budd and Mrs Laverty will be selling them most mornings, or from Mr Chambers or at any of the Nativity performances this week.

Staff changes

The children and family members of Heron Class know that Mrs Leicester is moving to a school in Horsham for the start of the new term in January. Mrs Leicester has been here for a number of years and we really appreciate all her hard work and commitment to the children, staff and school. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Sanders and Mr Ferrito. We will also miss them both and thank them for all their hard work at school. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We are also welcoming new staff to the school from January 2024. We are welcoming Mr Horn as class teacher for Heron Class. Mr Horn is with us in school today spending time with Heron Class and will hopefully be back again before the end of term as well.

We are also welcoming back Mrs Gay as a teaching assistant along with Mrs Tavener. Mrs Gay is starting back with us today.

Miss Lung will move from Swift Class to Heron Class as teaching assistant with Mrs Baker working on a Tuesday in Heron Class.

Mrs Gay will be the teaching assistant in Woodpecker Class and Mrs Tavener will be a teaching assistant in Butterfly Class and Mrs Busbridge will move to Badger Class.

More exciting news...Miss Wadey is expecting a baby. Both her and her partner are looking forward to their baby arriving in March next year.



Christmas Jumper Day-This Thursday

Please do not buy a new jumper for this day. It is absolutely fine for children to wear a decorated T shirt or school sweatshirt that they have decorated at home.

As we are collecting money for St Catherine's Hospice on Friday with the Reindeer Run you don't need to send in any money for Christmas Jumper day.





Reindeer Run is this 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.

Elfridges is happening again this Friday. Some of you are probably wondering what Eldridges 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.



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 this week.

School Christmas Tree Decorations



The tree has been delivered. Our very grateful thanks to Sienna, Sonny and Zain's grandparents for donating the tree. It is another lovely one, as usual.

Children can now start to hang their homemade decorations on the tree.

Please remember to write names on the back if you would like them returned.

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	



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Leaf awards

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



Well done to you all.

Attendance



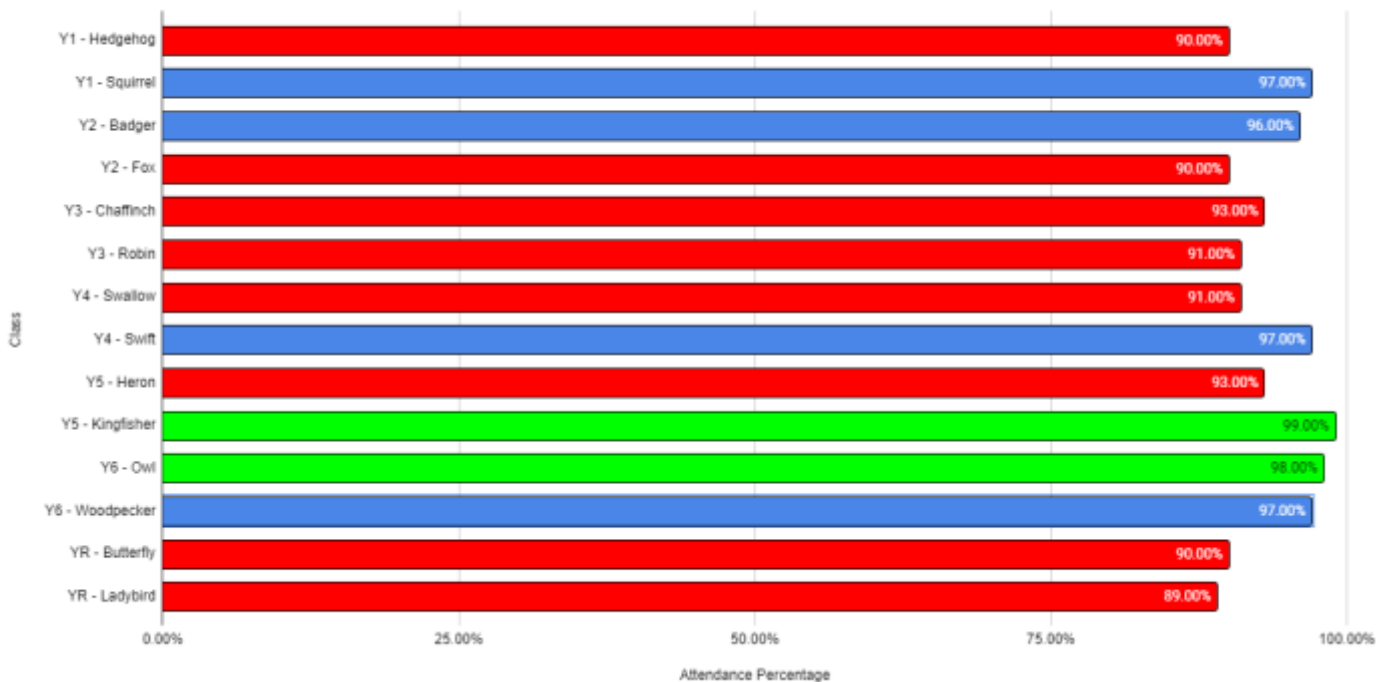
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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: 93.7%

Class Percentages



**Well done to Kingfisher Class.
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn!
99%!**



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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.

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. £1 donation
Monday 11 th December	No school run clubs this week. pm Christmas parties for all classes. Please read the Seesaw message from the class teacher about your child's party arrangements.
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 15th December	Golden Leaf Worship and Breakfast treat 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 Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 23 rd May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service



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	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.



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