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***Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential***

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your very generous gifts. They are most appreciated and always totally unexpected. Thank you.

It was lovely seeing the children back at school last week. They were all happy and settled so well back into school routines.

Thank you for all your support with the end of term events. The whole school trip to Wonka was brilliant and created such lovely memories for children and staff alike. Both carol services at church were well attended and all four year groups sang beautifully. A lovely way to start the Christmas holidays.

On Wednesday we are going to have an outside gazebo built by Forest School. The installation team will probably be on site for about a week so please keep an eye on your younger children at the end of the day. This will be another great addition to our school.

Today the children will be treated to a drumming workshop. I'm sure many of them will want to start playing the drums and we do have a drum kit in school, so this is why they are meeting the teacher and having fun. We will send the information out about how to register your interest in lessons. I remember my brother having a drum kit at home when we were younger!!



Mrs McFarlane writes:  
On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the afternoon was a joy as we were delighted to welcome Ensemble Reza once again to the school. This time they performed 'Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes.' The ensemble played their beautiful instruments and the children sang and joined in with the rap and the actions to the 'Three Cool Dudes' song.

The concert was captivating and a wonderful time was had by all the children and the staff.



## Christian Value for this half term



Our new Christian value for this half term is Perseverance.

We will be thinking about what Perseverance means and how we can work together to overcome any obstacles, however challenging, to achieve our goals. We will be talking about building resilience which helps us deal with any disappointments on our journey to success. We will talk about stories from the Bible that show how Jesus helped others persevere through difficult times.

## 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 who got their name in the Book of Brilliance.

## Golden Leaf



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last Friday before the end of term. They enjoyed a Golden Breakfast straight after worship.

Well done to you all.

## Leaf awards



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

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## 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.

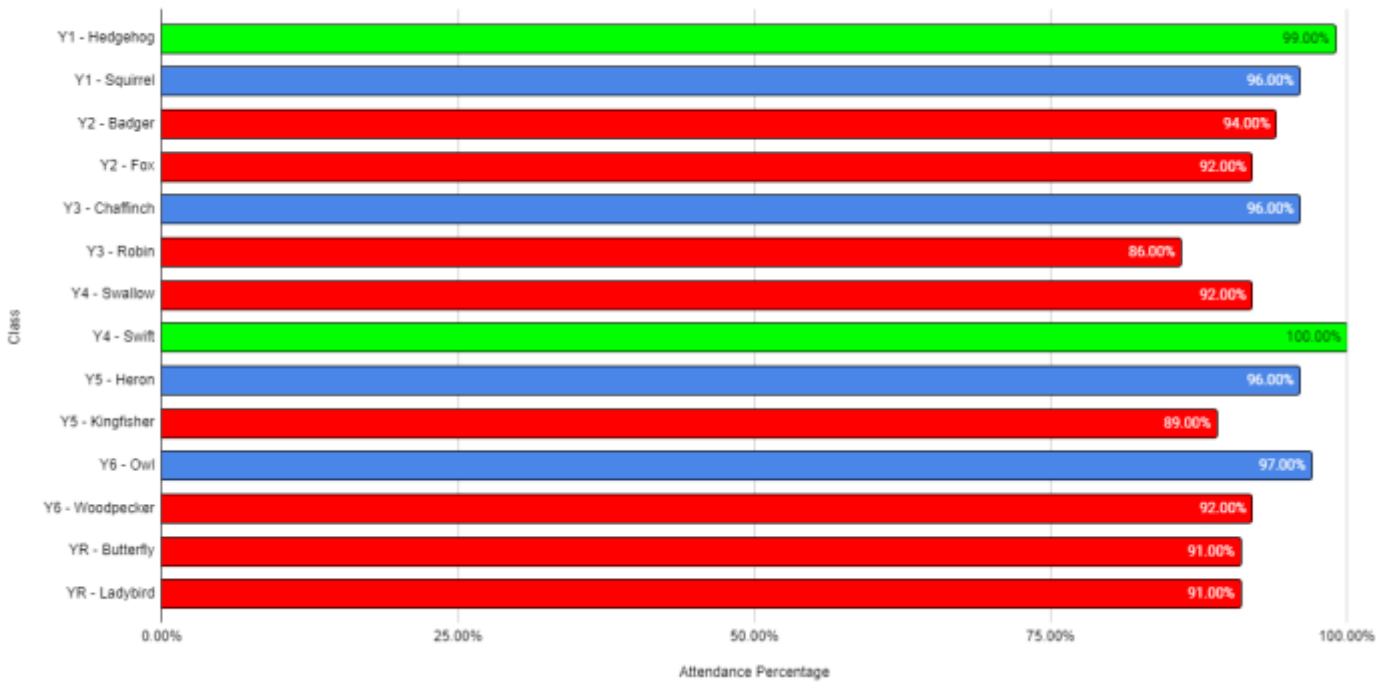
We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready 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: 93.6%**



## Class Percentages



**Well done to Swift Class.  
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.  
100%-excellent!**

### 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.

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Forest School for Reception classes</b> <b>Swift Class start swimming for 10 weeks</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.30am Young Voices choir to O2</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am Year 1 Worship



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<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	<b>9.00am Year 4 Worship</b> Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of the term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 3
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 5



Thank you for your continuing support.  
Take care.  
Jill Hine, Headteacher.



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