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Monday 6th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems hardly possible that this is the last week at school before the half term. The weeks seem to fly past quicker than ever! Please don't forget that there are no school clubs running this week. Clubs that are run by outside providers will be running this week.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Wadey as she starts her maternity leave on Friday. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a few weeks of rest before her baby makes an appearance! I will let you all know the exciting news when we hear.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Tavener and say thank you for her hard work. We have two new teaching assistants joining us- Mrs Monckton will start with us after half term in the Reception Classes and Miss Grant is starting the first week in March and will be with Year 1 and 2. I know everyone will welcome our new staff to St Margaret's.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 19th February.

Structured Conversations

All meetings are at school. Both Reception classes will be in the same place as they were held in October. Please walk down the corridor towards Year 1 and 2 and the meetings will be in the Meeting Room and Mrs Warner's office. Year 6 meetings will be held in The Studio, so please walk down towards Key Stage 2 and you will find me in the corridor and I will point you in the right direction.

Mr Bandara will be ringing the bell every 10 minutes for Reception, Year 1 and 2 and I will be ringing the bell for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you need longer than 10 minutes we can arrange this. As always, children are welcome to come with you.

Music showcase



On Wednesday we were treated to a musical showcase by Badger, Swallow and Heron Classes. This half term one class from each year group has been learning to play different instruments with Mr Gilmore and after half term the other class in the year group will have their time with Mr Gilmore. Badger Class is learning the recorder. They all played with confidence and there were no squeaky parts at all! Swallow Class played the djembe drums and that was also amazing and finally Heron Class treated us to the melodica which again was another amazing showcase. This Wednesday we are looking forward to more musical treats. Well done to all the children and Mr Gilmore.

World Book Day

Please see the attached poster for World Book Day.



Sporting News



Mr Harris writes: On Thursday afternoon seven of our Year 5 children visited Oriel to take part in the Crawley schools cross country competition. Girls and Boys competed in different races over 1.5km, with over 100 competitors in each race!

All of our children worked incredibly hard to complete the race and never gave up even when they began to feel the strain of a long race, everyone completing the race in good time and with respectable finishes.

A special mention to two children who both achieved top 25 finishes in the girls race and a child who finished in the top 30 of the boys race.

Well done all.

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 the children that got their name in the Book of Brilliance.

Leaf awards



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

Well done to you all.



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Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday.

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	



Maths Awards

We are celebrating maths with certificates for the class that is the most accurate and the class that is the fastest. This week we also celebrated other maths stars.

Most accurate class	Robin Class again! 94.63%
Fastest class	Kingfisher Class 1.48 seconds



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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.

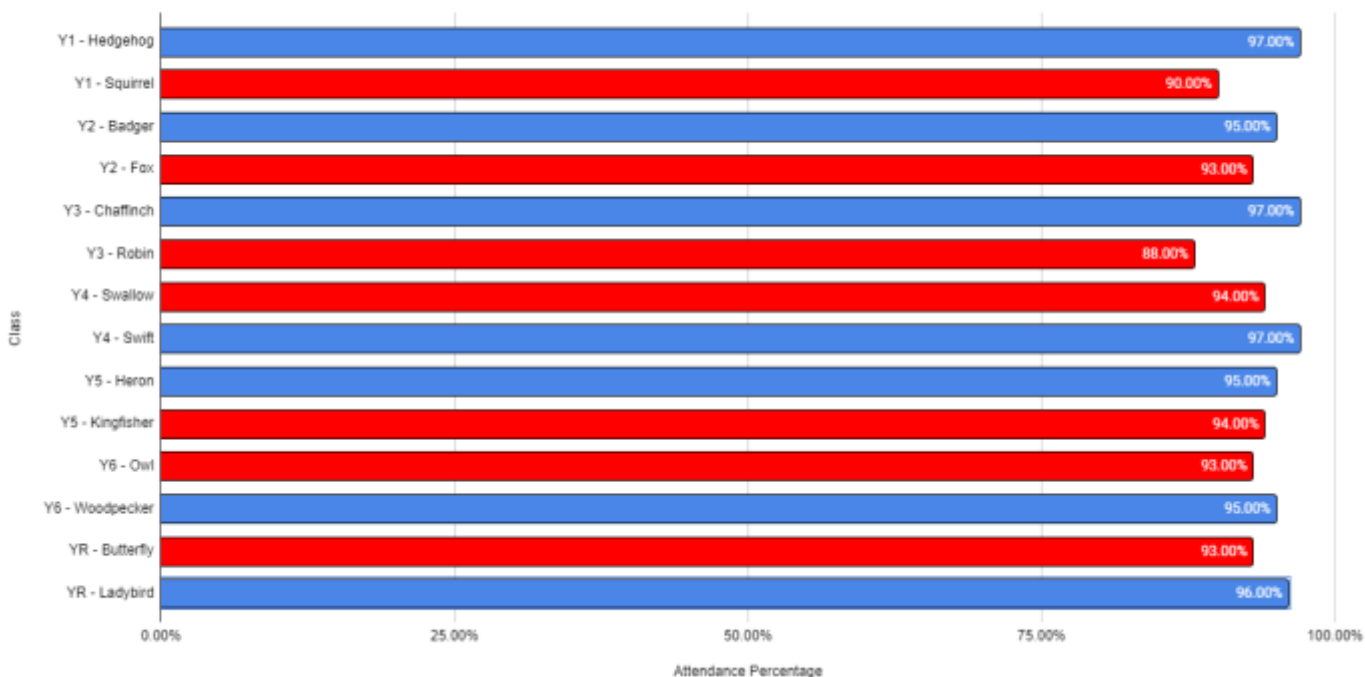
We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready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



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Class Percentages



**Well done to Chaffinch Class.
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.
97.33%.**

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.

Tuesday 6 th February	Year 3 Victorian Day. Crawley Museum in school. Structured conversations
Wednesday 7 th February	Structured conversations 9.00am Year 4 Swallow Class 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



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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.
Wednesday 27 th March	9.00am Year 4 Swift Class Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning. Open afternoon and Art exhibition
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 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.

