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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Thought for the week

Life in all its fullness.

John 10:10

Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This is just a brief newsletter today as it is a two-day school week with a very warm welcome back to school. A full newsletter will be sent out on Monday. Thank you so much for all your very generous gifts to staff at the end of term. They are very much appreciated as were all the heartfelt messages you wrote in cards and letters.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break with your families. It is always lovely to see everyone again after the summer break and hear about everyone's exciting days out.

A very warm welcome to our new children and their families who are joining our school this week and our new Reception children who will be starting school next week. We also welcome our new children and families starting at nursery. We all hope that you and your children soon settle into school life here at St Margaret's, but if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me or any member of staff. We are here to help and to ensure that we build a positive learning partnership with you.

Everyone has been very busy during the holidays. Staff have been busy in school, we've had decorators in, and you will notice our amazing new playground surface when you come in this week. It isn't quite finished yet, but it will be by half term. Please can you keep an eye on your children at the end of the day and remind them to keep off the newly seeded grass areas around the playground. We would love the new grass to grow! Don't forget that children are not allowed to play on play equipment after school.

Reminders for September

- **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.

- **Coming to school-** Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Nursery children all come through the Nursery gate from September and just Reception children will walk through the main pedestrian gate in the morning. Staff will meet their new classes just inside the school playground for the first week of term until the children are used to knowing where to walk to their new classes.
- **Uniform-** Please name all uniform and water bottles. Trainers can only be worn on PE days.
- **Hair styles-** can be short, but please no shaven heads. Children with long hair should wear it in a neat style tied back out of the way. Hairbands and other fixings should be royal blue to match with the rest of the school uniform and bows should not be large.
- **Birthdays-** when your child celebrates their birthday they can wear their own clothes, not fancy dress, that day or on a Monday or Friday closest to the day. No sweets or any kind of food related treat should be brought into school. If you do want to mark this special occasion, please donate a book that you have inscribed with your child's name. It will be shared with the whole school and then given to the class. The book can be a rehomed book.

- **Holidays or days out**-please book a brief meeting to discuss time that you wish to take your child out of school for non-medical reasons. Medical appointments should be made out of school hours whenever possible.

Medical Tracker

We are going to be using an electronic system for registering any medical issues whilst your child is at school. An email will be sent to you when your child receives medication or any significant accident that requires first aid. We would still call you in the first instance for a significant first aid incident. We won't be sending emails for minor issues. Mr Chambers will be sending out an email with more information early next week.

Year 5 to Holy Trinity

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to visit Holy Trinity Secondary School for a fun and educational science workshop at the end of last term. During the visit, the children explored the fascinating world of electricity by learning about batteries and even building their own! They also discovered how charge and static electricity work, which led to some wild hair-raising moments that had everyone laughing. It was a fantastic day filled with hands-on learning and unforgettable experiences!



Golden Leaf Awards



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last day of term in the summer.

We all enjoyed an ice-cream treat after worship! Well done to you all.

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.

Thursday 4 th September	First day at school for Years 1-6
27 th –31 st October	Half term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day 2
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day 3
16 th -20 th February 2026	Half term
30 th March-10 th April	Easter holiday
25 th -29 th May 2026	Half term
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Last day of term
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.
Jill Hine, Headteacher