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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

#### *Thought for the week*

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your very kind donations for Jeans for Genes Day on Friday. We raised £187. The school council are going to be raising money for Macmillan Cancer support on Friday when we have a cake sale. We need lots of cakes to be sent in. These can be homemade, or shop bought as all will be bought! The school councillors will be selling them by the Year 1 classes. This is a cash only event as the PTFA will bank the money on behalf of us for Macmillan. Please send cakes in on Friday morning. Thank you.

#### **Photographs on Thursday**

All children need to be in school uniform on Thursday as we have school photographs. Please send your child's PE kit in a bag if they normally have PE on a Thursday as children can change after their photos have been taken.



#### **PTFA School Disco**

The PTFA will be hosting a school disco on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are available on Classlist. Invites have been sent out by Mr Chambers so please check your spam folders.

Tickets are £5.00 each and there is an option to purchase a hot dog (or dietary alternative) for £2.50. All children will be provided with biscuits (dietary alternatives as well) and a drink.

- Key Stage 1 and Reception Disco – 3:15pm to 4:15pm
- Key Stage 2 Disco – 4:30pm to 5:30pm

#### **Harvest**



This year our Harvest celebration will be held at St Margaret's Church on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. There are two services one at 9.45am for Years 3 & 4 and at 10.30am it will be the Year 5 & 6 service. Key Stage 1 children will have a Harvest worship in school, but due to space limitations this will be just for the children.

We are asking for donations of tins or packets of coffee, teabags, sugar, UHT milk, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, desserts, crisps, sweets, biscuits or toiletries for Crawley Food Bank Partnership. These can be brought to school starting this week. Thank you in advance for your very kind donations.

## Leaf Awards



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

Well done to you all.

## Sports Report



Mr Bandara writes:

### St Magnificent Effort

The boys football team competed in the Crawley District cup with 15 other Crawley primary schools. The boys did themselves proud with some excellent performances throughout the afternoon. The groups were split into 2 and we had seven fixtures that comprised of Northgate, Southgate, Bewbush, The Oaks, Milton Mount, Seymore and Pound Hill. We defended fantastically and were hard to break down! We lacked in the firepower department and eeked out a couple of 1-0! We won 3, drew 2 and lost 2. Overall a tremendous effort from the boys!

## 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:

<b>Service</b>		<b>Respect</b>	
<b>Responsibility</b>		<b>Friendship</b>	
<b>Perseverance</b>			

## Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday. I know you will all be very proud to have the new writing Award trophy in front of you all week!

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 Time Table Rockstars, TTRS, 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.

<b>Most accurate class</b>	Kingfisher Class – 90.84%
<b>Fastest class</b>	Owl Class – 1.07 seconds per question

<b>Year 1</b>	Hedgehog		<b>Year 2</b>	Badger	
	Squirrel			Fox	



## Attendance

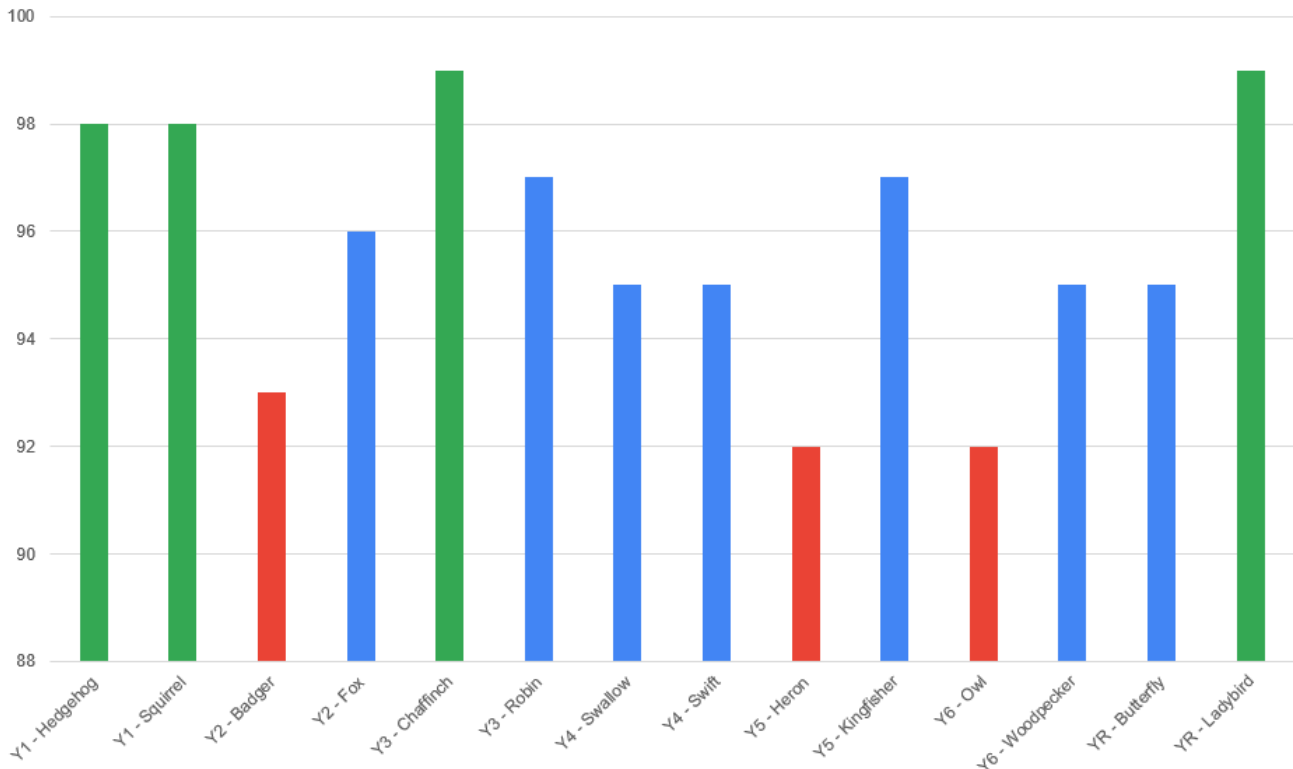


School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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! Last week's School attendance – 96.27%**



**Well done to Chaffinch and Ladybird classes who both got 99% attendance last week. Enjoy the popcorn!**

## 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Owl Class – Start Swimming Lessons (Please see separate email for dates and cost)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5/6 Girls Football District Cup – Selected children only
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos - Individual photos and school siblings - Please can all children wear full school uniform and bring their PE kits into school in a bag.
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 Girls Tag Rugby Event – Selected children only <b>Macmillan cake sale after school by Year 1 classes</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Fox Class Forest School – will continue on 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> October.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	American All Stars Meal Day – Please see ParentPay to book your child’s meal. Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival – All day event
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Robin Class Forest School – will continue on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest services at St Margaret’s Church for Key Stage 2 children - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at church for these services. 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>3.00-4.00pm Reception and Key stage 1 Disco</b> <b>4.30-5.30pm Key Stage 2 Disco</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am Year 6 Eucharist Service - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service. Crawley Church Coffee Cart NHS Flu Immunisations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 residential to Hindleap Warren No school run clubs will be happening this week
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School Application Deadline
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Friday 1st Nov	Half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Inset Day 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 6 Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child’s learning.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist Service - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	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.
8 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Nativity performances likely to be this week. Dates and times TBC
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas services at St Margaret’s Church for Key Stage 2 children - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at church for these services. 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day 3
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Spring term starts for all children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Starting September 2026 Application Deadline
Thursday 5 <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.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 12 <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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Swallow Djembe Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child’s learning. 9.45am Swift Djembe Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child’s learning.

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter services at St Margaret's Church for Key Stage 2 children - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at church for these services. 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts for all children
Thursday 30 <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 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 <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 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am Reception Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day 4
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at St Margaret's Church. - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at this special service.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Jill Hine,  
Headteacher