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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 6th October 2025

Thought for the week

*As long as the earth lasts, there will be a time for planting and a time for harvest.
There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night.*

Genesis 8.22

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted with our SIAMS report that we received last week. Mr Chambers will be emailing it later.

Thank you so much for your very generous cake donations. We made an amazing £537.80 for Macmillan Cancer support. Thank you as well for your Harvest donations. Please send them in this week and we will arrange for them all to be collected early next week.

We said goodbye and good luck to Mr Harris last week. Some children even styled their hair in true Mr Harris fashion on Tuesday, his last day!! Mr McGivern didn't disappoint with his goodbye video and we know that Mr Harris will continue being amazing in his new role. We welcomed Mr Johnson to our team. Mr Johnson has taken over from Mr Harris in his role, teaching PE across the school.



Next week is Cycle to school week. Please make sure that your child wears a helmet to keep them safe. Scooters count too!
We will make sure there is plenty of space to park scooters and bikes up next week.

Arbor School Shop

On Arbor, you may have noticed that we now have a school shop. This is where replacements for lost school badges can be purchased for the moment but, eventually, we may add more things to the school shop.

Structured Conversations

Please book a time to talk to your child's teacher. We know that 10 minutes isn't always long enough, so you can arrange another time to continue the discussion if necessary.



PTFA School Disco

The PTFA will be hosting a school disco on Friday 10th 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. Tickets will not be sold past 9pm on Wednesday 8th October so please make sure you

purchase your tickets before this deadline.

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

Harvest



Our Harvest celebration will be held this week at St Margaret's Church on Tuesday 7th 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.

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:

Responsibility		Respect	
Generosity		Compassion	

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 Times 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.

Most accurate class	Woodpecker Class – 92.19%
Fastest class	Woodpecker Class – 1.24 seconds per question

Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 2	Badger	
	Squirrel			Fox	



Attendance

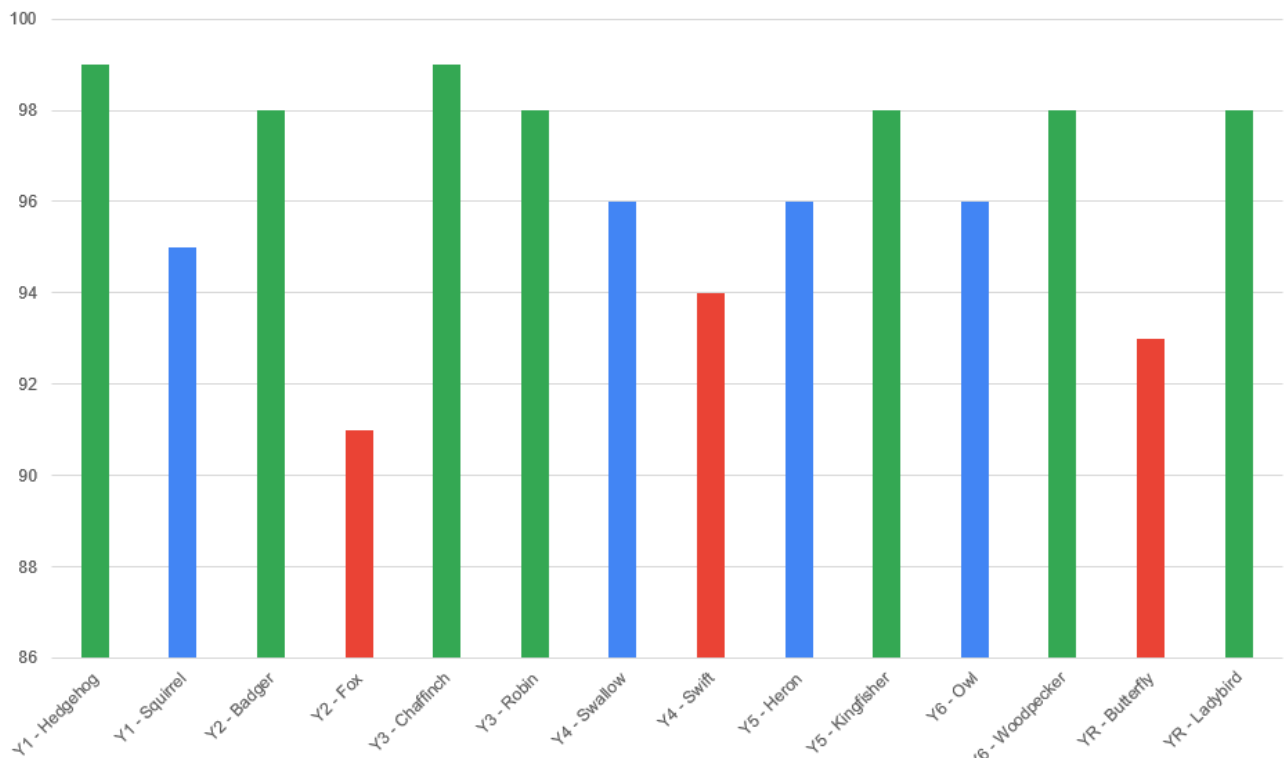


School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 96.8%



Well done to Chaffinch and Hedgehog Classes. 99%! Amazing... I hope you all enjoyed 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.

Tuesday 7 th 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
Friday 10 th October	3.00-4.00pm Reception and Key stage 1 Disco 4.30-5.30pm Key Stage 2 Disco
Wednesday 15 th October	9.00am Open Morning for prospective Reception intake 2026
Thursday 16 th 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 13 th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations 3.40-6.30pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations 3.40-6.30pm
Monday 20 th to Friday 25 th Oct	Year 6 residential to Hindleap Warren No school run clubs will be happening this week
Monday 20 th October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations 3.40-6.30pm
Friday 31 st October	Secondary School Application Deadline
Monday 27 th Friday 1st Nov	Half term
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day 2
Wednesday 12 th Nov	9.00am Open Morning for prospective Reception intake 2026
Thursday 13 th 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 th 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 th 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 th –12 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity performances likely to be this week. Dates and times TBC
Thursday 18 th 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 th January	Inset Day 3
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Spring term starts for all children
Thursday 15 th January	Reception Starting September 2026 Application Deadline
Thursday 5 th 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 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 12 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 19 th 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 th 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 th 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 th April	Summer term starts for all children

Thursday 30 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 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 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 21 st May	9.00am Reception Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day 4
Friday 12 th June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 th 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 th 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 th June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Monday 20 th 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 st July	Last day of term
Wednesday 22 nd July	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine,
Headteacher