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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

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Thought for the week

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in church on Tuesday for our Harvest Services. The children sang so beautifully, read clearly and acted their parts with such confidence. Everyone at the Key Stage 2 service was treated to a very unique St Margaret's Inspector Gadget Harvest spectacular! Open House will be collecting your very kind donations later this week. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA Disco on Friday night and to Mr McGivern who was spinning the tunes! Both discos were a great success and, as always, need to be planned with support on the night, so thank you to everyone who helped on Friday.

Year 5 parents please note the change of date for your Eucharist Service We have had to alter the date because of a planned maths event – more information about this will be sent out in due course. Please look at the diary dates.



Sewing Club

The after-school sewing club is very popular and very successful. Just have a look at some of these finished creations.

The children love creating their own designs and are so proud when they can take their sewing home.

This 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.

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.



Sporting News

Miss Owen writes:

On Thursday, 19 year 6 children attended a cross-country competition at Oriol High school. There were over 200 children competing in a 2km race. All the St Margaret's runners finished the race showing great perseverance and endurance. One of our year 6 girls got a remarkable 6th place! We are very proud of you all.

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		Compassion	
Generosity		Friendship	
Creativity			

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



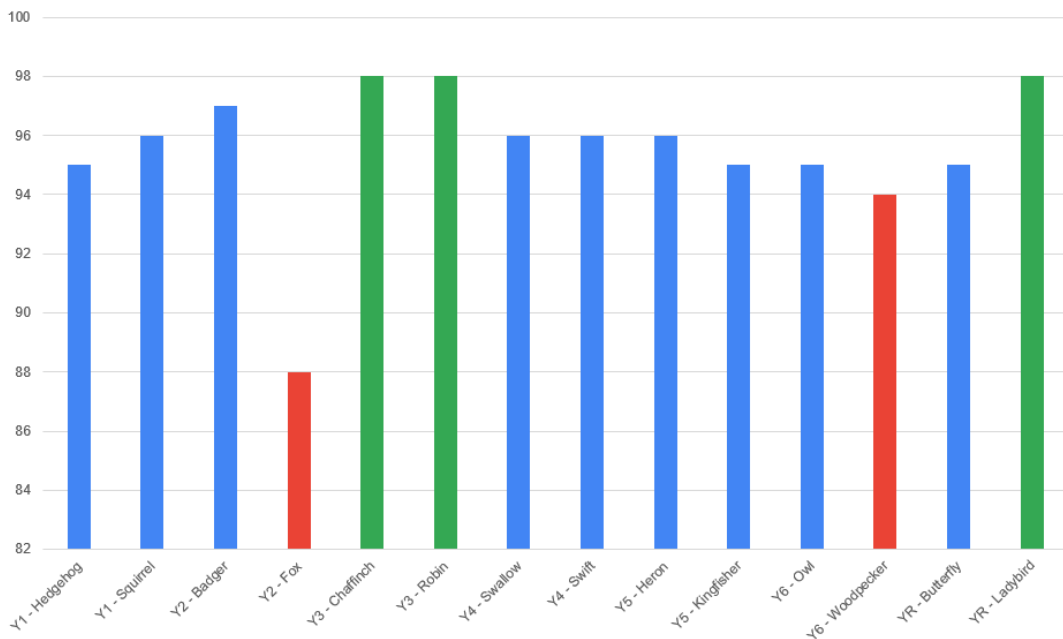
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 95.91%

Well done to Ladybird, Chaffinch and Robin Classes. 98%! 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.

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 12th Nov	9.00am Open Morning for prospective Reception intake 2026

	am Year 4 to Cineworld
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.
Tuesday 18th November	am Years 1, 2 and 3 to Cineworld ** Change of date 9.00am Year 5 Eucharist Service - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Wednesday 19th November	Maths Escape room in school
Thursday 20th November	Maths Escape room in school
Wednesday 26th November	am Years 5 and 6 to Cineworld
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