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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Thought for the week

In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.

Matthew 7:12

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday. We are looking forward to the next seven weeks which will be very busy as always! Please remember to give in your entries for the DCAT Christmas Card Competition by tomorrow!

The last week of term was a very different week for Year 6. Most of the year group went to Hindleap for their residential week and the remaining children were busy at school with activities they had planned. I must start by saying thank you to all the Year 6 children as they have been a real credit to our school.

I also want to say thank you to Mr McGivern, Miss Galley and Mrs Fox, who went with the children to Hindleap. Mr Banadra, Mrs Warner and Ms Hulbert all visited the children during the week and enjoyed their time with them as well. Mr Harris also went along on his day off which was a lovely surprise! The children were very well behaved, polite and very supportive of one another. We were so pleased that, but not really too surprised, that the instructors at Hindleap Warren commented on how well our children behaved during the week. It was a wonderful week of personal challenges, new experiences, excitement, fun and enjoyment. It was tiring and non-stop for everyone, but I know we see a different side to your children when they are away on a residential trip and I'm sure they see us in a different light too (especially at 6.00am in the morning or earlier!) I hope they have talked constantly this weekend about their experiences. I especially want to thank all the staff who go, as without them a residential could not even be contemplated. Staff are constantly on call 24 hours a day and they leave their families and children behind to go. I'm sure you will all extend your thanks to the staff as well.

Special thanks to Mrs Mitchell and Ms Hulbert who had a great time with the children who stayed at school. They had a busy and very enjoyable week filled with cooking, creating and many other activities. I had to taste their cooking and I can honestly say everything they made was delicious.



Year 3 Stone Age Day

Mrs Fletcher and Miss Froud write:

Just before half term, Year 3 welcomed a special visitor from the Stone Age! The children enjoyed an action-packed day exploring life from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Highlights included learning survival skills like foraging and hunting woolly mammoths, and examining fascinating replica artefacts such as stone hammers, arrows, and antlers. The hands-on experience brought history to life in the most exciting way! A huge thank you to all the families who helped prepare the children's incredible Stone Age outfits—they looked absolutely fantastic and added so much to the day.



Structured Conversations

If you didn't sign up to see your child's class teacher before half term please make sure that you arrange a meeting with them this week. Thank you.

Christian value-Respect



Our next value that we will be thinking about in worship for the next seven weeks will be Respect. We will be thinking about these key themes: self-respect - celebrating our gifts and talents; looking after ourselves; nurturing the best we can be; honouring how God has made us; being confident about who we are; earning the respect of others.

We will also be thinking about respect for our parents and carers - honouring those who care for us; helping at home; appreciating what's done for us; cooperation not conflict; taking responsibility.

Our discussions will also take account of respect for those in authority -cooperating with police, teachers and those who work for our safety in different ways; being prepared to listen and learn from others who have experience. Very importantly we will be thinking about respect for others - everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important; everyone's feelings should be considered; everyone's faith is sacred and finally respecting the environment and discussing green issues. I am sure you will find discussing these themes at home as well over the next seven weeks very useful.



St Margaret's School and Nursery Prayer Group

A prayer group is going to re-start in school. It will be at 8.50am, following drop off on a **Friday** morning one week and alternating at 3.00pm on the following week. It will be held in the meeting room. Please go to the school office so you are signed in.

Poppy Appeal

The school office will be selling the British Royal Legion's Poppy Appeal wrist bands (ranging from £1.00 to £1.50), poppies (minimum donation of 50p) and reflectors (50p). These will be on sale before and after school as well as playtimes at the school office.

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:

Service		Friendship	
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Attendance



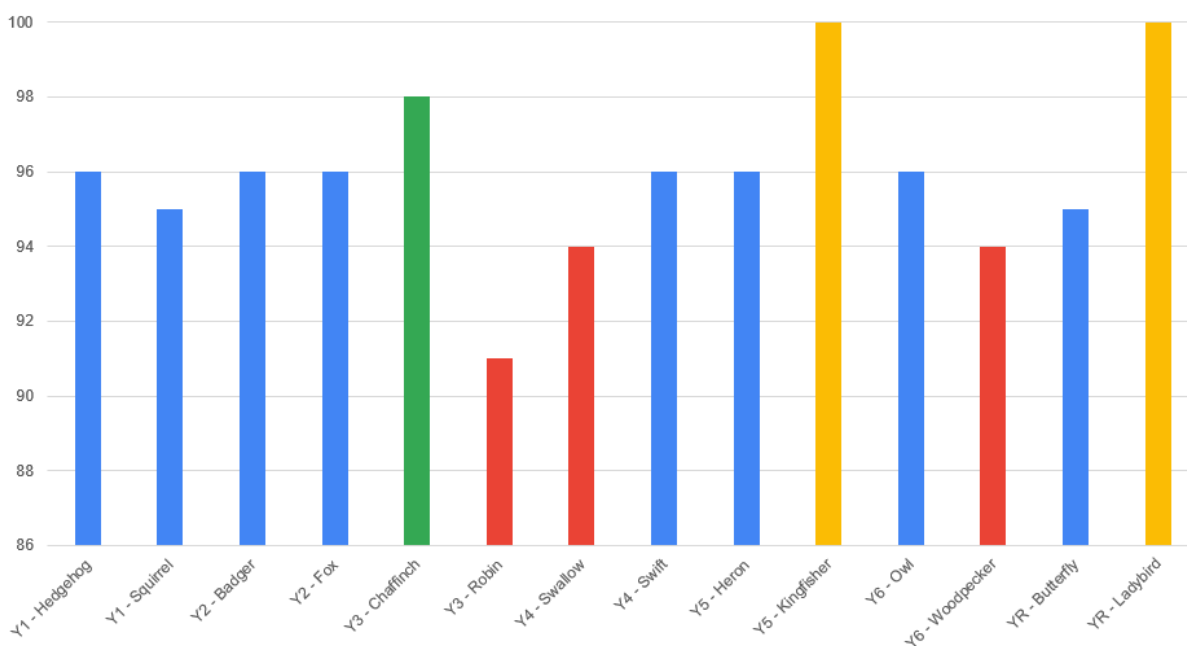
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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! Last week's School attendance – 94.8%

Well done to Ladybird and Kingfisher Classes – 100% Amazing... I hope you all enjoyed the double 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.

Friday 7th November	8:50am – Pray Group starts – please sign in at the school office
Tuesday 11th November	2.45pm PTFA AGM in The Studio
Wednesday 12 th 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.
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day – link
Tuesday 18 th 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 19 th November	Maths Escape room in school
Thursday 20 th November	Maths Escape room in school
Wednesday 26 th 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