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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 17th November 2025

Thought for the week

Love your neighbour as yourself.

Mark 12:31

Dear Parents and Carers,



We had another busy week at school last week. On Remembrance Day we had a reflective 2-minute silence outside when the whole school gathered together. Every class had made a poppy wreath which was held at the front of each class and these are now proudly displayed in school. As you walk past the school you will see them in the windows near the office.

Thank you for your kind donations to Children in Need. The total raised so far is £510. I think everyone enjoyed wearing their pyjamas on Friday! If you have forgotten to donate so far please [click on this link](#).



Another very big thank you as well for all your very kind donations to Operation Christmas Child. Miss Poole was able to take 22 boxes after school on Friday. An amazing total!

Maths Week

This week is Maths Week and we are excited to have our Escape Rooms on Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember to pay your contribution of £2.00 for the Maths Escape Rooms this week. This invoice is on the Arbor Parent Portal/App under Trips.

Staffing news

Mrs Holmes has joined our staff team. She will be working in our Reception classes for 2 days a week. I know that you will all make her feel very welcome as a member of staff now as many of you will know her as a parent.



Elfridges



Our new parents will probably be wondering what Elfridges is. This is a Christmas event run by the PTFA which allows children to buy a small present for their loved ones. You have the opportunity to buy tickets for your child to go to Elfridges, which is in the school hall, to buy a one or presents or for loved ones. These presents are then wrapped up and a label put on so the child knows who they have bought a present for. It really is a very special afternoon.

Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation, box of chocolates or a box of biscuits on Friday 21st November for Elfridges. **Please can you make sure the chocolates and biscuits are nut free!** Thank you. If children have PE on Friday, they can wear their own clothes on Thursday.

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	
Responsibility		Perseverance	
Compassion		Trust	

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	Kingfisher Class – 91.94%
Fastest class	Owl Class – 1.27 seconds per question

Year R	Butterfly		Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 2	Badger	
	Ladybird			Squirrel			Fox	

Leaf Awards



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

Writing Awards



Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday.

Reception	Butterfly	
	Ladybird	
Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	

Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	

Sporting News

Miss Owen writes: On Wednesday, a group of year 3 and 4 students went along to Hazelwick School to participate in a hockey festival. They did a circuit of drills to practice their hockey skills including dribbling, tackling and passing. The students then played some friendly matches against other primary schools, showing wonderful teamwork and sportsmanship as well as scoring some brilliant goals. A special mention to one child in Swift class who won a medal for her great attitude and enthusiasm.



Attendance



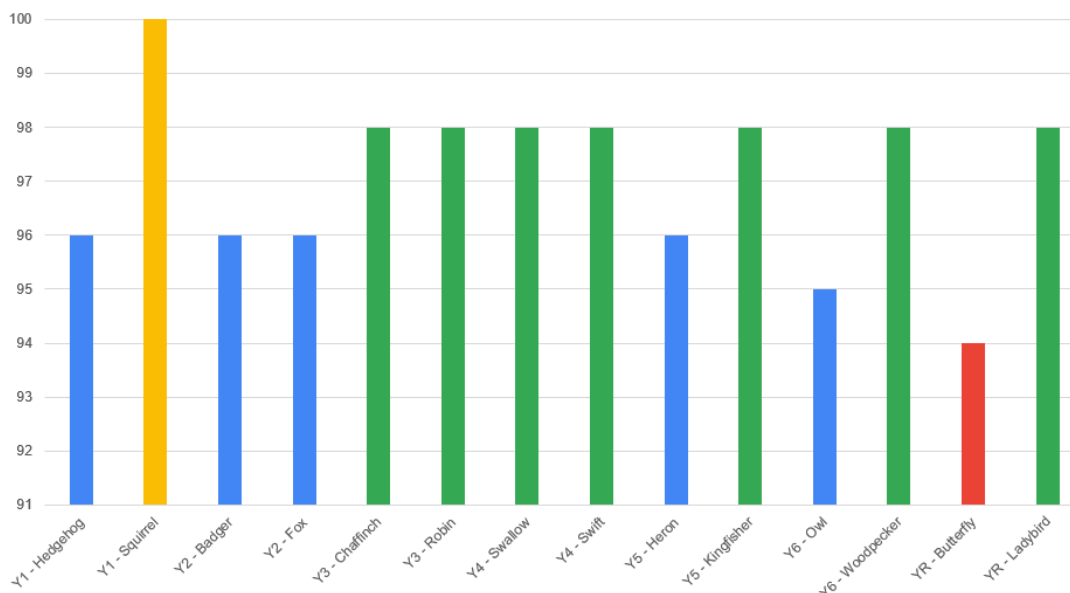
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Squirrel Class – 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.

Tuesday 18 th November	am Years 1, 2 and 3 to Cineworld - Free 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 – Please remember to pay £2.00 – invoice is on Arbor.
Thursday 20 th November	Maths Escape room in school – Please remember to pay £2.00 – invoice is on Arbor. Year 5/6 Netball Tournament – Selected children only
Friday 21st November	Own clothes for Elfridges in exchange for £1 donation or a box of chocolates or a box of biscuits
Tuesday 25th November	Year 5/6 Art Ambassadors to ICC
Wednesday 26 th November	am Years 5 and 6 to Cineworld - Free Year 4 – Egyptian Day – Please remember to pay £7.00 – invoice is on Arbor.
Thursday 27th November	Year 1 Horsham Museum Workshop – Hosted in School – Please remember to pay £4.50 – invoice is on Arbor.
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 1 Music Showcase – 9am Year 5 Music Showcase – 2:45pm
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Lunch Order Deadline Day
Friday 5th December	Elfridges all afternoon
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents, carers and family members 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents, carers and family members
Wednesday 10 th Dec	9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents, carers and family members Year 6 Music Showcase – 2:45pm
Thursday 11 th December	9.30am Reception Nativity to parents, carers and family members
Friday 12 th December	9.30am Reception Nativity to parents, carers and family members
Monday 15 th December	No school run clubs this week.
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – no donation required Christmas School Lunch Reindeer Run – in support of St Catherine’s Hospice – here is the link to make your donation.
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