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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 1st December 2025

Thought for the week



Advent is:

Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, Christ

Dear Parents and Carers,



Every year we like to have our Christmas tree in the hall covered with homemade decorations. The children can make any decoration if it has a Christmas theme. If you would like the decoration returned, please make sure it has a name on the back. All decorations also need a looped thread that we can hang it by. Please send decorations in from tomorrow. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part. I am sure our tree will look lovely again this year.

School Hamper

We will be giving away some special Christmas themed hampers to the children with good or better attendance for the Autumn term. The draw will take place on Friday 19th December! You will definitely need to be at school on Friday 19th December to pick your hamper up!

Art Ambassadors



Miss Galley writes
Art ambassadors recently went on a trip to ICC to visit their art department and complete some winter themed artwork. It was so great to be in a dedicated art space. The children were impressed with the art work on display and loved painting alongside older students, learning new techniques and using different tools. Thank you ICC for having us!

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		Respect	
Responsibility		Perseverance	
Compassion		Friendship	

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 – 93%
Fastest class	Woodpecker Class – 1.47 second per question

Butterfly Class		Hedgehog Class		Badger Class	
Ladybird Class		Squirrel Class		Fox Class	

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	

Attendance



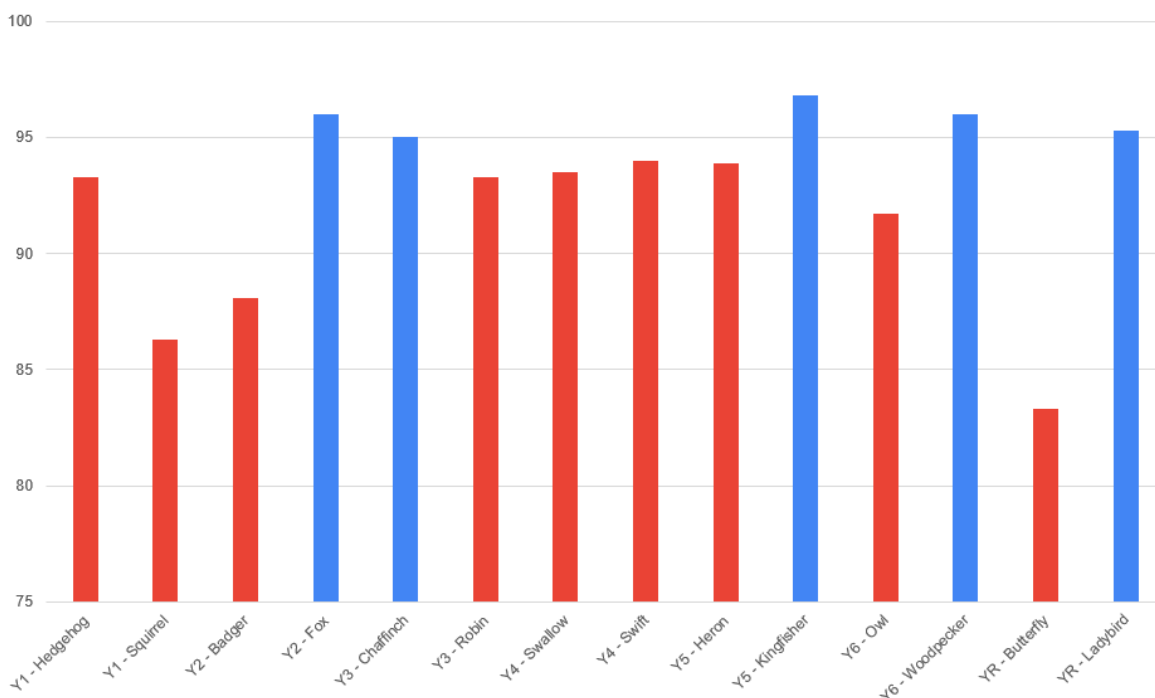
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Kingfisher Class – 97%. Well done!
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 3 rd December	Year 1 Music Showcase – 9am Year 5 Music Showcase – 2:45pm
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Lunch Order Deadline Day
Friday 5 th 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 1 st 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