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***Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential***

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### *Thought for the week*

**A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us.**

Isaiah 9:6

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a very exciting week with both Reception and Year 1 and 2 Nativity performances this week. Please remember that unless you have booked a ticket with the office you won't be able to come and watch as numbers are strictly limited. Mr Chambers has sent out all ticket allocations for Year R, 1 and 2 so, if you haven't received your email please contact the school office.

Elfridges was great success on Friday afternoon. We also had Father Christmas here as well as The Grinch! Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who helped wrap the presents and to the PTFA who organised such a wonderful festive afternoon.



The Christmas tree in the hall is looking lovely with more home-made decorations on it. Please keep making and sending in the decorations. Remember to put a name on if you would like them back at the end of term.

#### **St Catherine's Reindeer Run**



Our Reindeer Run is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December during the morning. I know the children will love running round the playground wearing their reindeer headbands raising money for St Catherine's Hospice, a charity close to many of our hearts. We have decided not to give out sponsor forms, so please donate on the just giving page. Please [click here](#) to be taken to the Just Giving page.



#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> December! You will definitely need to be at school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December to pick your hamper up!

## 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	Responsibility

## Attendance



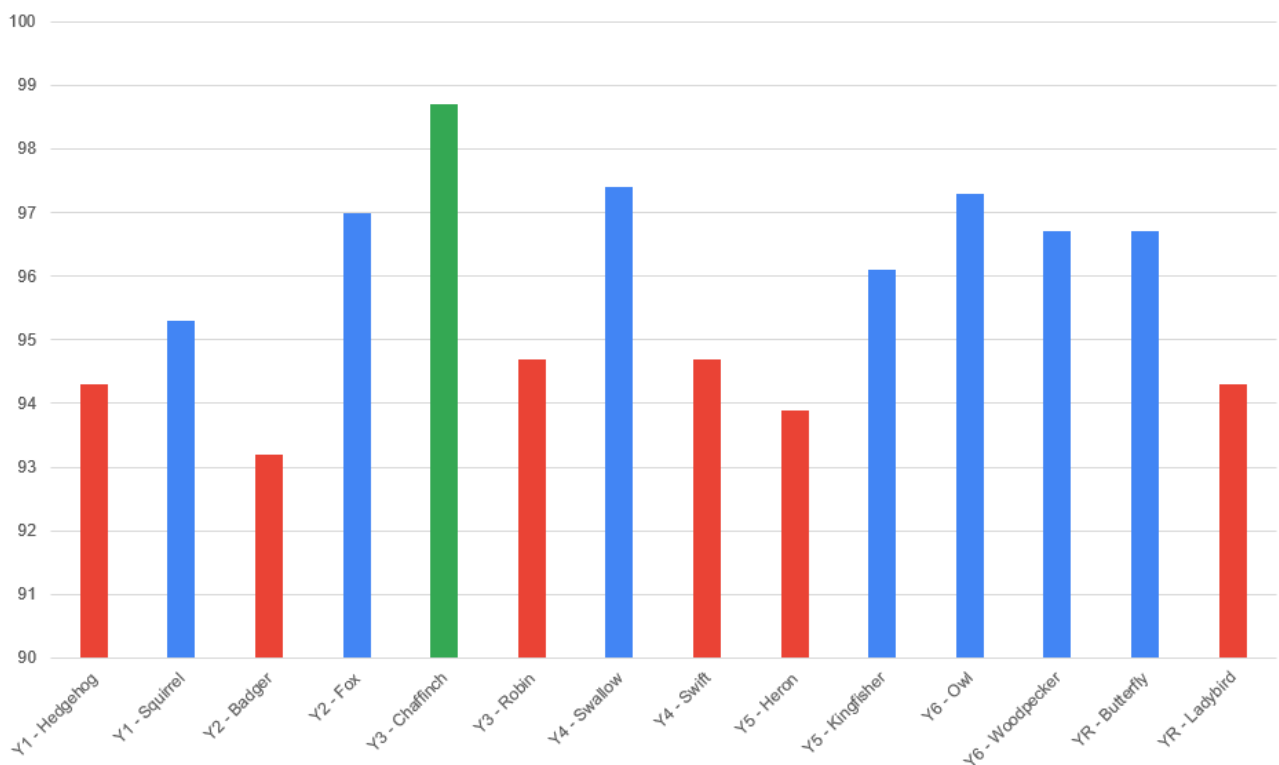
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 95.73%**

**Well done to Chaffinch Class – 98.7%. 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.

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents, carers and family members Year 6 Music Showcase – 2:45pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Reception Nativity to parents, carers and family members
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Reception Nativity to parents, carers and family members
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	No school run clubs this week.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – no donation required Christmas School Lunch Reindeer Run – in support of St Catherine’s Hospice – <a href="#">here is the link</a> to make your donation.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day 3
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Spring term starts for all children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception starting September 2026 Application Deadline
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts for all children
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am Reception Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day 4
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine,  
Headteacher