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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 15th December 2025

Thought for the week

**Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace and goodwill
toward all men.**

Luke 2:14

Dear Parents and Carers



I can't quite believe it is the last week of term! Thank you for all your support again this term. I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing time with your loved ones this Christmas. We will see you back at school on Tuesday 6th January. There is a lot going on in this last week of term so here are the highlights below.

This week's Festive events

Monday 15th December	No school run clubs this week.
Tuesday 16th December	Oh no, it isn't! Oh yes, it is! It's a Staff Special Pantomime!
Wednesday 17th 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. Christmas Party afternoon for most year groups
Thursday 18th 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 2.30pm Open Afternoon
Friday 19th December	Golden Leaf and Golden Breakfast Attendance Christmas Hampers will be given to the winning children and their families. A very special visitor and his helping elves might be paying us a visit late this afternoon.

Open afternoon

On Thursday afternoon you can come and look at your child's learning in the classroom. You can come at 2.30pm and you can leave with your children from 3.00pm. Children who usually walk home will not be allowed to leave before 3.20pm. Children love showing you this term's learning. Children cannot visit other sibling's classrooms as the rooms are very busy as you can imagine.

St Catherine's Reindeer Run



Our Reindeer Run is on Wednesday 17th 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.

Nativity plays

As always our Nativity play were amazing. The children love singing, as you could tell, and their clear speaking and acting was a joy to watch. We are very proud of them, and I know you are as well. Special thanks as always to our amazing staff at St Margaret's for ensuring that both Reception and Year 1 and 2 Nativity Shows were a delight to watch.



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:

Friendship		Creativity	
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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	Owl Class – 93%
Fastest class	Owl Class – 1.03 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		Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Ladybird			Robin	
Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 4	Swallow	
	Squirrel			Swift	
Year 2	Badger		Year 5	Heron	
	Fox			Kingfisher	
			Year 6	Owl	
				Woodpecker	

Attendance



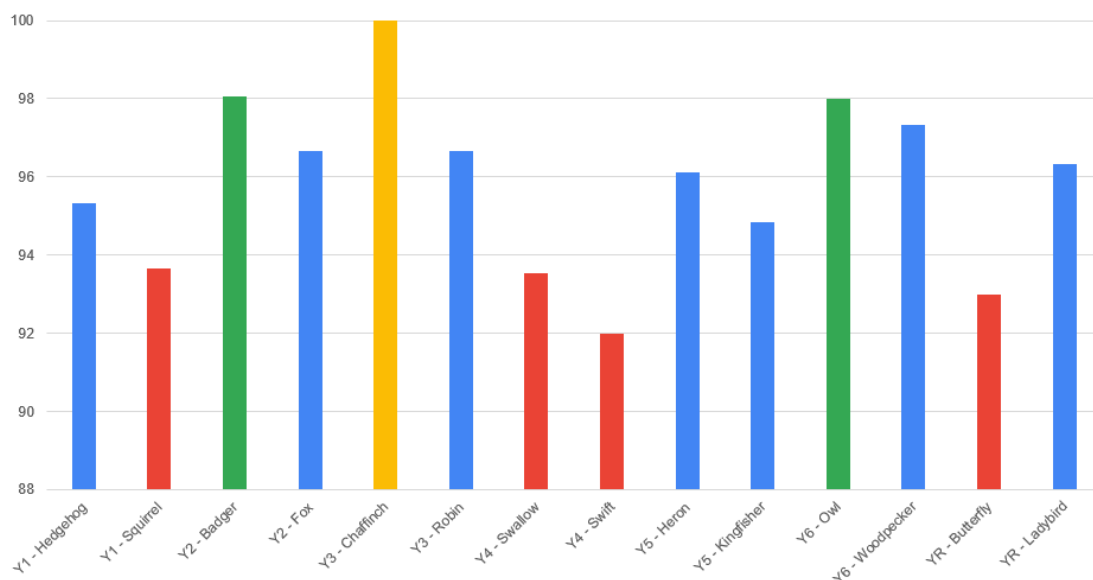
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 95.83%

**Well done to Chaffinch Class – 100%. Well done!
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.

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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