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*Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential*

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*Thought for the week*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start this brief newsletter by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive time with your families. I would like to thank you all for your very generous gifts to all staff at the end of term. They are always unexpected, but very much appreciated. Thank you.

I must mention the two wonderful Carol Services that we had in the Church at the end of term. I am sure if you were there you will agree that the singing was beautiful and I was very proud of all the children. Both services ensured a perfect start to the Christmas celebrations. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members there as well. Thank you for your support.

I have some staff news. I am delighted that Ms Grant is returning from maternity leave today. She will be working with Squirrel Class on Monday and Tuesdays.

The holiday seemed to fly by, but we are back at school ready for an exciting Spring term.

Thank you for all your donations for the reindeer run in the last week of term.

**Nursery News**

The closing date to apply for a September 2026 Nursery space is 31st January. If you would like to book a tour or make an enquiry, please contact [stmagsnursery@stmagsifield.co.uk](mailto:stmagsnursery@stmagsifield.co.uk)

**School Payer Group**

The school prayer group is going to meet at 2.50-3.10pm every Friday rather than alternating times.

**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:

<b>Service</b>		<b>Respect</b>	
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## Christitan Value



Our new Christian value for this half term is Trust

We will be thinking about what Trust means and that Trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust can mean putting yourself in others' hands. We will be exploring the experts we trust and who trusts us.

We will be exploring 'Trust in the Lord' as a central theme in the Psalms. Time and time again, God is the recognised as the source of all true security and strength.

We will also be thinking about why Trust is central to society and how it feels to be valued and honoured. I am sure that you will be discussing this value at home as well.

## Golden Leaf Awards



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last Friday morning.

We all enjoyed a special breakfast together straight after worship.

## Attendance



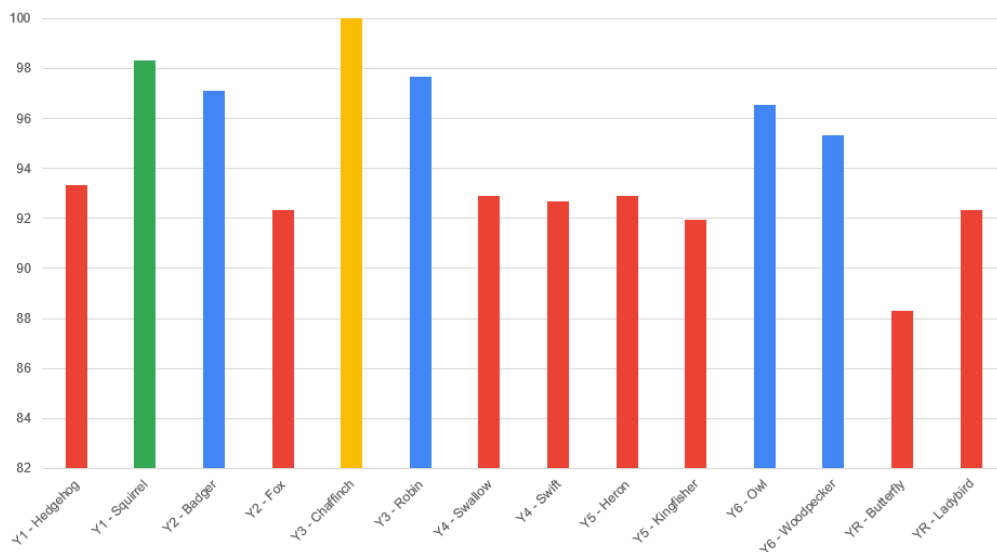
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 94.37%**

**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.

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