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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

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Thought for the week

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Proverbs 3

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see everyone back at school last week. The children have all settled really well into the new term, although I think there were a few tired children and staff by Friday after being back at school! I am sure that after having their batteries recharged at the weekend everyone will be looking forward to the week ahead.

It was particularly cold last week. We will always take the children out for a break in the fresh air if it is safe to do so. Playgrounds and pathways are gritted so children can play safely. We might not keep the children out for the whole of the break time if the air temperature is too low. Please make sure that hats, scarves, earmuffs and gloves are all named.

Parking in The Mardens



As you know, I receive many complaints about parking, so I asked the PTFA to purchase some lovely personalised St Margaret's styled road safety reminders. They will go on top of the yellow zig zags so cars can't park there. Parking down The Mardens is very limited and also it does become quite a bottle neck with cars trying to pass one another.

Please either use the large car park off Ifield Drive next to Ewhurst playing fields or park safely and considerately in the surrounding areas. There is some limited parking in the Elim church car park on days that they do not have any services or events.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who do park considerately.

Sporting News



Miss Owen writes: On the final Monday of the autumn term, some year 6 girls went to K2 to participate in a football league. They played really well together in three games and won a game 2-1. The next tournament in the cup will take place in January. Well done girls.

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:

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| Service | | Respect | |
| Wisdom | | Friendship | |

Leaf Awards



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

Maths Awards



We are celebrating Timetable 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.

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| Fastest class | Kingfisher Class 1.19seconds |
| Most accurate class | Kingfisher Class 91.75% |

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| Reception | Butterfly | | Year 1 | Hedgehog | | Year 2 | Badger | |
| | Ladybird | | | Squirrel | | | Fox | |

Writing Awards



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

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| Reception | | |
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| Year 1 | | |
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| Year 2 | | |
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Attendance



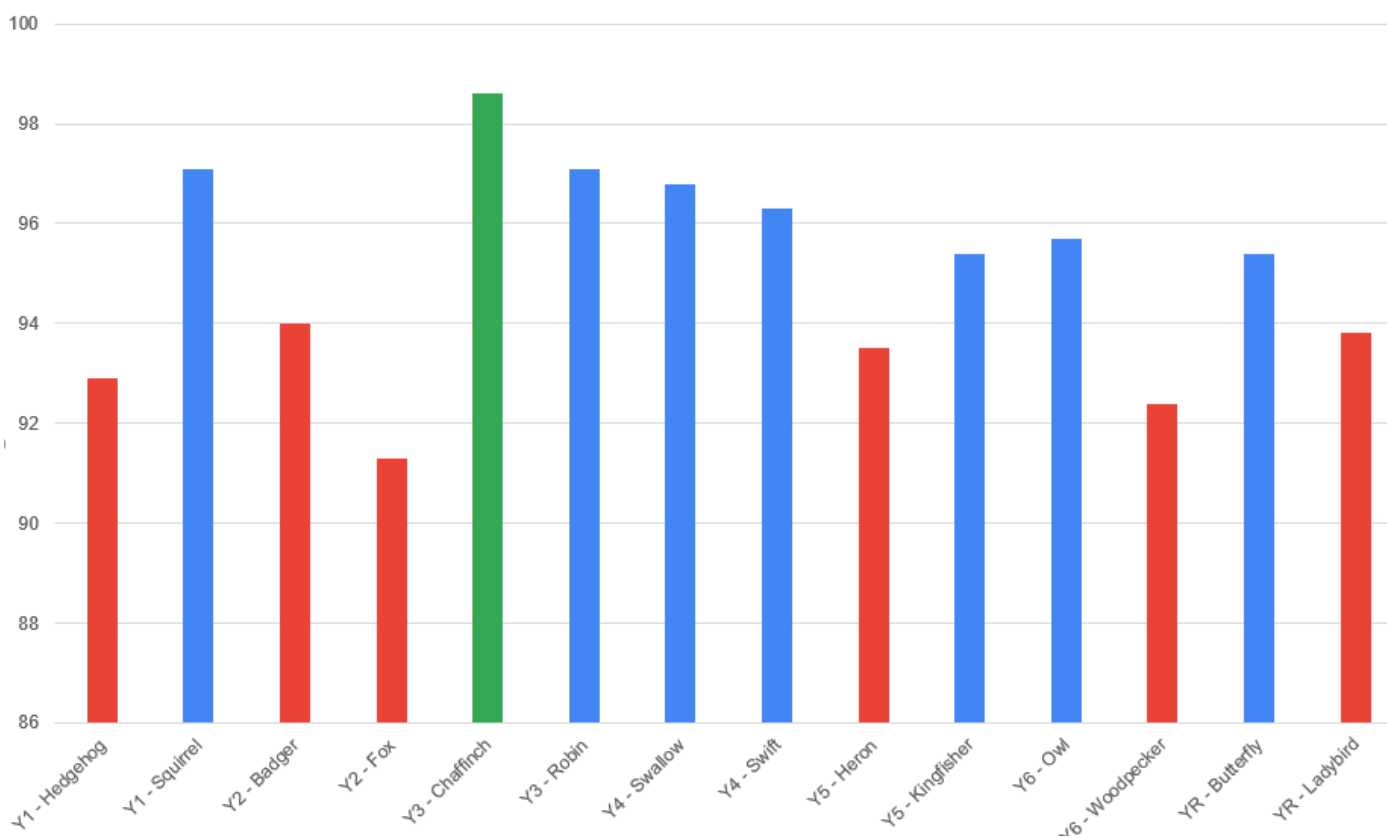
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 95.02%

**Well done to Chaffinch Class – 98.6%. 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.

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| 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. |

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| 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

