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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 19th January 2026

Thought for the week

We are the work of your hands.

Isaiah 64.8

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the many positive comments about our new safety mini St Margaret's children on the zig zags. Please don't move them so you can park there and don't run over them. They are acting as a visual reminder to keep everyone safe near school. Thank you.

We had another exciting week at school with the fire brigade visiting the reception children and this week will also be a highlight for children in Year 5 and 6 who are going to Young Voices at O2. Reception enjoyed a visit from Crawley Fire Service. We were so excited to meet the firefighters and see the fire engine! We met the team and they taught us all about keeping safe at home and in school. We learnt about the different jobs that the fire service does and how they help people in the community. The firefighters said we were the best-behaved school they have visited! We were very proud of how sensibly the children behaved.



This week will also be a highlight for children in Year 5 and 6 who are going to Young Voices at O2. It is always a late night, but it is such a fabulous day and evening. I'll write more about our adventures next week.

Structured conversations

We have structured conversations planned for Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th February, so please sign-up using the Arbor app from 4:00pm today. These meetings are so important as you can discuss the progress your child has made and how you can support their learning at home. The meetings are all 10 minutes, but if you need longer then all class teachers will be happy to arrange another time and date. Not all class teachers will be in their classrooms. There will be signs up indicating where the rooms are if you are unsure.

Leaf Awards



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

Writing Awards



Well done to all the 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	

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.

Service		Respect	
Wisdom		Friendship	
Thankfulness		Courage	
Compassion		Perseverance	

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.

Fastest class	Owl Class 1.01seconds
Most accurate class	Swallow Class 91.75%



We also celebrated other maths stars.

Reception	Butterfly		Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 2	Badger	
	Ladybird			Squirrel			Fox	

Attendance



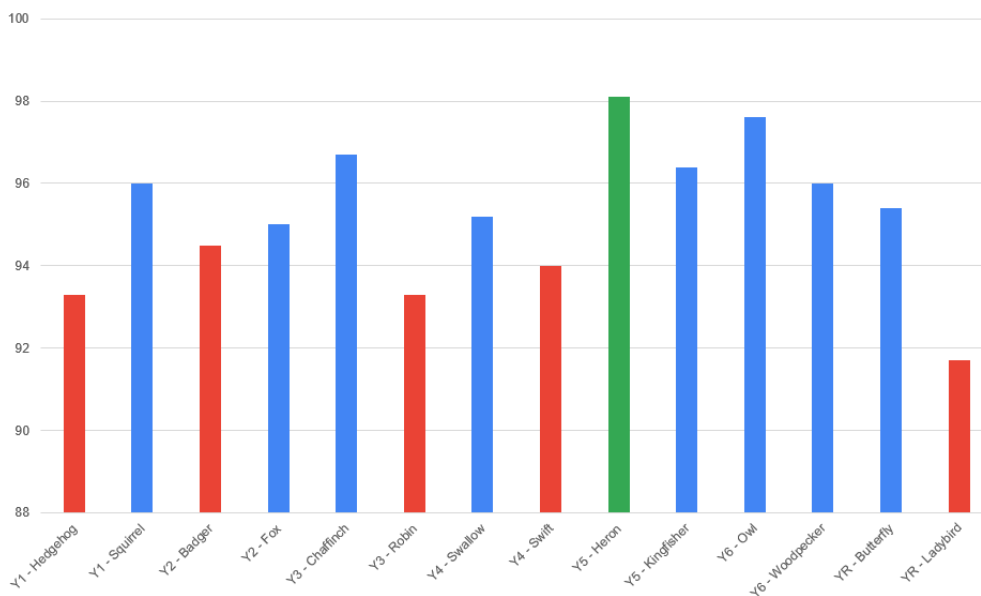
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Heron 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.

Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices 2026 at the O2
Monday 2nd February	Structured conversations starting at 3.40pm No Key Stage 1 Cinema Club due to Structured Conversations
Wednesday 4th February	Structured conversations starting at 3.40pm
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.

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Headteacher