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*Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential*

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## *Thought for the week*

Trust me in your time of trouble.

**Psalms 50**

Dear Parents and Carers



A lovely photo from Mrs Walker to show Spring is on its way. There are lots of lovely photographs of our wonderful children this week showcasing their talents. Young Voices on Wednesday was a particular highlight of the week. It is a late night for the children and staff but it is such a wonderful experience.

### **Young Voices**

Mrs McFarlane writes:

Last Wednesday we had the privilege of taking 48 year five and six children to the O2 arena in London to perform as part of the Young Voices choir of almost 9000 children. This year was particularly special as it was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The children have been rehearsing for the best part of 5 months and it was so wonderful to finally see them all take to the stage and shine, singing with all their hearts and dancing with all their energy. All the children should feel very proud of themselves. They behaved well and were fabulous ambassadors for our wonderful school from start to end. We are very proud of them all and hope that the time they sang with their friends with almost 9000 others, at the O2, will live as a special memory for them always.



The rest of the school have had the opportunity to learn a couple of the Young Voices songs this term which has been wonderful and we are pleased to announce that the children who went to the O2 will be performing some of their personal favourites to the school this coming week.

On a side note, we were delighted to hear that enrolment for the 2026/2027 Young Voices concert is sooner than ever before and so do keep your eyes peeled for information about this early in the Summer term.

## Sporting News



The year 6 girls football team went to the last tournament of the league. They played so well together and have improved massively since the start of the year. They played 3 matches, winning one game 4-0. Well done girls.



A group of year 5 and 6 girls attended a netball festival. They have been working hard at netball club and used this opportunity to showcase and improve their skills. They did a circuit of stations working on shooting, passing and pivoting. Well done to a child in year 6 who won a medal for her great effort.

On Friday, two groups of years 4-6 children went to K2 for competition. There was a team competing in Boccia and a team competing in New Age Curling. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and passion, working together to try and win against other primary schools. Well done everyone.



## 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.

<b>Service</b>		<b>Respect</b>	
<b>Responsibility</b>		<b>Friendship</b>	
<b>Thankfulness</b>		<b>Perseverance</b>	
<b>Creativity</b>		<b>Trust</b>	

## 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.

<b>Fastest class</b>	Owl Class 1.13 seconds
<b>Most accurate class</b>	Swallow Class 90.80%



We also celebrated other maths stars.

<b>Reception</b>	Butterfly		<b>Year 1</b>	Hedgehog		<b>Year 2</b>	Badger	
	Ladybird			Squirrel			Fox	

## Attendance



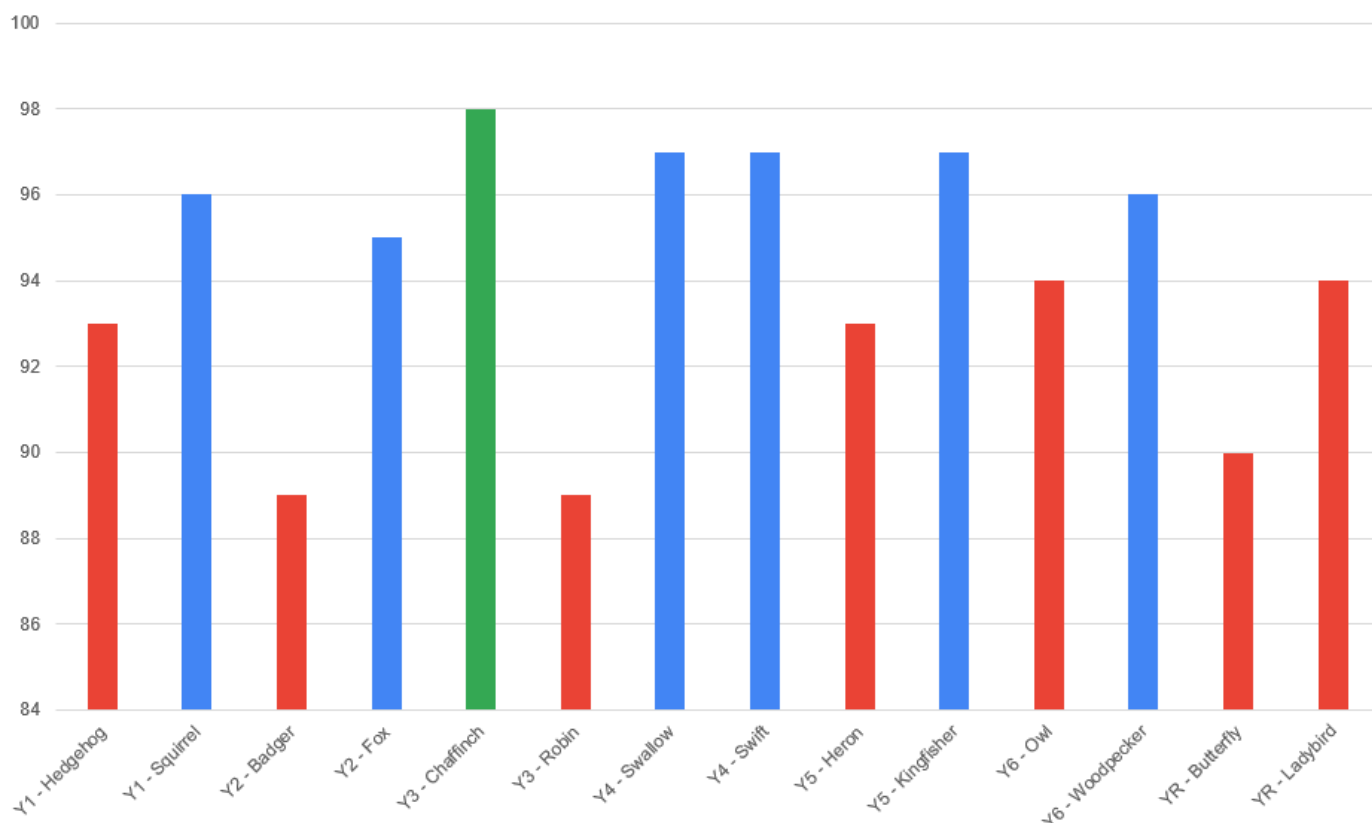
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Chaffinch Class – 98%. 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.

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations starting at 3.40pm</b> <b>No Key Stage 1 Cinema Club due to Structured Conversations</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations starting at 3.40pm</b>
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

