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*Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## *Thought for the week*

God can calm the storm in your life.

Psalm 107

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems hardly possible that this is the last week at school before the half term. The weeks seem to fly past quicker than ever! It would be lovely to think that we might have some dry days over half term...let's all keep our fingers crossed! I hope you all have a lovely half term whatever the weather.

If you email to say your child isn't at school, please can you say exactly what the reason is rather than just 'unwell', thank you.

### **Easter Service**

I am very sorry to inform you that we won't be able to have our Easter Service in Church on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We have taken this decision because several staff are on a training course that week plus the church is without a boiler due to flooding issues. We will hold Easter services in school, but we won't be able to invite parents and families to these services.

### **Safety at school**

At school, keeping children safe is always our priority. As part of this, we regularly practise our safety procedures. These include fire drills, where everyone calmly leaves the building and gathers on the playground, and lockdown drills.

During a lockdown drill, children stay safely together in their classrooms while doors and blinds are closed. Both types of drills last around 3–4 minutes and take place once every half term.

We explain the drills to the children in a gentle and age-appropriate way, using phrases such as "stay safe inside school" or "stay safe outside of school." We do not explain the specific reasons why a lockdown might be needed.

### **Staff news**

Miss Cousens is leaving this Friday as she is returning to teaching after half term. We are delighted for her and her family but sad to be saying goodbye. We are very thankful for her caring and dedication to many children whilst she has worked either in school or in Nursery. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Cousens lots of luck in her new job.

### **Music Showcases**

Year 3 will be showcasing their musical talents with their cornet playing on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am and Year 2 will be showcasing their talents with recorders on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

### **Ensemble Reza**

Mrs McFarlane writes: On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Ensemble Reza into school once again for one of their wonderful performances.

This year they shared a Swedish folk tale called 'The Elves and The Porridge.' It was a magical story telling journey with the instruments taking a prominent role in telling the tale. All the children clapped and sang along with the 'Elves in the barn'





song and were heard singing this catchy song around school for the rest of the day. The Ensemble consisted of a Violin, a Viola, a Cello, a Double Bass, a Guitar, a fabulous narrator and some wonderful props. Unsurprisingly, many of the children once again fell in love with the deep tones of the Double Bass and expressed following the show that they felt really happy and calm. We look forward to welcoming Ensemble Reza again in the future.



### Sporting News

Miss Owen writes: On Monday, five Year 3/4 children attended a basketball tournament at K2. They worked so hard throughout the afternoon playing 8 matches, winning 7 of them and drawing in 1. In the end St Margaret's got 3rd place out of 16 schools! Huge 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>Perseverance</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 0.9 seconds
<b>Most accurate class</b>	Swallow Class 92.60%



We also celebrated other maths stars.

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

## Attendance



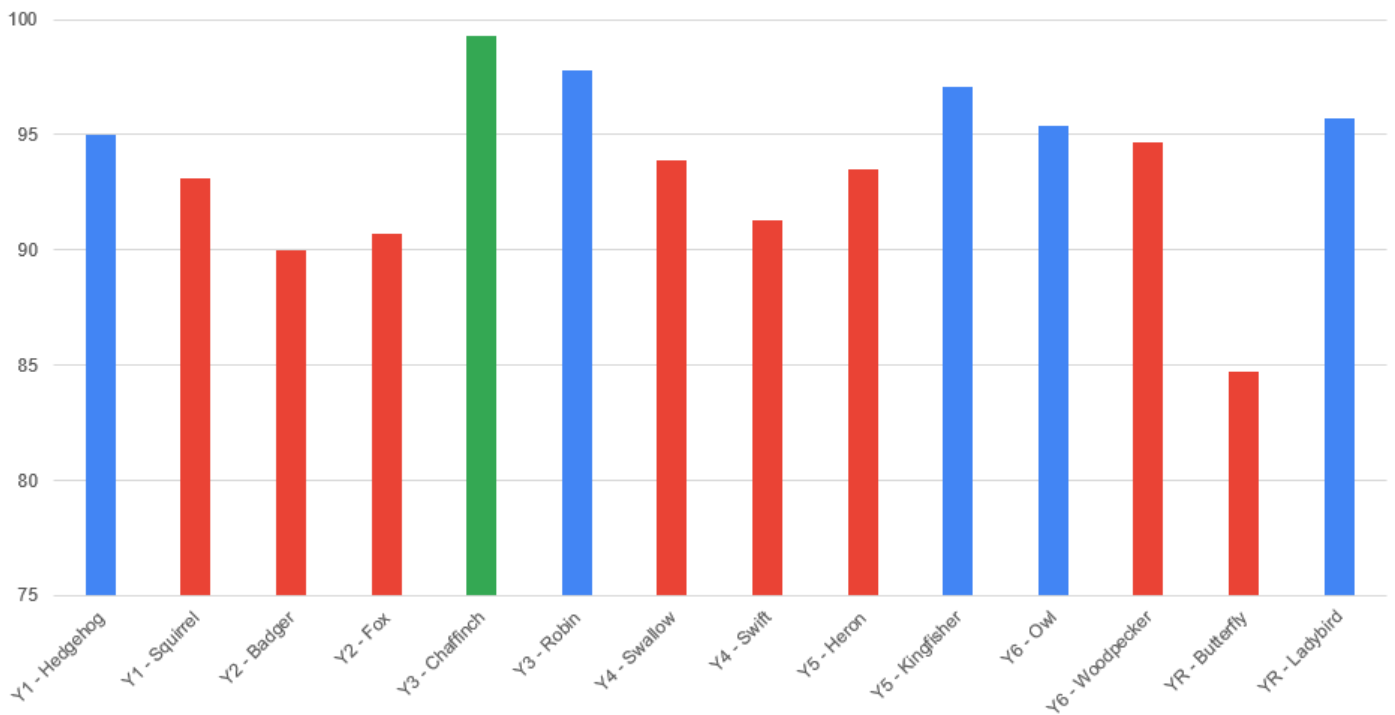
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 93.29%**

**Well done to Chaffinch Class – 99.3%. 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.

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.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School Disco-timings and details to follow.</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00am Year 3 Cornet Workshop- Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.</b>
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.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm Church and school Quiz night- teams of 8-£2.50 per person-details to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	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. <b>2.30pm Year 2 Recorder Workshop- Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.</b>
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

