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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 2nd March 2026

Thought for the week

With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

Dear Parents and Carers

It is going to be a busy week; Year 5 are going to visit the British Wildlife Centre today, photographs on Tuesday, Wednesday is World Book Day for us and on Friday Chaffinch Class are going to a local Forest School area for the day. What a week!

We are celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday. You will have received the email last week about dressing up if your child would like to. Children can come into school in school uniform, pyjamas, no onesies please, or in a costume. No football kits please! Children and family members are invited back to school for 'Books, Bedtime and Biscuits' when you can enjoy reading and have a chance to win a signed book. This starts at 4:30pm and finishes at 5:30pm.

School photos are on Tuesday, so please send children in wearing school uniform. If they have PE, they can bring this in a bag and they can get changed once they have had their photo taken.



School Disco

Please remember to buy your tickets from the PTFA for the School Disco on Friday 13th March if your child would like to go.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco is from 3.00-4.00pm where you collect your children from their usual classroom doors as you do at the end of a school day. You can send your children in wearing their disco clothes, so they won't need to change. Please can children wear trainers as disco shoes aren't suitable for playtimes!

Key Stage 2 Disco is 4.15-5.15pm -children can queue on the ramp by the school office and collection will be from the school hall. Children who have an after school club will be able to go straight from their club to the school office to register in.

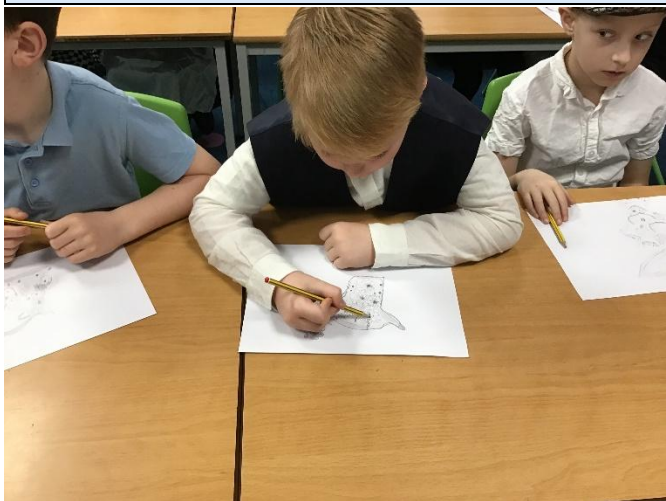
Early Help Focus

Best Start Family Hubs

From April 2026, all existing Family Hubs across West Sussex will be rebranded as Best Start Family Hubs. The hubs are already open and supporting families, but this update gives them a new look and aligns them with the national Best Start in Life programme. The hubs will continue to provide information, advice and guidance for families with children under 5 through their welcoming Stay and Play groups. These sessions offer opportunities to meet other families, take part in activities and learn more about child development. As part of the refreshed offer, many hubs will also be running PEEP Learning Together sessions. These fun and interactive sessions help parents understand how their child's brain develops and share practical ideas to support learning at home and during everyday routines. Hubs will also continue to offer regular SEND events, and many have bookable sensory rooms and/or a Magic Carpet interactive space. To stay up to date with news, events and activities, you and the families you support can follow your local hub on Facebook. Simply search for the hub name.

Crawley Family Hubs
Horsham Area Family Hub

Year 3 Victorian Day

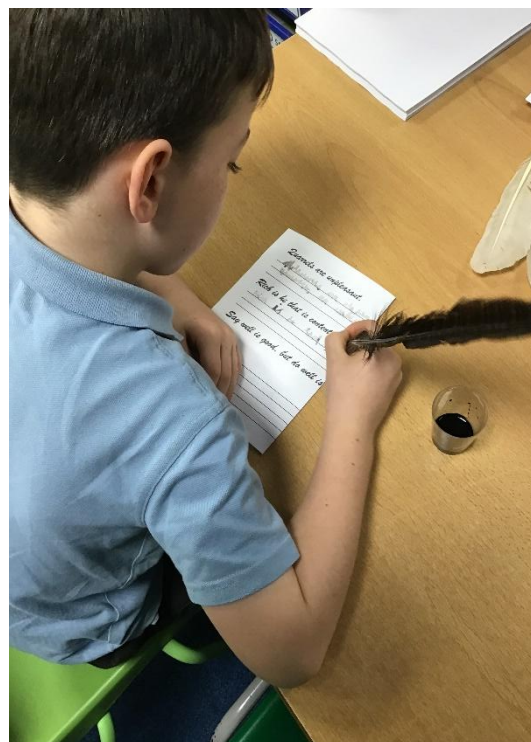


Mrs Fletcher writes: Year 3 stepped back in time for a Victorian Day experience on Friday, transforming Chaffinch and Robin classrooms into strict Victorian schoolrooms. The children arrived dressed in traditional Victorian costumes, and the teachers took on the roles of stern Victorian schoolmistresses, setting the tone for an immersive morning.

Throughout the morning, the children took part in lessons typical of the era. They practised still life drawing with careful attention to detail, followed by handwriting sessions where they used quills and ink, experiencing first-hand how challenging Victorian writing could be. They also recited their times tables aloud and completed arithmetic exercises, just as Victorian pupils would have done. Their final task was to create a cup and ball game, similar to those which Victorian children would have used for entertainment.

The morning included a special Victorian-style worship, where the children sang the national anthem in honour of Queen Victoria.

To complete the experience, Mrs Hine carried out a traditional school inspection, checking that everyone had clean fingernails, a requirement that Victorian children were expected to meet daily. The day gave Year 3 a vivid and memorable insight into school life more than a century ago, helping them understand the routines, expectations, and discipline of the Victorian era. Thank you to staff for taking on their roles so well and to parents and carers for providing such wonderful costumes for the children.



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	

Leaf and Blossom Awards



Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf or Blossom on the Friday before half term.

Heron Class were at Forest School.



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	Robin Class
Most accurate class	Swallow Class



We also celebrated other maths stars.

Reception	Butterfly		Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 2	Badger	
	Ladybird			Squirrel			Fox	

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	
Responsibility		Friendship	
Forgiveness		Generosity	

Attendance



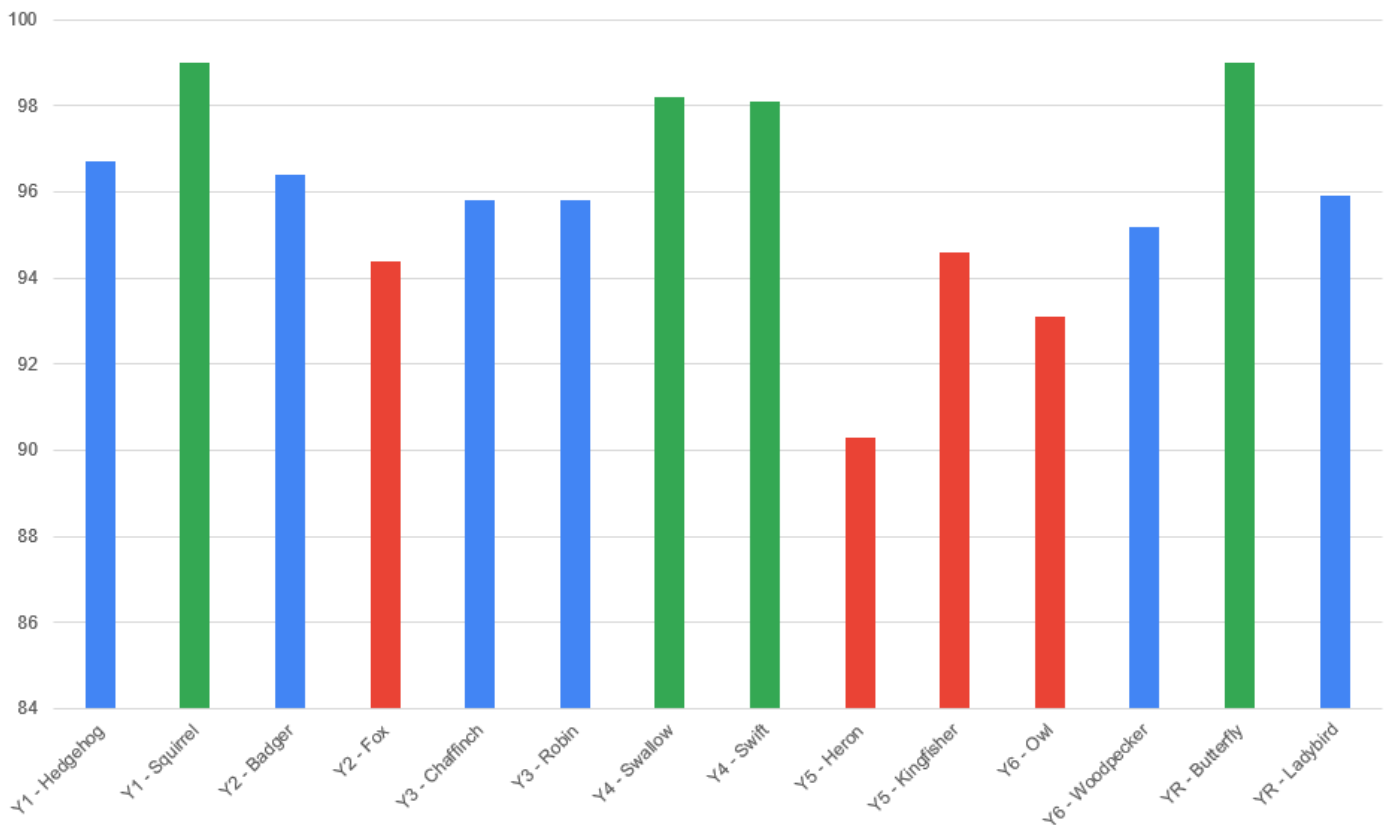
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 95.92%

**Well done to Butterfly and Squirrel Class – 99%. Well done!
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn and/or biscuits.**



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.

Monday 2 nd March	Year 5 Trip to the British Wildlife Centre
Tuesday 3 rd March	Nursery and Class Photos – Full school uniform to be worn – PE kits in bags
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day for St Margaret’s – Details listed on page 1.
Friday 6 th March	Chaffinch visiting Aspect Nature Reserve – all day trip
Monday 9 th March	Year 2 to Leeds Castle – all day trip
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.
Friday 13 th March	School Disco-timings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00pm to 4:00pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 • 4:15pm to 5:15pm – Key Stage 2 Robin visiting Aspect Nature Reserve – all day trip
Wednesday 18 th March	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.
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.
Friday 20 th March	7.00pm Church and school Quiz night- teams of 8 - £2.50 per person-details to follow
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. 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.
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Services in school
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Spring term
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

