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*Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

*Thought for the week*

**Father, forgive them.**

**Luke 23:34**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has flown by, and the children are ending the term looking forward to their Easter break after all their hard work and learning this term. It has been wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members supporting the children with various school events. Thank you for all your support.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday, let's all hope that the weather is warm and sunny! I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



### Red Nose Day

We were a red school on Friday with some very crazy hair styles!! Thank you for your donations and support. The link is [still here](#) in case you still need to donate.

We held our now traditional 'St Magaret's Has Talent' on Friday afternoon and what another very special time we had. One act was chosen from each class, and they then performed on the stage. The School Council were the judges, and they knew that they had a very important job to do.

We were entertained by singing, dancing, a science show, ventriloquism. Some acts were individual, we had pairs, groups and a band as well. Creativity was in abundance!

The final results were

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Robin Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Owl Class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Woodpecker Class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Swift Class

Robin Class knocked it out of the ballpark as they say. The whole school was joining in with his act, and he was a very popular winner! Well done!

Well done to all the acts who took part on Friday afternoon. We all had a fabulous time enjoying everyone's creativity, courage and friendship.





**Patch and her Lambs**  
We have all enjoyed having Patch, the ewe, and her twin boy lambs with us this week at school. The lambs were a good size and they all had hearty voices!! Poor Patch was poorly with an abscess on her foot, but after some antibiotics and a foot scrape she was back to her usual self. We will certainly be having lambs again next year. Thank you to both Butterfly and Ladybird Class who looked after them all so well this week.



## Sporting News



Miss Owen writes:  
On Monday, the year 4 girls football team went to ICC for a competition against other local primary schools. They played in 9 matches throughout the afternoon. The girls worked really hard and scored some great goals. Well done everyone.

## Year 3 Aspect Nature Reserve



Mrs Walker writes: On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, the year 3 classes each enjoyed an all-day Forest School experience at the recently opened Aspect Nature Reserve on the edge of Crawley. Our students enjoyed romping in the forest, building dens, damming streams, playing hide and seek, constructing "Forest School fidget spinners", cooking (and eating!) their own pasta dish and navigating the muddy puddles. But beyond the initial activities which they might share upon their muddy arrival home, we also know that this and other forest school experiences cultivated confidence, resilience, teamwork, creativity, physical coordination, and positive experiences in nature, to name a few. These are some of the reasons we value the place of the Forest School at St Margaret's and look forward to a continued partnership with Aspect Nature Reserve. You may check them out at

<https://www.aspectnaturereserve.com/>

Thank you to all the parents who provided lifts and post-event laundry services! As the Swedes say, "There is no bad weather, only bad clothes", so we also take the opportunity to remind parents that warm layers with wellies and waterproofs are a very good investment for further Forest School activities!



## Attendance



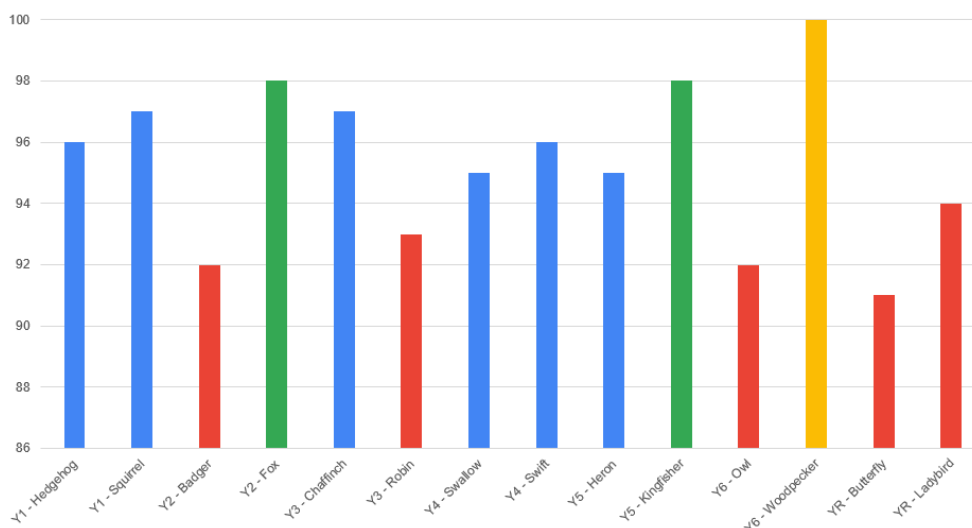
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Woodpecker Class – 100%.  
I hope you all enjoyed the double 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 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. 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Services in school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Golden Leaf worship</b> Last day of Spring term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts for all children
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Swallow class – Swimming at the K2 for 5 weeks</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 3 Trip to Wakehurst</b>
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. <b>Year 3 – Roman Day</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip to Drusilla's</b>
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