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*Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential*

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

### *Thought for the week*

**Do to others as you would have them do to you.**

**Luke 6:31**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the half term. The weather was very hot, but back to British weather this week and it looks rather wet at times this week. We have a very busy second half of the summer term to look forward to. Please ensure with our varied summer weather to always send your children in with a light coat and, if the weather forecast is for warm, sunny weather, a hat. Please make sure children have sun cream on before coming to school when the forecast is predicting warm weather. There are sun creams on the market that can last for several hours now. All children should bring a water bottle into school that can be refilled throughout the day. Please name all items as we all know things very easily go missing!

#### **Year 1 trip to Drusillas**

Miss Dell and Miss Morton write:

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Drusilla's Park on the Friday before half term! The sun was shining and we were very excited to see lots of amazing animals including monkeys, meerkats, anteaters, flamingos, penguins, lemurs, otters and so many more! We also enjoyed a Maasai workshop where we shared what we have learned in school as well as learned some new and interesting facts! Some of the children got to dress up like Maasai people and we all got to hold some Maasai artefacts. We also talked about protecting and conserving animals and the importance of this. The children were able to see and touch some animal skins, horns and tusks which had been illegally poached. Everyone had a super day and lots of amazing memories were made. Thank you to all the staff who helped on the day.



Year 3 had an incredible time celebrating our Roman Day, bringing our history learning to life in a fun and interactive way!



### Year 3 Roman Day

Mrs Fletcher and Miss Froud write:

Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to handle real and replica artefacts, sparking lots of curiosity and thoughtful discussions about life in Roman Britain. They also enjoyed learning how to play a traditional Roman game called Delta, practised their Roman numerals, and even had a go at speaking Latin!

The children took part in marching drills as part of a Roman army, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm, and learnt about the Battle of Boudica, developing their understanding of this important historical event. We also explored Roman armour and weapons, which the children found particularly fascinating.

We were so impressed with the high level of engagement from every child throughout the day. The effort put into their amazing costumes truly made the experience even more memorable.

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping the children prepare for the day—it made a huge difference.





**Christian value**



Our Christian value for this half term is friendship. We will be thinking about what friendship means. Christians believe that God's friendship towards us will last forever. Friendship is a partnership of shared experiences, talents, interests and enthusiasms. In school we will be thinking about how we can be friends to others and how do we receive another's friendship, including God's friendship.

**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.

Well done to:

<b>Compassion</b>		<b>Respect</b>	
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## Golden Leaf Awards

Well done to the children who were awarded a leaf in the last week before half term. In Reception we celebrated Cillian in Butterfly Class and Miley in Ladybird Class, in Year 1 we celebrated Rainbow in Hedgehog Class and Molly in Squirrel Class, in Year 2 we celebrated Dotty in Badger Class and Jack in Fox Class, in Year 3 we celebrated Dexter in Chaffinch Class and Summer in Robin Class, in Year 4 we celebrated Esmae and Lily-Rose, in Year 5 we celebrated Savanna in Heron Class and Harper in Kingfisher Class and finally in Year 6 we celebrated Sam in Owl Class and Jimmy in Woodpecker Class. Well done to you all.



We all celebrated with a golden afternoon tea straight after worship. Summer and Esmae will celebrate with us later this half term.

## Attendance



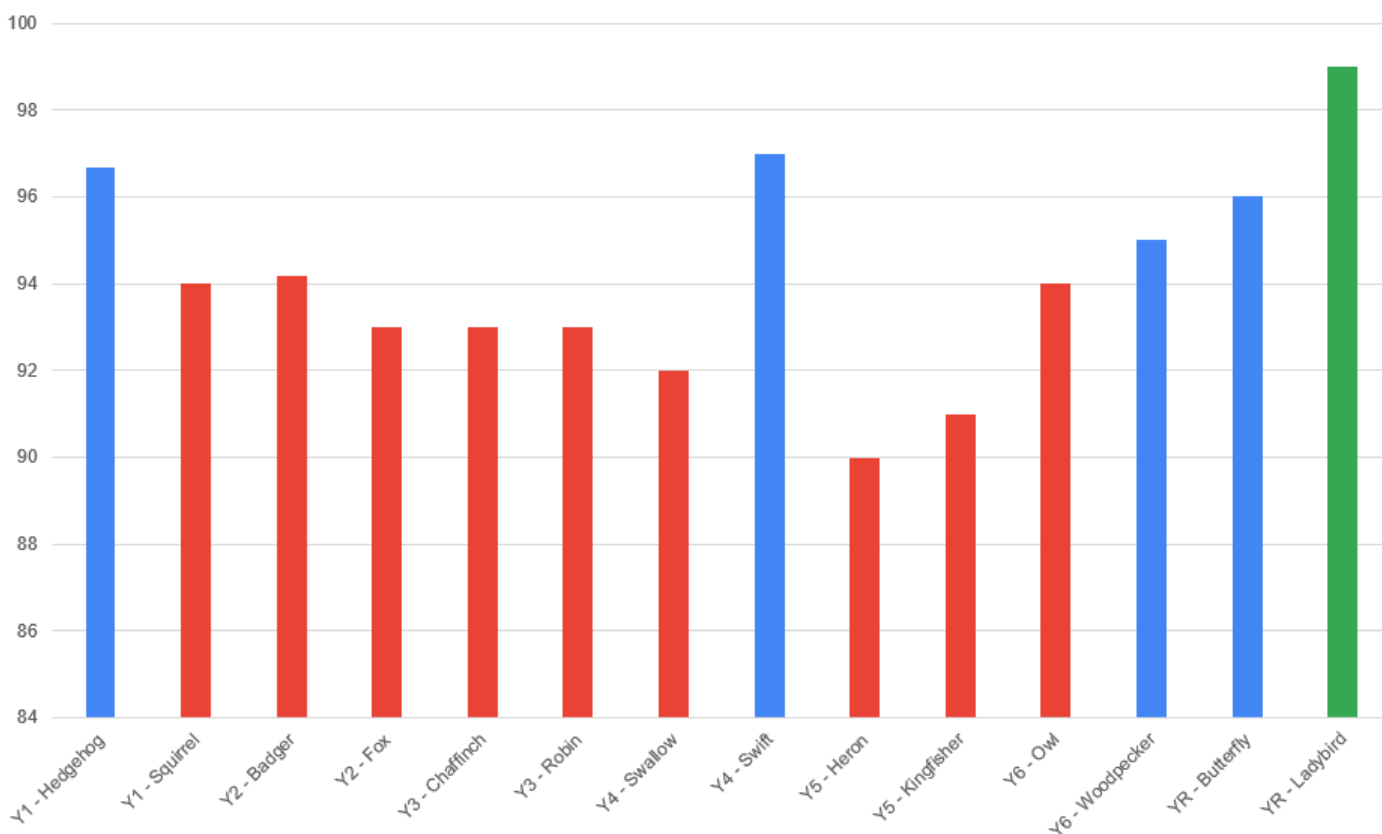
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 – 94.62%**

**Well done to both Ladybird Class– 99%.  
I hope you enjoyed the 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.

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 – Bikeability
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and family picnic
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Swift class – Swimming at the K2 for 5 weeks – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 6 <sup>th</sup> July and 13 <sup>th</sup> July.
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.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parent/Carers Meeting – 6pm
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
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	New Reception Stay and Play Sessions – please see separate email Year 6 transition day to Year 7
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am Year 6 Diocesan Leavers service at Christ Hospital We will be travelling by car, so nearer the time we will be asking for offers to drive children there. Parents and carers are very warmly welcomed to this special service.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Stay and Play Sessions – please see separate email Year 6 Production of GrossBusters – Tickets available in due course
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
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Inset Day 1</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Inset Day 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Schools starts for children in Years 1 to 6 (Reception children, please refer to separate timetable in your welcome pack).</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Inset Day 3</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>	<b>Inset Day 4 (Nursery will be open as normal)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2027</b>	<b>Inset Day 5</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>	<b>Inset Day 6</b>

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Jill Hine