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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 22nd June 2026

Thought for the week

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know from an email that we sent out yesterday the children can wear PE Kits all week as it is going to be so hot. This weather is also putting Sports Day into question. There is no shade on the back field at all. We will be going ahead with KS1 in the morning, but at this present moment it seems very unlikely that we will have the picnic or KS2 in the afternoon. Mr Bandara will send out an email by the end of the school day today, confirming timings and what is happening about Sports Day. Sports Day is always in the hands of the weather, and it seems that this year is no exception!

Thank you to the PTFA, Mr McGivern on the decks and all the volunteers who helped make the disco so successful on Friday.

Musical Show

Mrs McFarlane writes:

On Wednesday 15th July at 2.30 pm we will be holding a short Musical show in honour of Mrs. Hine's retirement. We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend and join with us in celebrating our wonderful headteacher at this Musical event.

The children have been practicing 'secret songs' for her and will be performing as a school.

We will open the school gate just before 2.30pm. Please make your way onto the playground where the event will happen.

The performance area will be clearly marked out. We respectfully ask all parents to please stay on the other side of the marked area to ensure that everyone can see and also to allow the children to move safely back into school after the concert.

We expect this to be a busy event with the whole school and many of the parents in attendance. Please respect these guidelines.

To ensure that all children are dismissed safely and to cater for those children whose parents can't attend, your child will not be able to come to you during or at the end of the concert.

The children will be taken back into school by their teachers, and we will do our best to ensure that they are dismissed at the usual time.

Please note that if it is raining, the event will not go ahead.

Should the weather be very warm, we will go ahead with the concert; placing the children in the shade as much as possible.

Please send your child to school with a sunhat and ensure a high factor suncream has been applied before school.

Art Exhibition and Open afternoon

On Monday 13th July you can share your child's learning with them and enjoy the art displayed in each classroom.

The doors will open at 2.30pm and you can leave with your children after 3.00pm. Children who walk home will not be allowed to leave until normal school finishing time.

French day



and joyful learning.

We are delighted to invite everyone to celebrate French Day on July 14th, in coordination with Bastille Day. To mark this special occasion, children are encouraged to come dressed in red, white and blue, adding a splash of bleu, blanc et rouge to the day! Throughout the celebrations, pupils will take part in a variety of engaging French themed activities, including singing, role play and creating French inspired artwork. It promises to be a très magnifique day full of culture, creativity

Greek Day



Miss Galloway writes: Year 5 had a fantastic time stepping back in history during our exciting Greek Day, led by Portals to the Past! The children looked absolutely incredible in their carefully thought-out costumes and truly looked the part, positively Greek from head to toe! Throughout the day, we explored a wide range of fascinating topics, including powerful city states, thrilling Greek mythology, and the



origins of democracy. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in Greek games, where they applied tactics and even linked their learning to geometry, as well as discovering ancient weapons and the history of the Olympics. The day finished on a high with a lively and competitive javelin throwing competition! Derek, who led the day, was incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm, engagement, and impeccable behaviour. Well done, Year 5.



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:

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Sporting News



On Monday, a group of Key Stage 1 children went to K2 for a cricket festival. They did a circuit of drills to learn cricket skills, practising aim, throwing, and batting. They then got to play some friendly matches against other local primary schools. Well done everyone!

Attendance



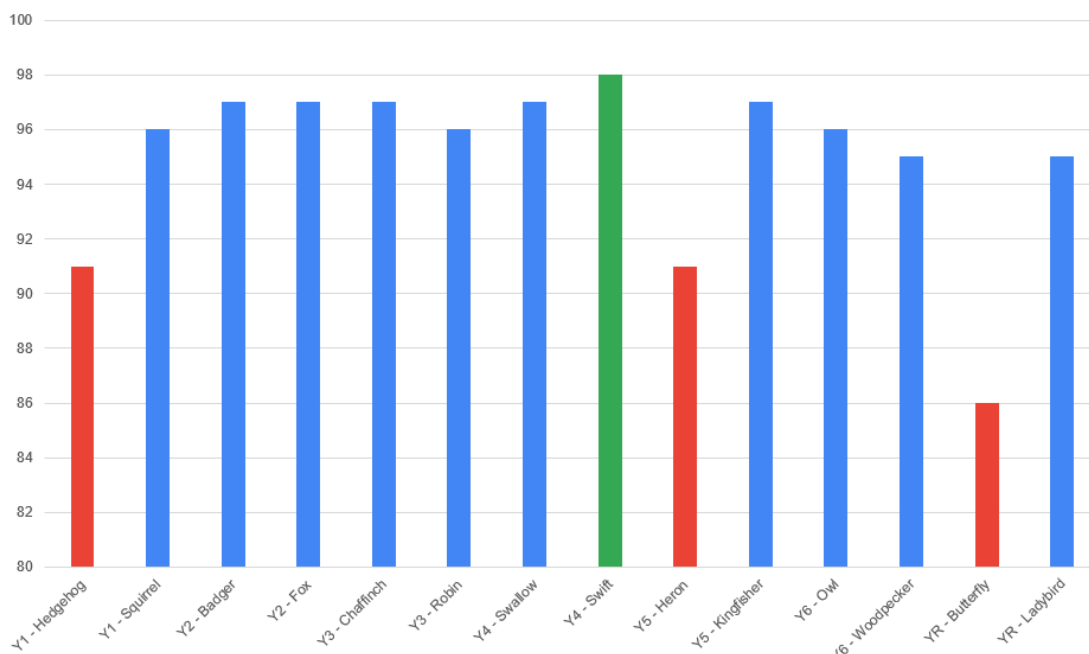
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Swift Class – 98%
I hope you 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.

Wednesday 24 th June	New Reception Parent/Carers Meeting – 6pm
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
Wednesday 1 st July	New Reception Stay and Play Sessions – please see separate email Year 6 transition day to Year 7
Monday 6 th 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 th July	New Reception Stay and Play Sessions – please see separate email Year 6 Production of GrossBusters – Tickets available in due course
Monday 13th July	2.30pm Open afternoon
Tuesday 14th July	French Day-details to follow
Wednesday 15th July	Musical Show 2.30pm in school grounds
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
Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day 1
Wednesday 2 nd September	Inset Day 2
Thursday 3 rd September	Schools starts for children in Years 1 to 6 (Reception children, please refer to separate timetable in your welcome pack).
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day 3
Monday 4 th January 2027	Inset Day 4 (Nursery will be open as normal)
Friday 26 th February 2027	Inset Day 5
Monday 7 th June 2027	Inset Day 6

Thank you for your continuing support.
Jill Hine
Headteacher