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Thought for the week

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Parents and Carers

Well last week was quite a week! I hope we are back to cooler temperatures this week. Children will still need to bring in water bottle and have a hat in school as the forecast still looks very warm on some days. Thank you for all your support last week with the very extreme temperatures. We did all we could to ensure the children were as kept as cool as possible.

Classes for 2026-27 and staff changes

Sometimes classes become uneven due to changes throughout the year, so this year we have mixed Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5. Reception, Year 1 and 3 are not being mixed this year so the children will move to the next year with their current class. When we have to mix classes, the children are always asked about friends that they have across both classes and children were asked, in the Spring term, to name 6 children that they work well with. They will be with at least 1 of those friends.

At this time of the year, we talk to the children about changes they will be facing and as you all know many activities in school are across the year group, so children mix frequently. Move through morning is this Wednesday 1st July when they will spend time with their new adults and class. Mr Chambers will send an email confirming which class your child will be with and the adults with them during Wednesday morning.

There are some staffing changes for September. Three members of staff are joining me in taking early retirement: Mrs Laverty, our School Business Manager, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Rumble, who are both teaching assistants in Key Stage 2.

Both of our current Reception teachers, Miss Mathias and Miss Moore, are leaving for very exciting reasons. Miss Mathias is moving to another West Sussex school to lead their EYFS provision, and Miss Moore is going travelling around the world with her partner.

Miss Dell also has some very exciting news—she is expecting not just one baby, but two! Miss Dell will return in September before starting her maternity leave later that half term.

All the staff who are leaving are much loved, and their hard work is greatly appreciated. It is always hard to say goodbye, but we do so with love and heartfelt thanks for their dedication over the years. We will acknowledge their service to our school in a special worship at the end of term.

We are welcoming four new teachers Miss Slaughter, Miss James, Mrs Gallis and Mr Henry and a new teaching assistant- Miss Kashif. I know you will make the new staff feel part of the St Margaret's family when they start with us in September along with Mrs Butler and Ms Stevens.

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 sunscreen 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



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 and joyful learning.

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:

Service		Perseverance	
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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 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 to Year 6 parents/carers only
Monday 13 th July	2.30pm Open afternoon
Tuesday 14 th July	French Day
Wednesday 15 th 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