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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 13th July 2026

Thought for the week

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

Luke 6:31

Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearing the end of the summer term, but there is still so much to do! This week we have our open afternoon today, Tuesday is our French Day, Wednesday is Golden Leaf, our Summer Concert and the Year 6 Leavers Party and Thursday is the Year 6 Cineworld trip. Quite a busy week!

As the very hot weather continues this week the children can wear:

- Monday, Thursday and Friday: PE kits
- Tuesday: Red, white and blue for French day
- Wednesday: England shirt/red, white and blue or another national team, or PE kit. **Children should not wear any other football shirt.**

We will also have a later start to the day on Thursday morning following the semi-final match. Children will need to be in school by 9.30am. Breakfast club will still be running at the usual time, and the school gates will still be open from 8.30am.

Open afternoon

Apart from Year 6, who are very fortunate to have air conditioning, we are suggesting that when you come to open afternoon you take your child with you and find a shady spot outside on the field to look the books together. Please come and just take one child at a time to look at their learning.

When you leave, the silver gate will not be open until 3.00pm, so you can't leave before then. Please remember to return the orange lanyard to the school office before you go home. Thank you.

Christ's Hospital

Year 6 went to Christ's Hospital last Monday morning for the Diocesan Year 6 Leaver's Service. It was a wonderful occasion, and we were all very proud of our children. This year we were the choir for this special service. The children sang with confidence, enjoyment and gusto in such an awe-inspiring setting. Their singing was commented on by other adults. Well done St Margaret's!

Christ's Hospital is certainly an inspirational setting. Well done to all the children involved and a special thank you to our banner bearers Lily-Rose and Zara. Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped with transportation and who supported all the children. It was lovely to see so many of you there.



Next Year

When the children move to the next year group in September there will be different classrooms or area for you to collect your children from.

Please make sure you know where to go and if you aren't sure please ask before the end of term. We will happily show you.

Playground markings

We are delighted that the markings were completed last week. The children have already had lots of fun with them! Thank you to the PTFA for funding these.



Year 6 Production

Mr McGivern has created a link for you to access the photos of the Year 6 production.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nUfwzwUCma1STG4Og63q6alef4F9lZxR>

Mad Hatters Tea Party

Miss Froud writes: Year 3 had a wonderful time celebrating at our Mad Hatter's Tea Party in the sunshine! The children looked fantastic in their costumes and had great fun enjoying a selection of delicious cakes, and playing games with their friends. It was a lovely day filled with laughter, smiles, and memorable moments.

A special thank you to Hayley Butcher for kindly baking an amazing selection of cakes and biscuits for everyone to enjoy. The children absolutely loved the treats, and we are very grateful for the time and effort that went into making them.



Maths Awards



We celebrated our maths stars.

Butterfly		Hedgehog		Badger	
Ladybird		Squirrel		Fox	

Leaf Awards



Well done to the children who were awarded a leaf on Friday.

Attendance



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 Ladybird, Hedgehog, Chaffinch, Swallow and Owl Classes this week- 98%

Writing Awards



Well done to all our 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	

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	
Responsibility		Respect	

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 13 th July	2.30pm Open afternoon. You can leave from 3.00pm with your children. Children who walk home without an adult cannot leave before 3.20pm
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