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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 20th April 2026

Thought for the week

The truth will set you free.

John 8:32

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see all the children back in school last week. It is so good to see the sun again. We are hoping to use the field at break and lunchtime from this week as the weather forecast looks like it is going to be warm. Please remember to send children in with named water bottles.



Following the recent quiz, that was a joint event with St Margaret's Church and the school, we had just over £100 to spend. The Worship Ambassadors suggested some new books for God's Garden and over the Easter break I bought some. Here are the children with the books. Many thanks to St Margaret's church for organising the quiz.

Safety note

At the end of the day children, of any age, should not ride around on their bikes or scooters. It could be dangerous as there are so many children and adults on the playground then. Thank you.



School Uniform

At school we have noticed some children wearing different colour hair bands, trainers on non-PE days and different jumpers. Please make sure you always send your children in school uniform. Any hair attachments should be white, blue or black. Thank you to the parents who do talk to me about trainers on non-PE days. I do understand that there are times when trainers need to be worn.

Please can you also be very careful with earrings. Hoops should never be worn to school. If your child has pierced ears, they must wear studs and these should be removed for PE or covered with tape such as micropore. Children should have their own micropore or similar.

Classes for 2026-27

We don't always mix classes for the next academic year, but this year we will be Year 2, 4 and 5. Mixing classes takes a great deal of work as we have to balance friendships, gender and needs within a class. If classes are balanced, we generally don't mix them, but every year we discuss this before any decisions are taken. The children have already been asked to give 6 names of children they work well with across the whole year group and we always ensure that they are with at least 1 of these children. The children will find out who their next class teacher is, the adults working with them and which class they will be in in early July.

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		Respect	
Wisdom		Perseverance	
Compassion			

Leaf Awards

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



Maths Awards



We are celebrating Timetable Rockstars, TTRS, with certificates for the class that is the most accurate and the class that is the fastest.

Fastest class	Chaffinch Class
Most accurate class	Chaffinch Class




We also celebrated other maths stars.

Reception	Butterfly		Year 1	Hedgehog		Year 2	Badger	
	Ladybird			Squirrel			Fox	

Writing Awards

Well done to all the 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	

Attendance



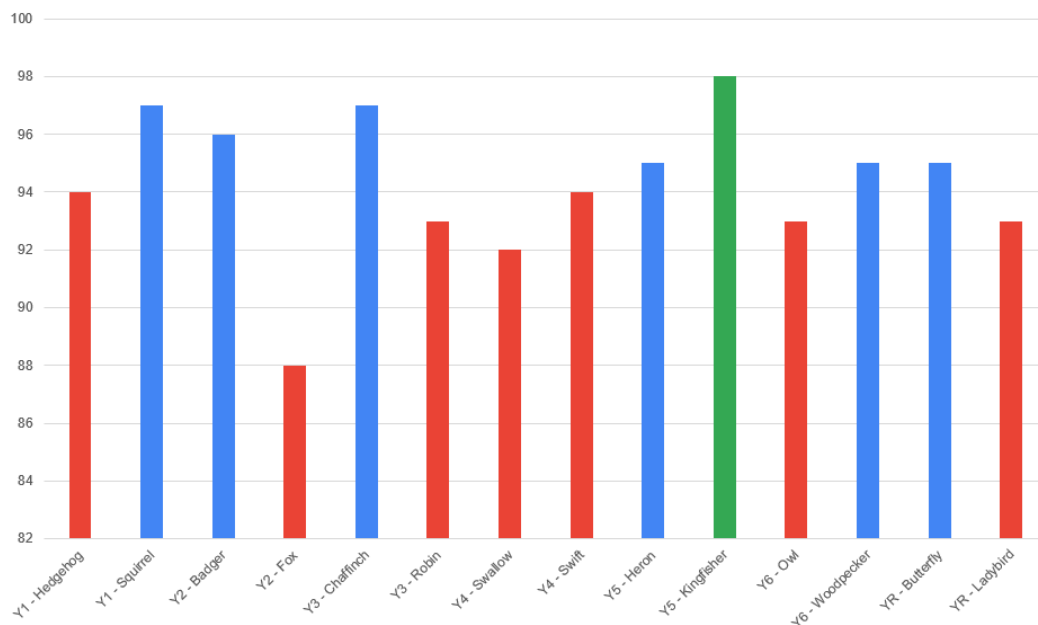
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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 Kingfisher 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.

Monday 20 th April	Swallow class – Swimming at the K2 for 5 weeks – 27 th April, 11 th May, 18 th May and 8 th June.
Friday 24 th April	Reception Classes to Bocketts Farm Year 3 Trip to Wakehurst
Thursday 30 th 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 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th 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 st May	9.00am Reception Worship - Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service. Year 3 – Roman Day
Friday 22 nd May	Year 1 Trip to Drusilla's
Mon 25 th to Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day 4
Friday 12 th June	Sports day and family picnic
Monday 15 th June	Swift class – Swimming at the K2 for 5 weeks – 22 nd June, 29 th June, 6 th July and 13 th July.
Thursday 18 th 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 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
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

Thank you for your continuing support.
Jill Hine