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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 15th June 2026

Thought for the week

Encourage one another and build each other up.

Thessalonians 5:11

Dear Parents and Carers

It was such a shame that we had to postpone Sports Day, but the school field was just too wet. The forecast seems more settled now, so hopefully two weeks of drier weather should mean that we can go ahead on our next date. The timings will be the same including the picnic lunch.

There will be some disruption to the school grounds whilst the ongoing electrical issues are being rectified. We are hoping that by Wednesday everything will be working as it should. The playground markings will now happen in July. We didn't want the company to put the new markings down if there was a chance that the playground was going to be dug up.

There are two bike helmets in the school office that have been left here since Year 5 and 6 completed their bikeability. If you think your child has lost theirs, please come to the school office where you can collect it.



The Big Sing

Mrs McFarlane writes:

We had the pleasure of hosting the Big Sing on Wednesday with the wonderful singer, songwriter and conductor Emily Barden. Emily also works for the West Sussex Music Hub and has been providing Big Sing events for West Sussex this term.



We were joined by 90 children from Northgate school and together we had a wonderful afternoon with Emily singing and performing Music focused on the theme of Nature and conservation.

Swallow and Swift classes thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful music and sang beautifully.



School Disco

Please remember to buy your tickets from the PTFA for the School Disco as it is this Friday! **Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco** is from 3.00-4.00pm. At 4.00pm please collect your children from their usual classroom doors as you do at the end of a school day. You can send your children in wearing their disco clothes, so they won't need to change. Please can children wear trainers as disco shoes aren't suitable for playtimes!

Key Stage 2 Disco is 4.15-5.15pm -children can queue on the ramp by the school office and collection will be from the school hall. Children who have an after-school club will be able to go straight from their club to the school office to register in.

Tickets are available from the PTFA ClassList app.

Forest School Sheds

Thank you to Kelly Constable and Ryan Davis for supporting Mr Busbridge and Mrs Fox last week with building our new Forest School sheds.

Battery Collection



We are excited to let you know that our eco-ambassadors are taking part in a battery recycling initiative to help protect the environment—along with the chance to win book vouchers for our school. We would love your support, and there are also some fantastic eco-inspired prizes up for grabs for children who get involved. You can help by collecting used batteries from home (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, and button batteries), taping over the contacts of lithium (Li) and button batteries, placing them in a tied plastic bag (preferably reused), and bringing them to the school's collection point. Please remember that safety is very important when handling batteries: they can be extremely dangerous if swallowed, so keep them well out of reach of young children and pets. Lithium and button batteries must be taped to prevent their contacts from touching, as this can cause them to short circuit. Thank you for helping us make a positive difference to our planet! The battery box is located by the ramp up to the school office.

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	
Friendship		Respect	
Responsibility			

Maths Awards



Butterfly		Hedgehog		Badger	
Ladybird		Squirrel		Fox	



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

Most accurate class	Swallow Class
Fastest class	Robin Class

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	

Leaf Awards

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



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.

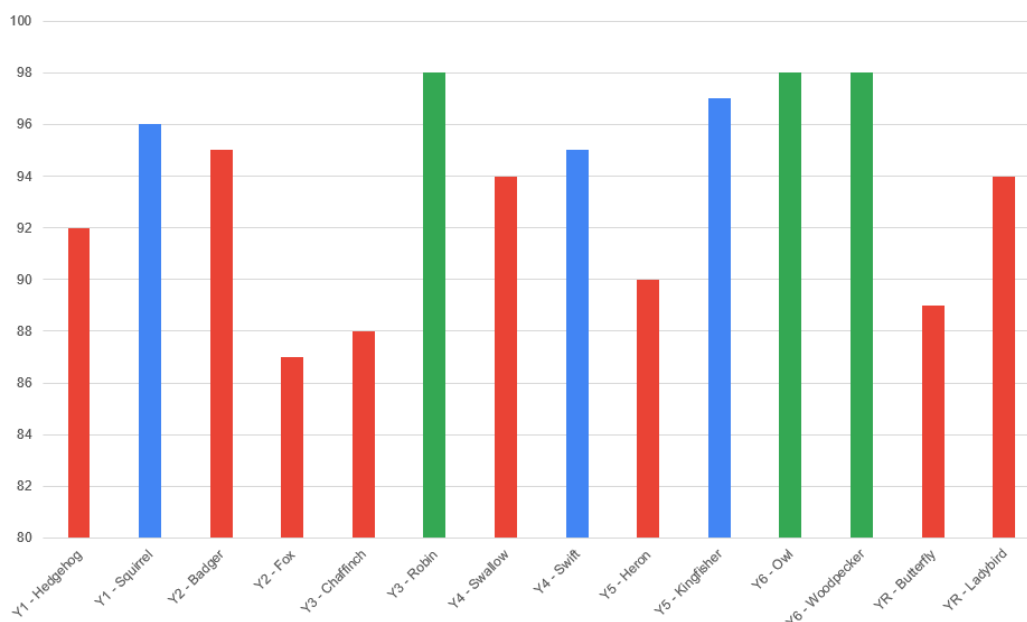
Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time by 8.50am every day.

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 Robin, Kingfisher, Owl and Woodpecker

Classes – 98%

I hope you all 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 15 th June	Swift class – Swimming at the K2 for 5 weeks – 22 nd & 29 th June, 6 th & 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.
Friday 19th June	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day 3.00-4.00 KS1 Disco 4.15-5.15 KS2 Disco
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 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