



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 6th September 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers

What a first week back it has been. I'm thrilled to share some highlights from our first week together and it's certainly been a whirlwind of activity and I'm already impressed by the energy and enthusiasm I've seen from our pupils, staff and families.

We started the week with a special assembly focused on goals and how we might achieve them and over the coming weeks I have set myself a goal of speaking to every child in the school and recording their goal for a display going in the hall. It was fantastic to see the thoughtful expressions on their faces as they considered their aspirations and we heard ideas from improving reading skills to winning a 'Tony' award!

A highlight of the week was the opportunity to meet so many of our wonderful families. Whether you're new to St. Margaret's or returning, it's been a pleasure to chat with you on the playground, in school or on the phone – please do keep talking to me. Your warmth and encouragement in our chats and enthusiasm for our school community are truly inspiring. I've enjoyed hearing your hopes for the year ahead and listening to your ideas about how we can make our school even better and look forward to this partnership continuing.

Something I've enjoyed immeasurably this week is getting to know the pupils and spending time with them at lunch as well as popping into lessons, but I must highlight my time in Hedgehogs this week and thank them for letting me take part in their learning and earn stickers along with them. Our new Reception children had their photo taken with a board that said '1st day of school', so naturally I also had my photo with the board taken as it was my first day of school as well. They asked (encouraged by Mrs Hoile!) if I would share my photo, so you'll find it in this newsletter. Sorry about that, it's quite scary, I know, but I said I would, so I have!

As we look ahead to the coming weeks and months, I'm excited about what's in store - we have an exciting year planned, packed with learning opportunities, fun activities, and chances for our pupils to grow and shine.

Remember, my door is always open. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're all in this together, working towards the same goal (see what I did there?) – to provide the best possible education and support for our children.



Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and lots of memorable moments. I can't wait to see what our amazing pupils will accomplish!

Craig Ward – Interim Headteacher

Whole School Attendance

02/09/24 - 06/09/24

98.9%

2024/2025 academic year to date

98.9%

Star Awards

w/e 6th September 2024

- Hedgehogs – Iris
- Rabbits – Madeleine
- Squirrels – Amsavi & Anthony
- Badgers – Lydia
- Woodpeckers – Ahmad
- Owls – Kirisnavi & Rimas



PTFA School Uniform

Our PTFA has a stock of second hand school uniform available.

If you require some good quality, low cost items please contact them through their email stmacptfa@gmail.com and they will arrange for the uniform to be left at the school office for you to collect.

If you have any items you are willing to donate to their stock please also contact them via email or bring these into the school office.



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'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assemblies.

Date: Each Friday

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Individual School Photographs Tuesday, 10th September

The individual pupil photographs will take place on Tuesday, 10th September – clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September.

Julius	Rabbits
Isaac	Hedgehogs
Esmae	Badgers
Sofia	Squirrels
Eloise	Squirrels
Maisey	Squirrels
Amsavi	Squirrels
Stanley	Rabbits
Noah	Owls
Violet	Owls
Alice	Owls
Jack	Owls



'Meet The Teacher'

Wednesday, 11th September from 3:15pm

'Meet the Headteacher and SENCO'

Wednesday, 11th September from 3:45pm

We are looking forward to families of children in all classes coming into school at pick-up time for our first open afternoon of the year. Please collect your child(ren) as usual from the classroom and then come back in via the main entrance. Staff will be in their classrooms and you will also be able to have a look at your child's workbooks (where relevant).

From 3:45pm Mr Ward (Interim Headteacher) & Mrs Lavender (SENCo) will be available in the school hall to meet parent/carers for an informal chat.



Reading at Home

Thank you for your on-going support in reading with your child at home. Continuing their practice at home can have a huge impact on their reading journey. Please see below a short guide for reading with your child. You will find a copy inside your child's reading record



RELATE

Help your child find themselves and their lives within the books they choose.

ENERGIZE

Have lively dialogues about the books they read and plan to read.

ALLOCATE TIME

Make reading a part of your everyday life.

DIVERSIFY

Introduce different genres.

ENGAGE

Make it fun!

READ TOGETHER

Participate by taking turns reading passages aloud.

SUPPORT

Provide your child access to books



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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 9th September 2024

NO CLUBS

Monday, 9th September

- Woodpeckers Class Forest School Sessions this week

Tuesday, 10th September

- School Individual Photographs

Wednesday, 11th September

- 3:15pm Open Afternoon – ‘Meet the Teacher’

Thursday, 12th September

- Kent Test Day – for children in Year 6 who have registered to take the test

Friday, 13th September

- ‘Celebration Assembly’ – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu:

Week 2

w/c Monday, 9th September
2024

£2.45 per day

[Menu-September-October.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

ST MARGARET'S AT CLIFFE SCHOOL
PTFA PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 13TH
SEPTEMBER

7pm for 7.30pm start
St Margaret's Village Hall

- Cost: £40 per team
- Maximum team: 8 people
- Bring your own food and drink
- Amazing raffle prizes to be won
- Message Emma Pearson to book: 07821 923498