



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 25th October 2024

Message from the Headteacher

As we draw the curtain on our first term of the academic year, I've been reflecting on the incredible journey we've embarked upon together. It's been a term full of activity, learning, and growth.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your warm welcome has made my transition into the St. Margaret's family an absolute joy. The conversations we've shared, the ideas you've brought forward, and even the concerns you've raised have all contributed to shaping our school's path forward. Your engagement and passion for our pupils' education are truly inspiring.

Speaking of inspiration, our pupils were treated to a marvellous assembly this week from the NHS that left them buzzing with excitement. Captain Wonderweb and the Esteem Machine swooped into our school, bringing with them a show that was both entertaining and empowering. The performance aimed to nurture positive self-esteem and help our children develop strong, resilient minds. It was a delight to see the enthusiasm radiating from our pupils as they absorbed the important messages woven into the captivating show.

These kinds of experiences are vital in supporting our children's holistic development. They complement the hard work happening in our classrooms every day, where our dedicated staff are tirelessly creating engaging learning environments. Which brings me to another thank you – to our incredible staff team. Their unwavering commitment to our pupils, their innovative approaches to teaching, and their willingness to go above and beyond never cease to amaze me. Even this week, the last week of an exceptionally long term, the learning going on has been brilliant as I walked around the school to see the progress we are making. Staff, like the children and community as a whole, have welcomed me with open arms and have shown time and again that the success of our pupils is rightly at the heart of everything we do. Thank you.

As we look back on this term, there's so much to celebrate. The progress our pupils have made, the friendships that have blossomed, the challenges that have been overcome – all of these are testament to the vibrant, supportive community we have here at St. Margaret's. One last thank you must go to our growing band of volunteers, be they parents and grandparents that have come in to hear our children read or those volunteers who have been helping out on the many extracurricular trips and activities. You make such a difference to our children. Thank you.

Looking ahead, I'm filled with excitement for what the rest of the year will bring. We have laid a strong foundation this term, and I'm confident that together, we will continue to create an environment where every child can thrive, learn, and grow.

Thank you once again for your trust, your support, and your partnership in education. Here's to a fantastic start and an even brighter future ahead!

I wish you the very best for a relaxing and safe holiday and hope you all have the chance for a bit of rest and relaxation. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th November.

Craig Ward –Headteacher

Whole School Attendance

21/10/24 - 25/10/24

95.2%

2024/2025 academic year
to date

96.2%



Star Awards

w/e 25th October 2024

Hedgehogs – Charlie & Demyd

Rabbits – Thomas

Squirrels – Daniel

Badgers – Vinnie

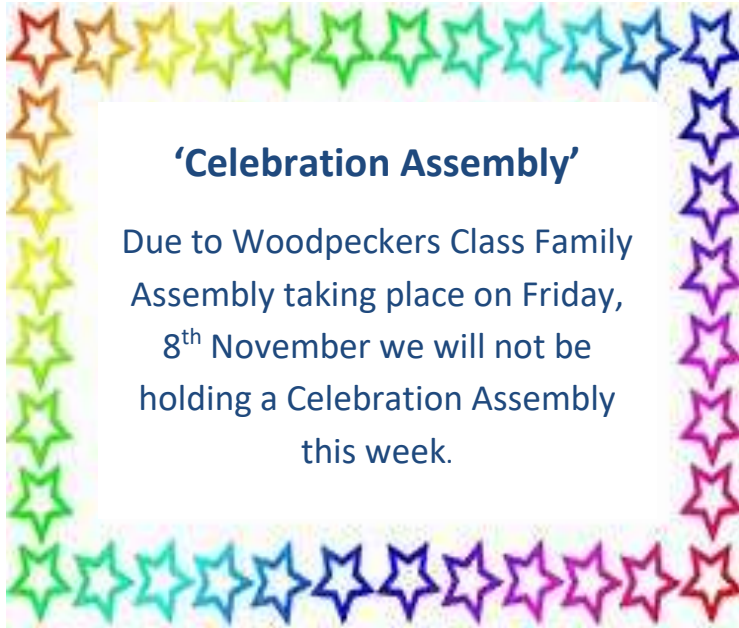
Woodpeckers - Theo

Owls – Isla-Rose





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'Celebration Assembly'

Due to Woodpeckers Class Family Assembly taking place on Friday, 8th November we will not be holding a Celebration Assembly this week.

Reception Class 2025

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so, they will be eligible to start school in September 2025.

We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.



PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!

You will be pleased to hear that the PTFA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on stmacptfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.



Secondary School Application Form (SCAF)

If your child is in Year 6, please remember to submit your child's Secondary School Application Form (SCAF) by **31st October 2024**

Royal British Legion

Poppies and other fundraising merchandise from The Royal British Legion will be on sale from **Monday, 4th November 2024**. If children would like to bring in some money these items will be sold during morning break time. A separate letter with pricing details has been sent via parentmail.



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 4th November 2024

Owls Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights





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Cool Milk

As you may be aware our school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – the scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. Cool Milk offer yearly, termly and half-termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember. If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents. Should you have any questions or need any help, send a message to www.coolmilk.com/contact or call them on 0800 321 3248.



SCAN TO REGISTER

'Love In A Box'

Please bring in your 'Love In A Box' by Wednesday, 6th November.



Start of Term 2

Children return to school on **Monday, 4th November 2024**



New Lunch Menu

Whole School Meals have issued their new menu starting when the children return to school following the half term break. A copy of this has been emailed out with this newsletter to parent/carers. We return to school on Week 1 of the new menu.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th November 2024

Monday, 4th November

- Owls Class Forest School sessions this week

Tuesday, 5th November

- Flu Immunisations for all classes
- Deadline to book Parent/Carer Consultation appointment

Wednesday, 6th November

- 'Love In A Box' - deadline for boxes to brought in to school

Friday, 8th November

- Woodpeckers Class Family Assembly – 9am in the school hall
- **No 'Celebration Assembly' this week**

New Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 4th November
2024

£2.45 per day

See new menu with this
newsletter

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

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



Community Noticeboard

TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP ST MARGARET'S LTC



29TH – 31ST OCTOBER 2024
9-11.30AM AGES 4-14
£18 PER DAY – BOOKING ESSENTIAL

JOIN US ON THURSDAY FOR A MONSTER TEAM CHALLENGE
PRIZES TO BE WON! FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

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Six Week Course
Mon - Fri

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(optional session for
reflection and support if needed)



St Margaret's Jumble Sale in aid of St Margaret's Nursery

Wednesday 6th November 10am - 12 noon.

At St Margaret's Village Hall, Reach Road, CT15 6AP
Refreshments available

Have a good clear out and donate items
you no longer need or use -
clothes, shoes, bags, hats, scarves,
household linen, bedding, towels, curtains,
toys, books, household bric-a-brac etc etc.
Good quality items, suitable for re-use.

Please drop off all donated items
at the Village Hall
on Tuesday 5th November 2pm - 7pm

St Margaret's Nursery
Registered Charity Number 1194056



Kent Family Hubs Visitor Survey

Kent County Council (KCC) would like to find out about families' experiences of the services available at Family Hubs and/or through Start for Life. Your feedback is essential for us to improve our services moving forward. To take part, please complete our Kent Family Hubs Visitor Survey, by following the link below or scanning the QR code.



Scan the QR code
or visit this link.

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