



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 8th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a restful break. I've really enjoyed hearing about the children's half term adventures. Sounds like lots of people had a lot of fun. This term has kicked off with a bang as we've introduced some new initiatives and already celebrated some recent achievements.

One of the most notable developments has been the introduction of ClassDojo in our classrooms. This innovative platform has sparked a palpable buzz among our young learners, who have embraced it with open arms. It's heartening to see how this digital tool has enhanced their motivation and eagerness to participate in class activities. As we continue to explore its potential, we're gearing up to share more about ClassDojo with you during our upcoming Parents' Evening next week by getting you all onto the system. We're excited to demonstrate how this platform can bridge the gap between school and home, providing you with real-time insights into your child's progress and achievements.

On another note, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the parents and carers who took the time to provide feedback on our homework approach. Your input is invaluable in shaping our educational strategies, and I'm pleased to report that we received responses from around 60% of our school community. This level of engagement speaks volumes about your commitment to your children's education, and I'm currently reviewing your feedback to ensure our homework practises align with your expectations and our pupils' needs.

Amidst our daily routines, we've also had moments of celebration that truly showcase the rich experiences we offer at St. Margaret's. The Woodpeckers' assembly about their residential trip to Bewl Water was a particular highlight. It was a joy to see our pupils confidently sharing their adventures, learnings, and the bonds they formed during their time away. These experiences are integral to our pupils' personal growth and development, fostering independence, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in education, especially in the, the busiest of school terms. Together, we're creating an environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Have a great weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 15th November

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.



ClassDojo

We're excited to be able to share your personalised invitation to ClassDojo with you at your parent's evening meeting. When you get your code, please remember it is personal to your child's account. As you follow the instructions to set it up, it will ask you if you'd like to 'go pro' and pay for that, please don't accept anything asking you for money- we're not using the pro features, just the standard 'free' features. I hope you enjoy using ClassDojo as much as the children are.



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Whole School Attendance

04/11/24 - 08/11/24	2024/2025 academic year to date
94.7%	96.6%



Star Awards



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Due to Woodpeckers Class Family Assembly taking place this morning Star awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.

Reception Class 2025

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2025. If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Applications close on **15th January 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.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at the parent/carers teacher meetings next week. Please come to the main reception entrance, as meetings will be held in the hall. You child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher.

Our comments box will also be out for you to use if you have anything you would like us to consider; we look forward to your ideas!

Anti-Bullying & Mental Health Week

Next week is our annual Anti-Bullying & Mental Health Week, where we will be using the 2024 national theme of 'Choose Respect'. Mr Oliver will lead an assembly on the topic and lessons in class will explore positive messages about anti-bullying/mental health.



We look forward to seeing all the odd-socks on Tuesday, 12th November.





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Children In Need Friday, 15th November



Wear Your Own Spotty/Yellow Clothes

In exchange for a £1 donation, children may come to school wearing spotty/yellow clothing.

Thank You!

'Love In A Box'

28 boxes have been donated from our school to the 'Love In A Box' appeal. Thank you to all families who have once again supported this Christmas-time charity.



Thank You From The PTFA

The PTFA would like to extend huge thanks to Lorna Willis who hosted a Christmas Craft event at the Village Hall, which was very successful. Thanks to all who attended and supported the event. Lorna raised £371.84 from the event, and has kindly chosen to donate this amount to be split evenly between the Nursery and the PTFA. We are really grateful to her for all her hard work.

Please see Lorna's poster within the Community Noticeboard section of this newsletter.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 11th November 2024 Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week

Monday, 11th November

- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (by appointment)

Tuesday, 12th November

- Anti-Bullying Alliance 'Odd Sock Day' – children may wear odd socks to school

Wednesday, 13th November

- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (by appointment)

Friday, 15th November

- Children In Need Day- wear something spotty/yellow to school

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November.

Alfie	Squirrels
Logan	Woodpeckers
Luna	Squirrels
Oliver	Owls
Blake	Rabbits
Emily	Badgers
Aarohi	Squirrels
Charlotte	Rabbits
Ellis	Hedgehogs
Emily	Badgers
Eden	Squirrels
Lydia	Owls
Cassie	Badgers
Kieran	Owls



New Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 11th November
2024

£2.45 per day

[Menu-Nov-2024-Mar-2025.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

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



Community Noticeboard

**Christmas
Craft Fair**

Thank you for supporting our wonderful local crafters at the Christmas Craft Fair.

We raised **£371.84** for St Margaret's Nursery and St Margaret's Primary School Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA).

The poster is decorated with festive elements including a string of colorful lights, a pine branch, stars, and snowflakes. At the bottom, there is a cartoon reindeer with a red nose and antlers, holding a wrapped gift. To the left of the reindeer are two logos: the PTFA logo and a drawing of a family.