



Message from the Headteacher



As we draw the curtain on another remarkable term at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, I've been reflecting on the vibrant tapestry of events and achievements that have coloured our school community. The festive spirit has been alive and well, with our Christingle assembly illuminating not just our hall, but our hearts too. It's been a joy to witness the excitement and wonder on our pupils' faces as they've embraced the magic of the season.

Our Christmas parties have been a whirlwind of laughter and merriment, with pupils and staff alike revelling in the festive cheer. And who could forget our delightful Christmas dinner? The kitchen team outdid themselves, serving up a feast that warmed our bellies and brought us all together in celebration. A huge thank you to the PTFA for providing the Christmas crackers – it wouldn't be a Christmas dinner without paper hats, terrible jokes and little gifts.

I must also commend our pupils for their spectacular array of Christmas jumpers. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were truly heart-warming. Our little Hedgehogs were particularly thrilled by a special visitor - Father Christmas himself! The wide-eyed wonder and beaming smiles were a sight to behold.

As I reflect on my first seasonal term here at St. Margaret's, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. To our parents, children, governors, staff team, and the wider community - thank you. Your warm welcome and unwavering support have made my transition into this role an absolute pleasure. We've already achieved so much together, and yet, I feel we're only at the beginning of our journey. The foundations we've laid this term are strong, and I'm excited about the heights we'll reach together in the coming year.

Before we part ways for the holiday season, I have a couple of important notices to share. Firstly, a reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 7th January. Please note that Monday 6th January is an INSET day for staff only, so pupils will not be required to attend on this day.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the Christmas gifts that have been so generously given to me and to the staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are truly touching and serve as a testament to the strong, supportive community we have here at St. Margaret's.

As we head into the festive break, I wish you all a joyous, safe and restful holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, laughter, and precious moments with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter in our school's story.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

Whole School Attendance

16/12/24 - 20/12/24

93.6%

03/09/24 – 20/12/24

96.3%



Children return to school on

**Tuesday, 7th
January 2025**





Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 20th December 2024



'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 10th January

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

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 stmactfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 6th January 2025

Woodpeckers Class

Things to remember:

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



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 6th January 2025

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday, 6th January

- **STAFF TRAINING DAY** – Children not required in school

Tuesday, 7th January

- **START OF TERM 3** – Children return to school
- **Woodpeckers Class Forest School sessions all week**

Lunch Menu:

Week 1

w/c Monday, 6th January 2025

£2.50 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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