

Thursday 8th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend - my apologies for mentioning the nice weather in my last newsletter – ever since then, the temperature seems to have dropped by 10 degrees! We have had a great week in school though with lots of fantastic work and achievements from our pupils through the amazing opportunities our staff plan for our children each day.

This Week at St Margaret's

- A **huge congratulations** to both our **netball and football teams** who both won their respective leagues. They have worked so hard to achieve this, showing fantastic **determination and sportsmanship** along the way. Well done to everybody involved! My thanks to the staff team who have coached and lead the teams this year.



- **Well done** to all the children who received their '**Star Reader**' award this week – Ms Dark presented children from Year 3 to Year 6 with their award in assembly.
- I was delighted to see such fantastic attendance across the school last week – it was one of the **highest percentages of school attendance** seen in some time, which is great! Thank you for your support and the value you give to each school day.
- In class assemblies this week we have recognised **Deaf Awareness week**, where children have learnt more about deafness, accessible communication and **promoting and celebrating inclusivity**.
- This week we say **goodbye to Miss McLelland** who has been at St Margaret's for many years. We thank her for all her dedication and support and wish her well in her new ventures.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

- Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their SATS tests – the end of Key Stage 2 national assessments in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. **SATS breakfast for Year 6 children from 8:10am.**

- Whilst SATS tests are important, at St Margaret's, we recognise children's progress and achievements are beyond the measures of these tests. We want to remind you, Year 6, that while these tests help show what you have learned, they don't measure everything that makes you special. At St Margaret's, **we believe each child is wonderfully made, full of unique talents, kindness and potential.** Your value comes not from your test scores, but from who you are. So do your best, but remember; **you are already enough**, and we are so proud of you.
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Important Notices & Attachments

- **Pre-loved uniform** – We have a lot of second-hand uniform in school and would love to be able to offer this out to parents for a small donation to the school – however, **we are in need of some help to sort this out!** If you were able to give some time to help Mrs Smith and Mrs Capoa, we would be very grateful! Please get in touch with the office if you can help.
 - **May Day** – Arrangements for May Day celebrations (**21st May**) can be found on our school website - [May Day letter](#)
 - **Walk to School Week** – we are encouraging our school community to 'walk to school' or 'park and stride' during the **week of the 19th May** – we appreciate it is not always possible for parents to facilitate this, but we would really like to encourage everyone to try and make an extra effort during this week as we **raise awareness of the health and environmental benefits** this can bring. We will tally up our efforts across classes and see how we get on!
 - **Friday 23rd May – School INSET day** – school will be closed to children for staff training on this day
 - **Information for parents with children with SEND** – See attached information which may be helpful from Mrs Kemp
 - **Summer Term Events Calendar and Extra-curricular clubs** – No changes made this week, copies can be found on our website [Newsletters](#)
 - **Y5 and Y6 children and families** – Invitation to a VE Day tea-party at the Village Hall on Saturday – see attached invite
 - **Advice from National Health** – 'when to keep your child off school' attachment
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Final Notes

We are delighted to announce two new appointments to the staff at St Margaret's Primary School – Miss Scialdone and Miss Place who will be joining the team as Learning Support Assistants this term.

All of our school newsletters and attachments can be found on the school website through this link [Newsletters](#).

As always, please feel free to get in touch if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Best wishes,
Mr. Lumley
Headteacher