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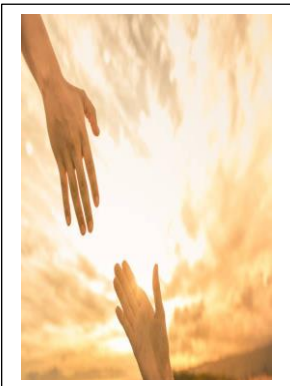
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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best

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Reflection



In our last prayer and Liturgy this week we explored the theme of Jesus' invitation to follow God's call. Through a musical reflection, we prayed and encountered Jesus. We can be 'sent out' like Jesus sent out His disciples when He called them.

Heavenly Father,

The disciples trusted that you would give them all they needed to do your work. Help us to trust that you will give us what we need too. Help us to joyfully spread your love through our words and actions this summer. Help us to be good friends to those around us, to work well with others, and to grow our family, the Body of Christ. We ask this though Christ our Lord, Amen

THIS WEEK

As we reach the end of the Academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during the year. It has been a very busy one with lots of wonderful highlights. I would also like to thank you for the lovely cards and presents gifted to me and staff, we are very grateful for your kindness.

This week has been an emotional week for our Yr6 pupils as they say their farewells to staff and friends at SMC and start their new journeys at Secondary School. We wish them all the very best in their new schools and for the future - come back and visit us!

We held our End of Year Mass on Wednesday with many parents and some parishaners attending. It was a lovely service to finish the school year with. Thank you to Father Jake for delaying his holiday to take the Mass for us.

Early Years enjoyed their final Seasonal Walk on Wednesday. They have seen lots of changes in our surrounding environment during the year and this has helped them with their learning of the world around us. Thank you to the many parent helpers that have made these walks possible, during the year.

Friday saw our Yr6 pupils hold a Leavers Assembly for their families. As always, it was an emotional assembly as they talked about their favourite moments at SMC and what they will miss. However, the tears stopped flowing when they received a delivery of pizza and the ice-cream van arrived! Thank you so much to Mrs Cowling for organising such a wonderful treat for the children.



Father, your Son, Jesus, was always ready to face any challenge. Help those who are leaving this school to face the future with hope and joy. We make this prayer, as we offer these gifts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

STAFF LEAVERS

At the end of an academic year, we often see movement within our staffing. This year is no exception, as we say goodbye to Mrs Ricketts, Mrs Foad and Ms Manktelow. Mrs Ricketts has been an HLTA at SMC since May 2000 and has supported the children across the school in so many ways over the years, including running small learning groups, attending a number of Residential trips, external sporting events and helping with running club to name but a few! Mrs Foad has been an LSA since September 2014 and has worked across different phase groups where she has supported the children's learning and taught music. Mrs Foad also helped to run our wonderful choir and the Young Voices Choir at the O2. Ms Manktelow joined us in September 2023 as an LSA, working with classes across KS2 where she has become a popular member of the team, however, Ms Manktelow is now moving on to a Teacher role at another setting.

We will miss them all very much but would like to wish them all the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming them back for a visit soon!

In August, Miss Wolfe will become Mrs Marshall as she marries her partner, Callum. We hope the sun shines on you for your big day and that you have the most wonderful Wedding. We wish you both a long and happy life together.



GENERAL INFORMATION

CELEBRATIONS

We have had many celebrations this week, the whole school enjoyed playing games together on the field, to celebrate our staff leavers and Yr6 had a water fight, pizza and ice-cream, to end their time at Primary School!



ATTAINMENT 2024

The table below summarises our children's attainment over this academic year. The children's individual attainment will be on their reports, which you received last week. The data below does not capture, of course, the huge dedication by teaching staff or the immense perseverance and sheer hard work on the part of the children. We are very proud of them and are sure that you will be, too. Well done!

Early Years:	GLD 80.5%
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Year 1 Phonics:	92%
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Year 2	2024	2024
	EXS+ %	GDS %
Maths	80	18
Reading	84	37
Writing	72	13
Science	93	N/A

Year 4 Multiplication Test Check

20+/25	75 %
25/25	56 %

SAT Results 2022

Year 6	2024	2024
	EXS+ %	GDS %
Maths	94	40
Reading	94	48
SPAG	88	38
Writing	88	26
R/W/M Combined	84	22

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

During the year we have had many parents who have volunteered in one way or another, whether that is by helping at the various PTA events, volunteering in the classrooms, or helping with clubs. I would like to extend my thanks to each and every one of you for all the hard work and dedication that you have shown towards the children and school. I would like to make a special mention to Mrs Hemsley who has run our Gardening Club, along with Mrs Ricketts for the past year, in all weathers.



Some of the Gardening club showing their own grown produce!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following the updated uniform letter sent out earlier this term, please ensure your child/ren are return to school wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. Summer uniform can be worn until the October half term. Thank you for your continued support with this.

SCHOOL GAMES AWARD - PLATINUM MARK

I am very proud to let you know that once again St Margaret's have achieved a Platinum Award for our involvement in PE, schools sports and games. As a school we have taken part in 36 inter-school tournaments and festivals. Well done to all the children that have taken part and to the staff and parents who have supported them by transporting, encouraging and helping at events. It would not be possible without your continued support. We look forward to another busy year of activities!

FOOD BANKS

If you, or any families you know, require some support from food banks over the summer period, you can get contact the following places and access food supplies, no referrals are required.

<https://feast.org.uk/fresh/index.html>

<https://www.familyfoodbank.org/tonbridge--malling-ffb.html>

<https://www.stmattschurch.org.uk/what-we-do/community-larder/>

ADVANCE NOTICE

MEAL PRICES - 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

We have been informed by Chartwells, our Catering Company, that the meal prices will be going up. From 1 September a pupil meal will be £2.95. The price is set by Chartwells and has been approved by the Trust. The menu will be published at the end of August in time for you to book for September.

Msporti have informed us that they have moved their afterschool football club to a Wednesday (3.20pm - 4.20pm). Please book and pay with them directly at: <https://msporti.co.uk/clubs-and-courses/after-school-clubs/st-margaret-clitherow-football-football>

If you would like your child to join the Friday morning (8am - 8.40am) gymnastics club, please contact Hayley_ellis@yahoo.co.uk. This club is a fee-paying club open to children from Yr1 - Yr6.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.22%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/02/>

Wednesday 4 September - All pupils return to school

I would like to wish you all very blessed Summer break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 4th September 2024, ready for the exciting challenges the year will bring.

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

We sent our Year 6's out with love today!

Love never hurries, its is always kind.

It is not jealous, and never boasts of its greatness.

Love is not rude or selfish.

It is always ready to forgive and forget the mistakes we make.

Love is no friend of wickedness,

But delights in honesty and truth.

Love is strong and never gives up.

It never loses its trust in God or its hope for the future.

Love will survive all things because it is everlasting.