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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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In this week prayer and Liturgy we looked at the Sunday Gospel, Jesus confounded the expectations of His disciples. The children learnt that God's plans can be surprising and that following Jesus involves expecting the unexpected - with the assurance that Jesus is with us every step of the way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good, to give you a future and a hope.

THIS WEEK

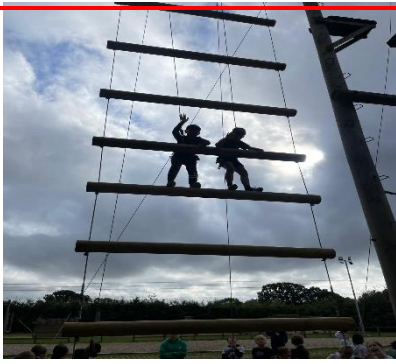


Dear Lord, We thank you for this new school day and everything it has to offer. We ask that you give us the strength and courage to do our daily tasks with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn.

Staff and I had a lovely evening welcoming many of our new parents to St Margaret's at the Welcome Supper on Wednesday evening. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as us and have made some contact with other parents. We would like to thank Chartwells for providing the supper for us, it was delicious!

We were thrilled to welcome our Yr6 back from their Residential trip at Kingswood in Ashford, today. They were blessed with lovely sunny weather and have enjoyed their time learning new skills, working in teams and facing some difficult but fun challenges! We imagine they may sleep well over the weekend!

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the staff that gave up their own time to support the children on this trip. There are so many lovely photos to choose from so we have uploaded more to the website Gallery. We are sure they will be talking about their experiences for years to come!



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Yr5/6 Wednesday Football club and running club will start week next week. If your child is attending an early morning club, please bear in mind that they will not be able to enter the school before 8am and should not be left onsite without adult supervision. Thank you.

We have noticed an increase in the number of children playing on the bank near the bottom car park, please can you remind your child/ren that they are not to use the bank, please keep children with you at all times when on site. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL VIEWINGS

If you have a child due to start in Reception class in September 2025, we would like to invite you to book a school viewing. Dates and times can be found on our Website, in church, local nurseries and Facebook. Please call the school office to make an appointment.

We would like to say a **big** 'thank you' to the PTA for all they do to raise money for the school. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team who have raised an amazing amount over the years, and we are pleased to share with you that we have used some of the funding to purchase our new projectors in the hall. They are already making a great addition to assemblies and other activities!

PLAYLUNCH

We provide the children with fresh fruit or vegetables 4 mornings a week and a plain biscuit one morning a week. To enable us to provide this for all children, we ask for a very small donation of £10.00 per child for their whole school life at SMC. This is a one-off payment and has been added to all families that have joined us in the last academic year including our new Reception families. All payments can be made via Parentpay. Children may bring their own fruit or biscuit for mid-morning snack but **no** chocolate or crisps, please.

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024-2025

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to receive their First Holy Communion next year then please come along to one of the registration meetings to register your child. To register a child for First Holy Communion please fill in one of the forms available at the back of all churches and from St Margaret's School Office. Bring the form along either Monday 7 October or

Monday 14 October between 7.30pm and 9.00pm in the Fisher Hall. You will be able to meet Father Philip and the Catechists. More information and dates will be given to you at these meetings and Registration forms will also be available. Please contact Tina Kirk at tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk if you have any questions.

CHERUBS

Cherubs meets every Sunday, with children gathering in Fisher Hall for activities ahead of the 10am mass at Corpus Christi.

We are in urgent need of more helpers to keep the group running. If you can spare any time to help once every few weeks or would like to know more about what we do, please contact Christina on 07963 783299.

ADVANCE NOTICE

EARLY YEARS CONSULTATIONS

The Early Years (Reception Class) parent teacher consultations will take place on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th September, after school. If you need any support booking your appointment, please do contact the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Braiswick will be on site to take individual and sibling photos on Wednesday 2 October. Please ensure that children arrive at school on time as they may miss their class slot.

HARVEST FESTIVAL/FRUGAL LUNCH

On Friday 4 October, we will be serving a frugal lunch to coincide with our Harvest Festival. The only meal that will be served by the kitchen on that day will be rice/vegetable or tomato sauce/bread. If you wish your child to take part, please book them a meal (any choice) on that day (4 October). If you are providing a packed lunch, we ask that it too should be frugal, so that your child can feel part of the spirit of the day. We have also set up a payment on Parentpay, should you wish to donate to CAFOD. All lunch payments made for this day will also go to CAFOD.

Following our frugal lunch, we will be holding our Harvest Festival assembly. As in previous years, we will endeavour to hold it outside, however, we are at the mercy of the weather. Should it not be favourable, we will move inside. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly at 2pm.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 96.44%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

[Calendar | St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School \(stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk\)](http://stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk)

23rd, 24th and 26th Sept - EY consultations

2 October - Braiswick photos (individual and school siblings)

4 October - Frugal Lunch/Harvest Festival

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Lord God,
May I be a blessing to each person I encounter each day. And may I receive your blessing
through others as well. I pray that I might see your loving hand at work throughout this
week.

In the name of Jesus, my Savior, I pray, Amen.