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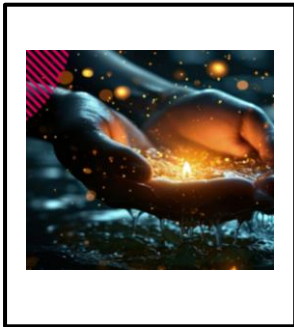
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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best

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Reflection



This week we were looking at the Baptism of Jesus. This revealed that He is God's beloved Son and set an example for all believers to follow him. Through baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit and are invited into God's family. The Holy Spirit guides us in living like Jesus and loving others as God's family too. We discussed the symbols of the water and fire within this and spend time holding the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

THIS WEEK



Dear God, As I start this new week, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude for the gift of life and the opportunity to serve You in all I do.

This week has seen the evenings starting to get a little lighter and it hasn't been quite so cold! However, winter is not over and we still need all children to have adequate outdoor wear in school to enable them to be outside at break and lunchtimes. Thank you.

Our Reception classes went on their winter seasonal walk yesterday. This time they headed down towards Long Mead looking at the changing environment. We had many volunteer helpers which was amazing! Thank you all for your time! The children are really enjoying their walks and investigating how our surroundings are changing during the year. Their spring walk will be held on 1st April, should you wish to volunteer your help, please let the office know.



GENERAL INFORMATION

We have lots of unclaimed lost property which will be recycled at the end of next week. Please take a look in the wooden storage cupboard outside the School Office for any items your child may have lost.

PARENTPAY - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We informed you in July (Newsletter No 39) that the price of lunches was going up to £2.95 from September. However, the price increase was delayed and will now take effect from next Monday, 20 January. **Please note** that if you have booked meals in advance, the increase will be added to those meals, and if your account reaches zero, some of your meals may be cancelled if there are not sufficient funds in your account to cover the increase. Therefore, please do check your bookings over the weekend.

RECEPTION CLASS CONSULTATIONS

Primrose and Bluebell class teachers will be holding their consultations on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 January (bluebell only). Details of how to book your 10-minute appointment have been sent out today. You can opt for a face to face or zoom appointment. Please contact the school office if you need any help.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Philomene & Evie (Rec), Nora & Jayson (Yr1), Amelia & Albert (Yr2), Jude & Noah (Yr3), Henry & Nirosha (Yr4), Alana & Oakley (Yr5) and Isla & James (Yr6). Well done for being so focused and showing great service this week.



VACANCIES

We are recruiting for a full time and a part time Learning Support Assistant (hours to be discussed). All details can be found here: <https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/vacancies/>
If you have any questions, please speak to myself or Mrs Shaw, in the office. The deadline for applications is 29 January.

SPORTING EVENTS

Tonbridge Angels resumed their lunchtime training with Year 5 and 6 footballers. It is great to see the enthusiasm from the many boys and girls that take part. We are very grateful to the Tonbridge Angels for enabling these training sessions.

A team from our girls football club took part in an afterschool Football tournament at St Gregory's Secondary School yesterday. The year 5 and 6 girls played brilliantly against tough opposition in the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells tournament. Well done to all the girls and thank you to the parents for their support!

ADVANCE NOTICES

All children across the school will be attending a safety workshop run by the Dogs Trust. This will be held over three days, and will help children to understand how to be safe around dogs, we wish to reassure you that no dogs will be on site for these workshops.

The Big Garden Bird Watch 2025 takes place 24-26th January 2025.

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, local park or from your balcony. How to take part. Every Birdwatch counts!

- 1) Pick a time Count the birds for one hour in your garden, local park or from your balcony between 24 and 26 January 2025.
- 2) Tell us what you see Only include those that land, not those flying over. Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time. So, if you see a group of eight starlings together, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- 3) Submit your results before the 23rd February 2025. Online is the best way to do it, as it's quick, easy and saves us money, so we can spend more on saving nature.

Go to the website at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. Remember even if you saw nothing, it still counts. Enjoy your moment with nature. Submit your results on the RSPB website before 23rd January.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 92.7%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

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

- 21-23 January - Dogs Trust Safety Workshops
- 28 January - Football/Netball matches
- 29 - 30 January - Reception class Consultations
- 30 January - Badminton (Yr3 -6)

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

O come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle them in your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the
Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be
always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Amen