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Learning for life, loving God

Ourselves and others

Valuing all of His creation

Enable us to do our best

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THIS WEEK

Reflection



Through explorations of the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare', children discovered that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God. God invites us to talk and listen to Him, because He longs to answer our prayers.

This week has been yet another busy one! We are very thankful that the weather has remained dry and sunny meaning the children have had lots of opportunities to be outside learning and playing. Please remember to label clothes (sweatjumpers/cardigans/coats) as the weather starts to get colder. We have a constant supply of lost property, we will return all named items to the children and no named articles are placed in the box outside the school office.

Yr4 St Bernadette have had their final swimming lessons on Monday, Yr4 St Catherine class will swim after the half term break, please see last weeks Newsletter for further details.

Early Years held their Phonics workshop in the hall on Wednesday, it was lovely to see many parents attend. We hope you find it useful when reading with your child.

Sporting Events

Our Netball team played their first match against Plaxtol on Monday. Despite losing 3-1 and not having had much training, they played really well and stayed focus and determined throughout. Well done to you all.

A group of Yr5/6 children took part in an ultimate frisbee event on Tuesday. They came back to school really enthusiastic after having a great morning! Well done to all involved and to their parents for enabling them to attend.

Running Club - just a reminder that the running club has now finished and will resume in Term 4. We are asking the children to arrive by **7.55am** so that we can get out at 8am and return to school on time. Thank you for your support.



Dear God, please look after our members of school and protect our family members and the new Receptions. Protect everybody especially the poor. Amen Orla B Yr3

GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Ciaran C & Makayla G (Rec), Emilia A & Humphrey H (Yr1), Hattie N-M & Leo W (Yr2), Albert P & Pacey W (Yr3), William D & Ivy G (Yr4), Sophia O'B & Theo Connor (Yr5) and Joshua H & John G (Yr6). Well done to all these children for showing a positive attitude to their learning and for being great advocates for the school.



School snacks

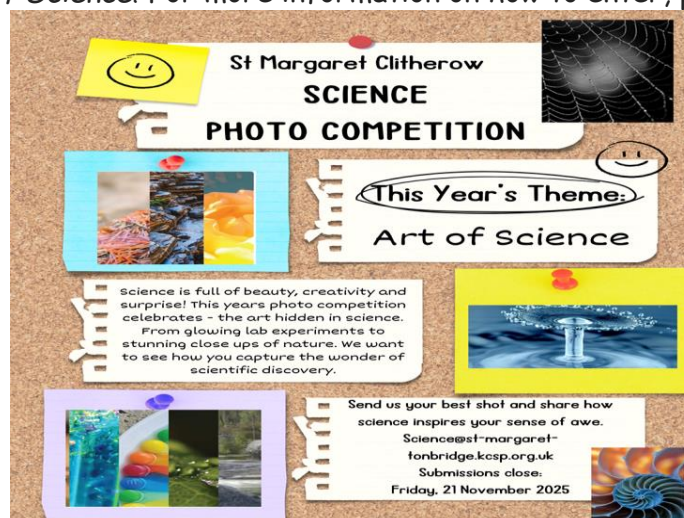
As a school, we provide fresh fruit each day for every child to enjoy at break time, except on a Friday when they receive a plain digestive biscuit. Whilst children can provide their own snack, please can we ask that they are either fruit or a plain biscuit as we are a healthy school.

Due to some children having serious allergies, we ask that children do not take yoghurt onto the playground, or any other dairy based food products, instead they should be eaten at lunch time as part of a packed lunch where it can be contained. We would appreciate your support by talking to your child to enforce and explain this to them. We will monitor the playground and confiscate any items deemed unsafe.

Science Photo Competition: The Art of Science

This year's theme — *The Art of Science* — celebrates the beauty, creativity, and wonder hidden in scientific discovery. From glowing lab experiments to stunning natural patterns, we want to see the moments that make you say "wow."

The October half term is the perfect time to get creative — grab your camera, explore, experiment, and capture the art hidden in science.    Snap it, share it, and show off your unique take on *The Art of Science*! For more information on how to enter, please see the poster.



CAFOD

Thank you to all the children and parents that have supported our Harvest donations to CAFOD, we are very pleased to let you know that we have raised an incredible £525.23 so far! We are immensely grateful to you all for your support and will endeavour to reach our total of £750 with future fund-raising events. Thank you!



Poppy Appeal

After the half term break we will be selling poppies and other items to support the Poppy Appeal. There are various other items such as snap bands, festival bands and Poppy reflectors. The items will sell for 50p to £1.00 with a donation for a poppy/poppy sticker. All money will go to the British Legions ongoing work in supporting the Armed Forces community, serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

The Year 6's have been...

We have been enjoying our first term of being House Captains and Deputy's. Every week we have been collecting house points and next term we are looking forward to announcing the winning house and organising their treat. Many of the Year 6 prefects are working hard to run various clubs at lunchtimes for all age groups. We have run drama, art, lego, basketball, tag rugby and comic club. Some of the Year 6 prefects are reading a story to each Reception class. We hope that the children are happy and enjoying them. We definitely are!
Love from the Year 6 House Captains and Deputies



ADVANCE NOTICE

Chartwells Autumn Menu

I am pleased to inform you that the new Autumn menu has now been posted and is live on ParentPay. It would be very helpful if you could ensure your lunches are booked before we return from the half term break as we are finding that some children are getting distressed when they have no lunch bookings and do not have a packed lunch with them. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Walk to School

Due to our last 'walk to school' being such a great success, we will be doing another walk for children and parents. Therefore, please do join us on Wednesday 29 October at 8.20am at the Six in One Club car park to collect the hi viz jackets and walk to school. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Winter Uniform

On return from the half term break, all children should be wearing winter uniform. If you are unsure of what serves as winter uniform, please check the uniform list on our website.

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/uniform-information/> Only cardigans and jumpers with the school logo should be worn. There are many sizes available in second hand uniform at £1.00 each item should you wish to purchase any.



Christmas Trees!

Next term will be starting to think about Christmas. Therefore, with this in mind, here is a good way to support our PTA/School when thinking about buying your Christmas Trees!

Donation to Schools from Stonepitts Christmas Tree Farm, Seal Chart

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to our PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity. For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date:

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/diary/grid/2025/09/>

20 -24 October - Half term

27 October - all children return to school

28 October - Football match against Stocks Green

29 October - Netball match against Stocks Green

31 October - Flu Vaccinations

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Loving and gracious God,
We come before You with hearts full of thanks
for the gift of our school and all who make it a place of learning, care, and
growth.

Bless each member of our school family.
May we work together in harmony with families to
support one another in kindness,
and grow together in faith and wisdom.
We are grateful for the friendships we form,
the lessons we learn,
and the faith that binds us.
May Your presence be felt in every corner of our school,
and may we always strive to reflect Your light
in all that we do.

Amen