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



Reflection



This week we started by looking at Jesus as the King of all Kings. Jesus is not a king in the way we expect but in his service to us. We remember that as we discussed our Catholic Social Teaching Common Good and thought about how we can help all and not just ourselves. The children decided that we could do a reverse Advent calendar so we can give as well as receive.

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THIS WEEK

We are pleased to inform you that our new and improved school website is now active. Please do take a look, you can find it under the same link address as before:

www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk. We are still updating some sections so please bear with us during this period of transition. However, the school calendar has been updated with upcoming events over the next few terms.

Reverse Advent

As we enter this time of Advent we would like to ask the children to share the joy of Christmas with others by donating one item to our reverse advent calendar. Each class will have a box to collect these items in. We would like to receive consumable food items which will be walked down to the Tonbridge Food Bank to support families who may need some support this Christmas. Please could all items be brought into school by Monday 15 December. We will not be able to accept donations after this date. Thank you.

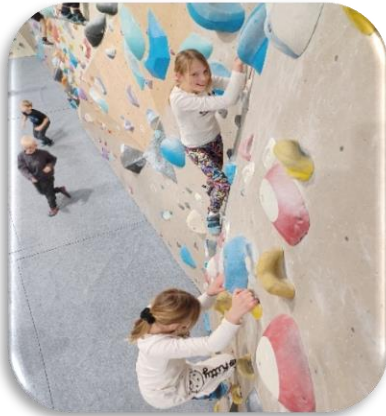


Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength that we need every day.

Sporting Events



A group of Yr6 children took part in a climbing event at Chimera, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday. They had a great time navigating the walls, some children faced their fear of heights to reach the top - well done to all the children who took part.



There was also a Basketball event held at Skinners Grammar School on Wednesday which a group of Yr5/6 children attended. Again, they had fun playing against other local Primary schools and learning new skills. Thank you to the parents of both events who enabled the children to attend by transporting them to and from these events. Without your support we would not be able to offer these extra curricular opportunities for the children.



MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

This week we will be recognising our first candle of advent - hope. Our school community feels that hope is about never giving up and believing that if you put your mind to it then you will achieve your dream.

We can show hope in our daily lives, for example, if you do not particularly like something you should always try your hardest and hope that you can do it because when you try your best, everything is possible with God's help.

Police Cadets

This terms Police Cadets came to an end with the children holding an assembly for their parents/family members on Tuesday. They have worked very hard over the past 6 weeks and have learnt many new skills, including team work, resilience and confidence. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lucas and Miss Hermitage for running the Cadets alongside the two Police Officers, Toni Matthew and Bobby Hills, who attend each week. We are hoping they will be available to run more sessions in the New Year.



Rock Steady Concert

Our Rock Steady Band held a concert today for their parents. It was an energetic show where the children showed their passion for performing and music! We thoroughly enjoyed it as I am sure the parents did. Well done to all the band members for sharing your talents with us!



GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my [Headteacher Awards](#) go to: Finley G & Ivy W (Rec), Mahira R & Chloe T (Yr1), George B & Harry D (Yr2), Connor H & Mia S (Yr3), Oliver F & Katie D-J (Yr4), Eden L & Zuzanna C (Yr5) and Rosie K & Oliver A (Yr6). Congratulations, we are very proud of all of your achievements this week, you have showed great faith and thankfulness to your friends and peers.



Governor Visits

Following the recent curriculum visit by the Governors, James Page, Chair of Governors shared some feedback below:

"I was part of a group of governors who recently visited the school as part of our ongoing monitoring programme. Representatives from across the school spoke about how staff have helped them in all sorts of ways, how much they value their friends/include each other and their enjoyment of outdoor learning and school clubs especially those facilitated by Year 6. We also learned about how grammar, punctuation and spelling is being taught across the school and specifically how this is assessed in Year 6. Thank you very much for making us feel so welcome and sharing your experiences with us".

Tina Kirk, Governor, visited the school on Tuesday to look at RE and a class prayer and liturgy. Tina wanted to pass on her thanks to all the children in Yr 5 and 6 for a lovely liturgy. She was very impressed with how well behaved and welcoming the children were.

Reception Class Nativity Play - Wednesday 10 December - 2.30pm



Our Reception classes will be performing their Nativity Play on the above afternoon. Each parent has been allocated **three** tickets per family for the performance. Younger siblings will need a seat (except babies in arms). If you do not require any of your tickets, please do let us know so that we can reallocate them to individuals on the waiting list. Once the "theatre" is ready parents will be let in to the hall via the front office - this will **not be before 2.15pm**. Please park outside the school grounds - there is **no parking** on site. Thank you.

As we are trying to do our bit to save our planet, we will not be giving out tickets but keeping a booking list and you will be asked to sign in against that list on arrival. Thank you.

Yr2 Proudly Presents: 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' - Wednesday 10 Dec at 5.30pm and Thursday 11 Dec at 2pm



We are holding two performances, one in the evening and one in the afternoon. However, we can only allocate a **maximum of 3 seats per performances** per family in YR2 (**total 6 tickets over the two performances**). For Health and Safety reasons any children coming to watch with you will each require a ticket and will be allocated a seat. Children at school will have seen the dress rehearsal in school.

Children should arrive back at school via the front entrance from 5.00pm and should assemble in their classrooms. We will be holding a raffle at each performance. Parents will be able to access the hall via the gallery when the doors open at 5.10pm. As you are aware there is very limited parking on site and the lower part of the driveway does not accommodate two cars passing each other. If you are dropping your child and leaving please park off site and walk your child down to the office. If you are bringing your child and remaining for the production you are welcome to drop your child and park (after 5.10pm) on site but you will not be able to move your car until the end of the production when everybody is leaving. We will monitor the playground and close the gates when the playground is full. Please be considerate at all times. You may want to park off site, remembering not to block driveways or access, as this will probably make your arrival and leaving easier. If you are not staying for the production you will need to collect your child at about 6.30pm from the Gallery.

Matinee doors will open at 1.45pm via the main school entrance. Please note there will be **no parking** on site for the Matinee performance.

You can choose the performance that you would like to come to using our online ordering system (details will be sent out separately via Parentpay). If you have selected a maximum of three seats for a particular performance and would like to request an extra ticket, please contact the school office as we will hold a waiting list.

Parents can take photographs and record the production for their personal use. Please do not upload images onto the internet.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Personalised Plan Review Meetings - Wednesday 3 December

Parents of children with Personalised plans will be sent details of how to book a 10-minute appointment to review your child's plan with the class Teacher. The appointments will take place on Wednesday 3 December after school. We would encourage you to make an appointment so that we can continue with interventions that are currently in place. If you are unable to make this date, please speak to the Class Teacher directly.

PTA

Thank you for the many donations of female gifts for Christmas Fair today. Next week we are asking for toys in exchange for crazy hair. All donations can be handed to the ladies in the bottom car park on Friday. Please do not leave them at the office as we are unable to store them. The PTA will still accept male and female gifts, which can also be handed to them on Friday. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.54%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

- 3 December - Physical literacy event (Yr1)
- 3 December - Personalised Plan review meetings
- 5 December - Teacher clubs end for the term
- 5 December - Fair Friday - toys in exchange for crazy hair
- 7 December - 3.30pm Advent Service at Corpus Christi Church
- 8 December - Children's Panto
- 9 December - Senior Citizen's lunch (Yr5/6)
- 10 December - Reception Nativity @ 2.30pm
- 10 December - Yr2 Production @ 5.30pm
- 11 December - Yr2 Production @ 2pm
- 12 December - Children's Christmas Fair

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Jesus,
I believe in you.
You are my King.
I praise your holy name.
I want to follow you.
Guide me in all I say and do.
Help me to live in your way.
Amen