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Reflection



This week in Prayer and Liturgy we discussed All Saints and All Souls days. Jesus carefully positioned Himself to proclaim amazing truths about Heaven. The Solemnity of All Saints reminds us that we are called to be holy, following in the footsteps of those who were poor in spirit and relied totally on God.

THIS WEEK

The children have settled into the term really well and are pushing themselves to learn and develop their knowledge and skills, we are proud of how hard they are working! This week has been exciting in many ways with football matches, our Outdoor Classroom day and many classroom activities taking place.

Sporting Events



Our footballers played two matches this week, one at home against Cage Green on Wednesday and the other one away to Plaxtol today. The team played really well with lots of great chances, however, they just couldn't get the ball in the net. The score was: 0-1 to Cage Green. We wish the team lots of luck for their match against Plaxtol today!



Loving Father, we thank you for the beauty of this world you have made. For the sun that warms us, the air we breathe, and the earth beneath our feet. Help us to see your hand in every plant, every creature, and every tiny part of nature. As we explore and learn outdoors today, open our minds and hearts to your wisdom. May we be good stewards of this creation, growing in knowledge and reverence for all you have made. Amen

Outdoor Classroom Day

Mrs Lucas and Miss Hermitage organised an amazing, fun and challenging Outdoor Classroom day that all children had the opportunity to take part in. During the morning the children met and spent time petting two large tortoises, rabbits and Alpaca guinea pigs. After lunch came the team games!

8 teams, each led by a member of staff, battled against each other in a tug of war, ball pong, curling, archery and cup flip! The atmosphere on the playground was electric as the teams competed against each other to win the cup! Team 2 came out as the overall winners and they were led by Mrs Lucas! It was a fantastic day! I would like to thank Mrs Boorman, Buster and White Rocks Farm <https://www.whiterocksfarm.co.uk/> for bringing in your animals for the children (and staff) to enjoy, we are very appreciative of your time. Please do check out their link!



The children were asked to suggest names for the two baby guinea pigs that were brought along, lots of great names were put forward but only two could be chosen and they were Coco and Maggie!

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

The Year 6's have been...

WHAT IS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK?

Anti-bullying week is a week when we celebrate our differences. Next week's theme is 'Power for Good': we are going to help bullying stop so everyone can feel included.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO?

We can help prevent bullying by thinking before we say and do things, always looking out for others as we are one big family in the eyes of God. We can support people by always following Jesus's footsteps and show service (one of our school values) to everyone. We also need to show respect and spread joy so everybody feels loved and important just the perfect way they are.

WHY WE WEAR ODD SOCKS

We wear odd socks to celebrate our selves and show we are not afraid to be different because that is how God made us. We don't want to change it just because we want to be similar to others because if we were all the same life would be a boring cycle from when the sun comes up till the sun goes down. We use integrity to always try our best to do the right thing and follow our social teaching. Learning for life loving God, Ourselves and others, Valuing all of his creations, Enabling us to do our best.

Jonathan, Sasha, Thomas, Joshua, Rosie, William and Oliver

Lockdown Drill

As a school we are required to carry out regular fire and lockdown drills. We will hold three of each drill a year to ensure that the children are well versed with procedures. Today we held our lockdown drill, all went well and the children were brilliant.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Fern K & Kira K (Rec), Sonny B & Lyra G (Yr1), Anthony K & Alentina D-F (Yr2), Mabel J & Bill F (Yr3), Finn E & Ottilie L (Yr4), Jim H & Lottie B (Yr5) and Indi S & Bennett C (Yr6). This week the children have been very focused and conscience in their learning, we are very proud of them! Well done!



Poppy Appeal



I would like to thank you all for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have sold numerous amounts of snap bands, event bracelets, coat reflectors and poppy's! We will let you know how much was raised when the final count comes in.

Rocksteady



Rocksteady are offering taster sessions for any children who are interested in learning a new instrument or singing in the Rocksteady Band. Please contact them directly at:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> to book a taster session.

Residential Trip - September 2026

To those Yr5 parents who have signed their child/ren up to attend the Residential Trip in September 2026, this is a reminder that the second instalment of £80.00 is due to be paid by 30 November. Thank you.

Bikes on Site



Please may I remind all parents and children that you need to dismount at the top of the drive and walk your bike down the path and back up to the top. No bikes should be ridden on site at any time, this is to ensure the safety of all children and prevent accidents from moving vehicles on site. Thank you for your support.

Horseriders wanted

If you have a horse or access to a horse and would like to compete on behalf of St Margaret Clitherow School please can you contact Mrs Boorman on ejstead@hotmail.co.uk

The competitions are usually at the weekend and the next one coming up is on the 15th November. This is part of the NSEA - National schools equestrian association.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations for children in years 1-6 are taking place next week and Thursday 20 November for Yr3. Please book via the online Schools Interviews app, details were sent out on Monday. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

A team of 8 boys will be taking part in a 'Road to Wembley' tournament at Tonbridge Angels on Thursday. We wish them lots of luck!

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying week, a national event that promotes kindness, inclusion, and respect for everyone. Therefore, we are asking staff and children to wear odd socks to raise awareness and promote differences that should be respected and valued and to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All other school uniform remains the same.



Admissions for Reception starters - September 2026

KCC online applications for September 2026 opens on 7 November and closes on 15 January 2026. You can find more details by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

If you are applying for a place for a sibling, you will need to complete a Supplementary Information form, which you can download from our Website or pick one up from the school office. We will use this to rank your application, without a completed form, your application may be unranked and placed at the bottom of the applications list.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 96.27%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

10 - 14 and 20 November - Consultations

13 November - Road to Wembley football tournament (boys)

14 November - odd socks for anti-bullying week

20 November - Road to Wembley football tournament (girls)

21 November - Fair Friday - male gifts in exchange for an accessory

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

As a family you could pray together using this adapted prayer of Saint
Richard of Chichester:

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all you have given me,
for all you have done for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen