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



Reflection



Today in Prayer and Liturgy the adults read the Christmas story to the children. We took time out to reflect and think about the true meaning of Christmas and how Jesus came to be our saviour. The children said beautiful prayers and remembers their Advent promises that they will continue to keep.

NEWSLETTER No 15 - 19 December 2025

THIS WEEK

We have come to the end of a long term which has been filled with lots of opportunities, challenges, great learning and fun Christmas activities! We started this week with Mr Thornton's band playing Christmas tunes in our Monday morning assembly. Well done to the children who took part, it was a great performance.

Years 4-6 attended a Reconciliation service with Father Philip and Father Bibin, after which they were offered the opportunity to meet with Fathers individually for Reconciliation.

Tuesday morning was Panto time... 'oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was!' The Panto Company performed Aladdin, which was very entertaining! The children were very excited and the laughter could be heard throughout the school! I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the PTA who funds the Panto each year. We all really enjoyed it and appreciate the funding support.





The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner and class buffet's this week. The atmosphere over the two days has been joyful with lots of festive magic and children signing Christmas songs! The hall looked very decorative as did the classrooms.



REC/KS1



KS2

During the past two weeks, each class has been competing in a competition to decorate the best Christmas themed classroom door. The judges spent much time deliberating before announcing the winning door which was [St Josephine's](#) class. Well done to this class for your creative imagination!



We ended the week, and term, with the 'Christmas Story' assembly read by staff across the school. This was a lovely reminder of the Christmas Nativity.



Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. May the blessings of joy abide within us; May the blessings of peace rest upon us; May the blessings of love flow out through us and may all the blessings of the Lord be ours at Christmas and in the new year. We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Science Competition

Well done to all the brilliant children who entered our Science Photography Competition! It was a very difficult decision for all the teachers to vote on, but we have chosen three winners this year. They are:

Matthew Heylen



Ivy Ward



Charlotte Daubney



Congratulations to our winners, and a big thank-you to everyone who took part. The creativity and scientific curiosity shown in all the entries were truly inspiring!

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

This Sunday is the forth Sunday of Advent which is Peace.

What is Peace? Peace means that we will try not argue with each other and rejoice with each other. Sometimes we sing hymns such as Silent Night and In the Bleak Mid-winter

We do all of this because Jesus and his family did so much for him. As we already know, he later went on to save us from our sins to show us that God will forgive you.

As part of our school community, we celebrate the day of Jesus's birth and do our best to spread joy around the entire school. We each have our very own class Advent promise which we all try our very best to aspire to this Christmas. We wish you all a jolly season full of joy, love, hope and peace. Love from the House Captains and Deputies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Forest School Lead/HLTA. Details can be found on our website or via Kent Teach. Please speak to myself or Mrs Shaw if you have any questions. The deadline for applications is 5th January 2026 at 3pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Swimming

Yr3 St Faustina will be swimming from 12 January for five weeks. You will be able to pay via ParentPay on our return to school in January.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.01%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/Parents/Calendar/>

Monday 5 January - All children return to school

Tuesday 6 January - Epiphany Mass (2.15pm)

Monday 12 January - Yr3 St Faustina - Swimming (5 weeks)

Tuesday 13 January - Reception seasonal walk

Wednesday 14 January - Yr2 York Parade Library Trip

Thursday 14 January - Yr5 Science Morning @ Weald

On behalf of myself and all staff, I would like to thank you for all our lovely cards and gifts, they are very much appreciated. I wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Lord, the sight of the guiding star,
brought hope, courage and joy
to those who had journeyed to find you.

When our journey seems long,
when hope seems far away,
when our courage is failing
fill us with faith and trust;
shine your light on our fears,
lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you
in our brothers and sisters
throughout the world;
show us how we can work together
so that we may all come to share in the life
promised to us by Jesus,
the Saviour of us all.
Amen.