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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 continue to celebrate that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through the story of a wayward sheep, children thought about whose voice they choose to listen to - and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish..."

John 10:27-28

THIS WEEK



Heavenly Father, As this new week begins, I pray for my family, my children, and my friends. Thank you for the gift of these relationships, for the love, joy, and strength they bring into my life. Bless each one of them, Lord, and guide them in their paths today and throughout the week.

On Monday our year 2 children walked to the local bakery to buy a sweet treat for their morning break. They will use this visit to enhance their letter writing skills and maths. Thank you to the many volunteer helpers who gave up their time to join us. The children really enjoyed the experience.



This week our Year 6 classes have been working very hard on completing their SAT's. The tests are carried out during the morning and the children enjoy an assortment of activities during the afternoon. Thank you for keeping them calm and focused during the week. We are very proud of how they have engaged with these assessments.

We are sorry that the first group of extra swimming sessions was unable to go ahead this week. We faced a couple of unavoidable issues so had to cancel the visit. The second session will go ahead on Monday 19th as planned.

Year 4 were very excited to have some visitors this week. Mrs Boorman very kindly brought in some ducklings for the children to see. They were set up in a pen outside where the children could observe and hold them. Thank you for your time in bringing them in, the children really thrive on having these live experiences.



Reception were also treated to seeing ducklings too. Thank you to Mrs Walker for organising this. The children enjoyed talking about the experience and loved hearing them chirp.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a mountain of jumpers/cardigans and other items of lost property to be found in the storage shed by the Office entrance, many of which are unnamed. We will recycle any unclaimed items on the last day of term so please check if you are missing any school uniform. Thank you.

This afternoon a Year 6 pupil, Max, played his Harp for the school. Max is a talented Harp player and has been playing for almost 4 years. He was keen to show his skills by playing in an assembly and he did not disappoint! He was amazing! Well done Max and thank you for sharing your talent with us!



GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Nehan & Harmony (Rec), Charlie & Emilia-Grace (Yr1), Luke & Bill (Yr2), Ottilie & Grace (Yr3), Arthur (Yr4), Joshua & Michael (Yr5) and all of Yr6. It has been a busy week and all these children have shown great dedication and focus with their learning this week. Well done for all your hard work!



CURRICULUM LETTERS

The curriculum letters and maps for this term have been uploaded to the website. These letters/maps will outline what the children will be learning during this last term. Here is the link: <https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/curriculum/>

ADVANCE NOTICES

Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to Port Lympne Zoo on Monday. The weather is looking favourable, so please ensure your child has a named sun hat and sun cream applied before arriving at school. Thank you.

There is still time to sign your child up for the colour run on Friday 23 May. This will take place in the afternoon for children in Year 1 to 6. **Only** children who have parental permission (via ParentPay) and **have** a change of old clothes and eye protection, such as sun glasses or goggles, will be able to take part. It promises to be a fun event!

CHANGE OF SCHOOL HOURS

An email has been sent out to all parents today regarding the change to school hours. We would encourage you to read the email to avoid your children arriving late for school. Thank you.

KENT TEST REGISTRATION

Registration for the Kent Test for children due to **start secondary school in September 2026** opens on Monday 2 June 2025 and **closes at midnight on Tuesday 1 July 2025**. They will not accept late registrations. If you register your child, please could you email the office so that we can check all entrants. Thank you. Further details have been sent out to Yr5 parents this week.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

Also, if you require any special arrangements access you need to indicate this on the form and inform us as soon as possible as we have to submit the evidence by the 1st July which is earlier than previous years.

As we approach the final term of the academic year, there will be many different activities taking place across the school. We will always give you notice through the Newsletter and on the school website calendar. It promises to be a very busy term so please do check what is happening so that you don't miss anything!

CLASS NAMES

Following our RE inspection earlier in the year, one of the areas for improvement to enhance our RE was to change our class names to represent Saints. Therefore, we would like to offer children the opportunity to be part of the decision-making process by asking them to come up with new names for their classes over the half term break. They will need to choose a Saints name and write some information about that Saint, on a piece of paper and then post it in the suggestion box which will be in the Sanctuary. We look forward to receiving their ideas!

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.06%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

[Calendar | St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School \(stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk\)](https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk)

19 May - Catch up swimming (Yr5 and Yr6)

19 May - Year 4 trip

20 May - Swimming Gala

21 May - Police talk (Rec and Yr5/6)

22 May - Vision tests (Rec) - NHS

22 May - Yr5/6 Mixed Tag rugby

23 May - Yr1-6 Colour run

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

This weekend why not take a moment as a family and think about Where is Jesus inviting you to follow Him this week?

- o Maybe to forgive someone and heal a friendship?
- o Maybe to be generous to someone?
- o Maybe to do your best at something you find difficult?
- o Maybe to learn more about God by reading His Word?
- Or Maybe just to spend some time quietly listening?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to hear Jesus' voice, calling you to follow Him.