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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 in the gospel, Jesus saw the peoples' need, prayed and provided for them through an unbelievable miracle. He showed us this in the feeding of the 5000. Today He continues to provide for our hunger and need, especially in the Eucharist. We looked at how the children will understand how we can offer the 'loaves and fishes' of our time, talents and prayer to Jesus. They learnt that He multiplies our offering and fills us with His love.



Creator God, who made our beautiful world, appointed us as guardians and gifted us with everything we need, forgive us for the times we cause it harm; for the times our way of life affects our neighbours. Inspire us to care for the environment; to help rebuild lives and communities; to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people, so that all your creation may flourish. Amen

THIS WEEK

Our new Reception children looked very pleased as they joined us for their last Storytime on Monday. We are looking forward to seeing them next Monday for their afternoon transition session.

Our sports mornings were really exciting and fun! The children enjoyed taking part and their sportsmanship and determination shone through. We were blessed with nice weather so parents could enjoy a family picnic on the field. We had many winners but every child that took part is a champion! The PTA kindly purchased ice lollies for the children to enjoy, which were very welcome due to the warm weather!





The winning house from Sports Day was
AIR

Personalised plan meetings took place on Wednesday, if you were unable to attend a meeting please speak to your child's teacher to make a convenient time to go review and sign the plan.

Our Yr3's had a wonderful time on their River Boat trips this week. They spent some time at Corpus Christi church, had a river boat tour followed by a picnic lunch on the Castle lawn. We are very grateful to the many parents who were able to support us on these trips - thank you for your time!



As part of their nature discovery and life cycle lessons our Reception children have been growing their own butterflies. They have been watching the caterpillars into chrysalides and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. The entire transformation takes about three to five weeks so the children have been lots of time to watch them develop.



GENERAL INFORMATION

SOME REMINDERS

I would like to share a few reminders with all parents/visitors to the school;

- ✚ Please dismount and walk bikes up and down the drive - no cycling on site - thank you
- ✚ Pick up time is **3.15pm** if you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please call the school office as soon as possible, otherwise children not collected by 3.30pm will join ARC and you will be charged a £10 per child fee
- ✚ The external seating area by the top car park is for staff only and not to be used by children or parents - thank you for respecting our staff well-being area

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Lola & Mahira (Rec), Alex & Autumn (Yr1), Ezra & Farrah (Yr2), Albie (Yr3), Eleanor & Chloe (Yr4), Ola & Pamela (Yr5) and Fletcher & Jesse (Yr6). They have all worked incredibly hard this week with their learning but also with being good friends at Sports day and following instructions. Well done!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed that several children have been wearing the wrong or inappropriate uniform to school. This includes small cycling shorts, sports leggings, jumpers/cardigans and designer trainers, to name but a few! Our policy and list of appropriate and acceptable uniform can be found on our website. <https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/uniform-information/> We will be asking parents to bring in the appropriate wear or providing the children with second hand uniform to wear for the day. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school each day. Thank you for your continued support with this.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION - 'The Pied Piper!' - Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July at 6pm

Parents of pupils in Years 6 are warmly invited to our Yr6 production. To ensure that all families have an equal opportunity for seats at these performances, we will allocate a **maximum of 2 seats per performance per family**. Due to fire regulations, numbers in the hall are limited and accompanying children will **not** be able to "sit on laps"; they will need a ticket. Children at school will have already seen a performance in school.

You will need to book tickets using the online system 'Schools Interviews', details of which have previously been sent out. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with this. We will not be giving out tickets but will keep a list of all bookings and will check tickets upon arrival at the door. If you do not have a booking you may be asked to leave as we have to adhere to strict regulations. If we are able to offer more seats, we will let you know.

Children should arrive back at school via the front entrance at 5.15pm and should assemble in their classrooms. Refreshments will be available before the performances in the gallery when the doors open at 5.30pm. 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 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 7.30pm.

Parents can take photographs and record the production for their personal use. Please do not upload images onto the internet including social media eg Facebook/Instagram

EARRINGS

Children can only wear one pair of stud earrings to school and they must be removed for PE lessons. If the child is unable to remove earrings themselves, they will not be able to take part in the lesson. They can not be covered over with tape.

AfPE (Association for PE) Safety Handbook

"A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

Therefore, if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, we would suggest doing it at the beginning of the summer holidays so they are able to be removed on return to school in September. You will find further details in the Uniform policy.

ADVANCE NOTICES

A group of 16 children will be taking part in the bi-annual KCSP Trust Sports day in Ashford. This is a great opportunity for the children to represent our school and share a fun and exciting day with other Primary schools within the Trust. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Our KS2 art competition winners are looking forward to their visit to the National Gallery next Tuesday, we are sure they will have a great day!

Yr5 are looking forward to a fun filled day at Tonbridge School next Wednesday for their annual Community Day. There are many activities taking place across the Tonbridge School site. Our children will be split into small groups where they will take part in a variety of activities throughout the day ending with a ComeBye Sheepdog and Duck display. It promises to be a great day for all.

Both Reception and KS1 have their school trips next week to Knole Park (Rec) and Tyland Barn (Yr1 and 2). We are sure the children will enjoy their day out!

Mrs Thomas and Mr Shaw will be holding a transition and Residential Trip meeting on Thursday 3 September for all Year 5 parents. We would encourage you to make every effort to attend. They will start with transition information.

We would like to invite parents of children in Yrs 3-5 to attend a Secondary School assembly on Tuesday 15 July at 2.30pm. Mr Mike Wilson, Headteacher from St Gregory's will be holding the assembly for all children in these year groups. You can attend the assembly even if you are not considering St Gregory's as a Secondary School as he will discuss school life after year 6!

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.11%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

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

1 July - Deadline (12pm) for Kent Test registration

3 July - Yr6 Secondary Transition Day

8 & 9 July - Yr6 Production (6pm)

8 July - Primrose Class picnic

9 July - Bluebell Class picnic

10 July - Reception seasonal walk

Fiona Oubridge

Headteacher

A prayer to say with your child/children

Jesus, I adore you.

In this quiet place you are here; you are with me.

Send your Holy Spirit to help me to believe that you are truly
present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Amen