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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



"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
In prayer and liturgy, we remembered that God wants us to know that He is one God in three persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We remember that when we make the Sign of the Cross it is a declaration of our faith in the mystery of the Trinity. We experience the great love He has for us through each person of the Holy Trinity.

THIS WEEK

Welcome to the final term of the year! We can't wait to share a term full of exciting activities and joyful learning adventures with your children!



Dear Lord, as we enter this final term of the year, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude. Thank You for guiding me through every high, low and lesson of the past months. Where I have fallen short, made mistakes, or encountered setbacks, I ask for Your grace. Help me to learn from those moments rather than carry them as burdens into the new school year.

We began this term with a musical assembly by Jo Marsh, who is a flautist in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. This year the orchestra is celebrating its 80th anniversary so, to celebrate this, Jo is aiming to visit 80 schools across the country to play her flute and talk to the children about the orchestra, and hopefully, inspire and encourage a new generation of musicians. To do this tour, Jo has been extremely lucky to have the support of the composer Sir John Rutter who has written the music for her to play during the school visits! Well, she did not disappoint! The music was beautiful and the children were gripped by Jo's playing. We very much appreciate her taking the time to come and play to our children and hope this has inspired some of them to try the flute.



Our yr6 children attended First Aid training on Wednesday morning. They learnt practical skills such as CPR and how to use an AED. We would very much like to thank the First Responder team for providing this training free of charge.



Thursday saw our Yr5 children engaged in an online computer enrichment day. They have spent the day carrying out exciting IT based exercises which they really delighted in.

Yr2 have started their swimming lessons. St Cecilia will have 3 lessons from 1st - 15th June and St Patrick will swim from 22nd June to 6th July 2026. Please pay via ParentPay. Thank you.

Registration opened on Monday for current Yr5 parents who wish their child to sit the Kent Test in September. The deadline for registration is 1st July 2026. It would be helpful if you could let the school office know if you have registered your child so that we can ensure we have the correct children on the list that is sent to us by KCC. Thank you.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Charlotte H & Lyra S (Rec), Ezra P & Kyle F (Yr3), Hannah P & Finn E (Yr4), Erin L & Kaitlyn B (Yr5) and Tristan Ng & Ola L (Yr6). Well done for showing great service and respectfulness when working hard this week. We are very proud of you all.



ADVANCE NOTICE

We will be welcoming our new Reception class parents to a talk on Wednesday 10th June at 6pm. This is an opportunity for them to meet staff and other parents, to learn more about a day in the life of a Reception child and view the classrooms.

We will be taking two teams to the Tonbridge Primary Cricket Tournament on Monday 8th June. Good luck!

As we start the run up the Summer Fair, Fair Friday's will start next week, Friday 12th June, with a bottles collection. Members of the PTA will be available at the start and end of the school day to collect bottles in the bottom car park.

Yr3 trip to Herstmonceux on Tuesday 16th June, please consent and pay via ParentPay.

Please join us after school on Wednesday 17th June for our KS1 Cake Sale! We are raising money to help fund a new shelter for the KS1 outdoor area, creating a space that the children can enjoy throughout the year in all weather. There will be plenty of delicious cakes and treats available, so please come along and support us if you can. We would love to see as many families there as possible!

Father's Day breakfast

We will, once again, be hosting a Father's Day breakfast. This is always a very popular event and to enable all families the opportunity to take part, we have taken the decision to only allow one Dad or Grandad to attend per family. Your place **must** be booked in advance and by the deadline, to enable us to cater for the appropriate number of adults and children attending. Details of how to book will be sent out separately, via ParentPay. As this event is held outside on the field, if the weather is not favourable, we may have to take the decision to cancel the event as we are unable to hold it inside. We will give you as much notice as possible should this be the case.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 94.7%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Mon 8th June - Tonbridge Primary Cricket tour

Wed 10th June - Taste for Sports (Yr5)

Wed 10th June - New Parents Welcome talk

Fri 12th June - Fair Friday - bottles

Mon 15th June - Storytime for new Reception children

Tue 16th June - Yr3 trip to Herstmonceux

Wed 17th June - KS1 cake sale

Thur 18th June - Yr5 Secondary School Experience Day

Thur 18th June - Rec/Yr6 and team photos

Fri 19th June - Father's Day Breakfast

Fri 19th June - Fair Friday - filled jars

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.