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**L**earning for life, loving God

**O**urselves and others

**V**aluing all of His creation

**E**nable us to do our best

## NEWSLETTER No 39 – 17th July 2026

### Reflection



In this Sunday's Gospel, through the parable of the sower, children were reminded to be 'good soil' ready for God's Word to be planted and grow in their hearts and lives. As the school year comes to an end, children had the opportunity to identify how God was with them through times of challenge, and look forward with the hope they have in Him.

### THIS WEEK



*Heavenly Father, As this school year comes to a close, we come to You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for Your constant presence, for the knowledge gained, the challenges overcome, and the friendships formed. We praise You for the dedication of the teachers and the resilience of the students throughout these months.*

*Lord, as we step into the slower rhythms of summer, we ask for Your rest and refreshment. Grant peace to those who feel weary, and fill families with joy as they reconnect. Help us to carry the lessons we've learned into the season ahead, and keep us safe in all our travels and daily activities. We thank You for every blessing of this past year and look forward with hope to the future. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.*

As we end this academic year we reflect on the many great things achieved by our children, whether this is academically, physically, emotionally or through friendships and creativity. They have lived and followed our values throughout the year. We are very proud of each and everyone of them.

Our Yr6 children wanted to help children around the school, so they came up with the idea of running maths challenges for each class. They looked at the maths curriculum for each year group and planned activities appropriate for the year groups they were going to be working with. They led the activities around the school and had a lot of fun whilst using their maths skills! Well done to our Yr6 classes for inspiring our younger children.



As part of their DT this week, Yr3 have been making bread. They thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and were equally excited to bring home their baking for families to share.



As our Yr6 prepare to leave SMC they have enjoyed many great activities this week. Their favourite activities took place on Wednesday when they had immense fun with a water fight on the field. Once they had changed into dry clothes they had a packed lunch on the field followed by a visit from the Ice cream van (Alice's Ices). As you can see, this was a highlight of the day!



Reception classes have enjoyed being 'Superheros' through their story telling this year. The children chose a favourite story, changed the characters and then acted out their own version of the story. It has been wonderful seeing their imaginations and ideas come to life through their play. Well done!



Reception have also been listening to 'The Carnival of the Animals' as part of their music lessons, so they decided to have a carnival of their own! They made some of their own instruments such as shakers and combined them with other instruments and dancing. What talented children they are!



On Friday we held on Leavers Mass followed by the Year 6 Leavers Assembly. This is an emotional time as the children shared their memories of their time at SMC and said goodbye to SMC and the friends that they will be leaving behind. We are very excited for them as they move onto secondary school and experience new adventures and friendships. We wish you all the best of luck in your new schools and for the future.

### Staffing

We have a number of staff members that we are saying goodbye to today, Mrs Lintott has been with us for over 24 years predominately as an Early Years Teacher, she will be leaving to enjoy family time. Mrs Nash has been a Teacher at SMC for 8 years and will be moving to another school to take up a different educational role, Miss Atkinson has completed her teacher training and will move to another school within the Trust to take up a role of Teacher. Miss Hermitage and Miss Gallagher have been dedicated members of our support staff, working closely with the children and supporting their learning. Miss Hermitage is joining the Police and Miss Gallagher is taking up a

teacher training role at another school. We are sad to see them leave but wish them all the very best in their next roles and look forward to hearing how they are doing.

### **School Nursery**

We are very pleased to let you know that we have now received approval for a nursery at the school. Therefore, we will be having lots of work carried out over the school holidays with a view to this being completed during the October half term. We are aiming for the nursery to open between April and summer next year. Further information will be sent out when we are in a position to confirm more details.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Nana-Ama C, Madeleine C, Polly-Anne S & Nia A(Rec), Sofia P, Bella S, Billy S & Emily D (Yr1), Jayson S, John P, Eddie K & Jasper L & Eddie M (Yr2), Amber M, Aderet C, Max C & Adele -M (Yr3), Albie A, Oscar A, Grace M & Oscar W (Yr4), Violet W, Henry S, Isaac T & Michael C (Yr5) Myleigh S, Savannah M, Harriet T, Luca A, Charlie J, Lena G, Adrial C, Zuyleha B, Noah D, Michael J, Kezia L, Cameron Mc, Jonathan P, Amelia W and everyone else! (Yr6). Well done for showing great promise in all that you have done this week. You have all worked very hard and showed great resilience.



### **ATTAINMENT 2026**

The table below summarises our children's attainment over this academic year. The children's individual attainment will be on their reports, which you received last week. The data below does not capture, of course, the huge dedication by teaching staff or the immense perseverance and sheer hard work on the part of the children. We are very proud of them and are sure that you will be, too. Well done!

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| <b>Early Years:</b> | <i>GLD</i> 80.5% |
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| <b>Year 1 Phonics:</b> | 92% |
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#### **Year 4 Multiplication Test Check**

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| <b>20+/25</b> | <b>80 %</b> |
| <b>25/25</b>  | <b>66 %</b> |

#### **SAT Results 2022**

| <b>Year 6</b>  | <b>2026</b>          | <b>2026</b>         |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                | <b><i>EXS+ %</i></b> | <b><i>GDS %</i></b> |
| Maths          | <b>93</b>            | <b>42</b>           |
| Reading        | <b>97</b>            | <b>47</b>           |
| SPAG           | <b>80</b>            | <b>30</b>           |
| Writing        | <b>92</b>            | <b>22</b>           |
| R/W/M Combined | <b>87</b>            | <b>17</b>           |

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.6%

### *Dates for your diary*

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - All children return to school and we welcome the first group of Reception children

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept - we welcome the second group of Reception children

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Sept - we welcome the last group of Reception children

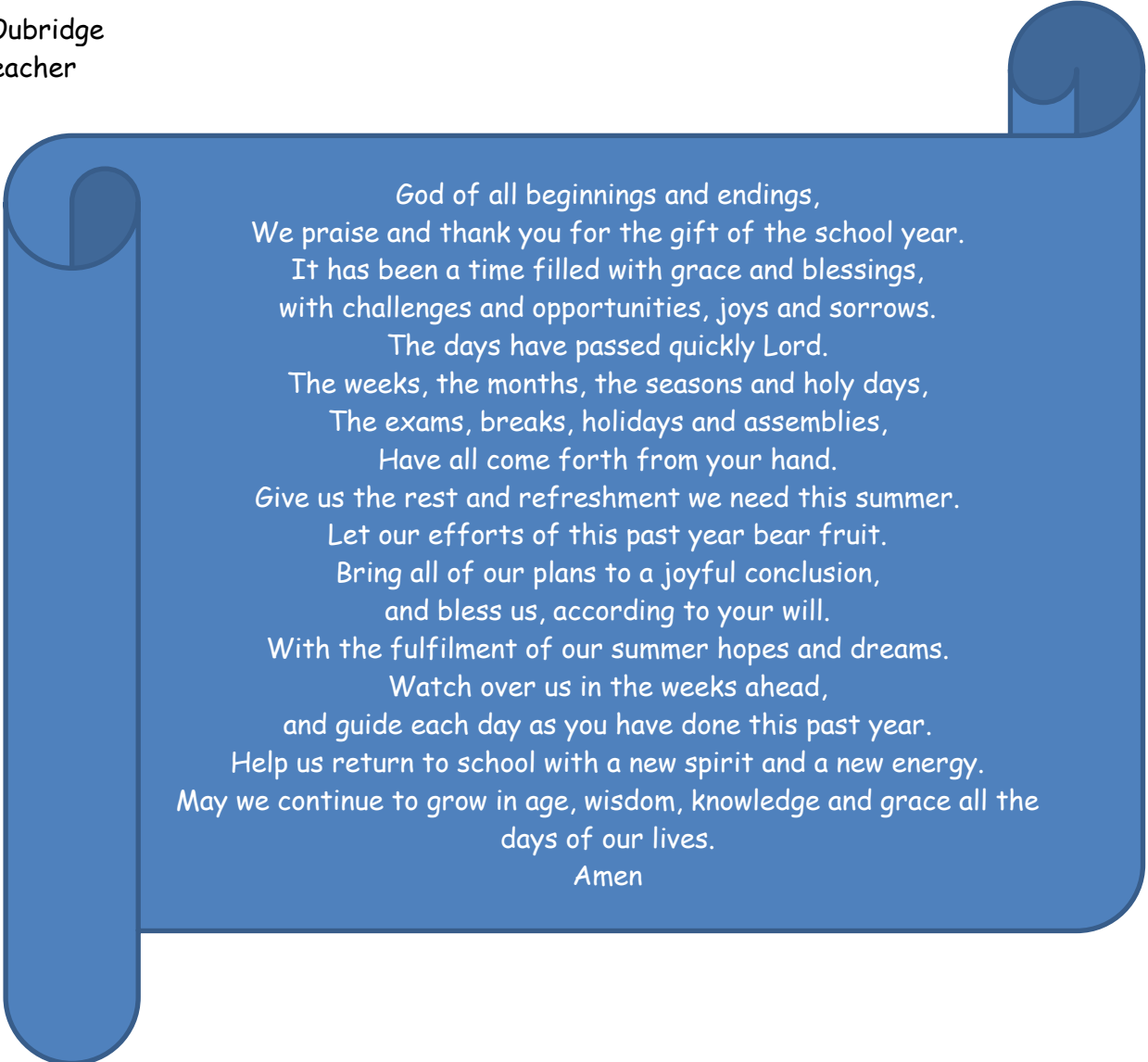
Thur 10 Sept - Kent Test

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> - Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - Yr6 Residential trip

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - New parents welcome supper

On behalf of myself and staff, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and blessed summer holidays. We look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, for what promises to be another busy year.

Fiona Oubridge  
Headteacher



God of all beginnings and endings,  
We praise and thank you for the gift of the school year.  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.  
The days have passed quickly Lord.  
The weeks, the months, the seasons and holy days,  
The exams, breaks, holidays and assemblies,  
Have all come forth from your hand.  
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.  
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.  
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
and bless us, according to your will.  
With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.  
Watch over us in the weeks ahead,  
and guide each day as you have done this past year.  
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.  
May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace all the  
days of our lives.  
Amen