



*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path.
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

Dear Parents / Carers,

And, just like that, we are at Christmas!!! After a long term with many changes, adventures and surprises, St Margaret's are preparing themselves for a well earned rest over Christmas. So much has taken place over this entire term and the staff and children have lots of success to reflect upon. This week has been no exception!



Christmas activities

This week, the children threw themselves fully into the Christmas spirit and everyone wore a Christmas jumper for Christmas dinner day! It was so lovely to see so many children enjoying the day and there were some very interesting and festive hairpieces too! The staff worked tirelessly to provide the children with a memorable Christmas Day lunch—well done to all of our catering staff on another resounding success, Christmas dinner wasn't the only fun to be had—class parties have been in full swing this week (kindly supported by our wonderful PTA) and Key Stage Two recorded their virtual Carol performance in school to share with their family and friends via a YouTube link. It really has lifted the school this week as our entire community has fully embraced all things festive!



Kindness Challenge

You would have received a letter this week explaining how all the children in St Margaret's have taken part in a kindness challenge this week. The children and staff spectacularly rose to the occasion. It was so heart-warming to see St Margaret's doing what we do best and showing kindness. From sweet cones for refuse collectors, to dog biscuits for the Dog Trust to performances for our local care home, each class demonstrated such creative ways of showing kindness and taught the children the valuable lesson of giving back to our community and those less fortunate than ourselves. Even our nursery children made wonderful calendars for staff. Some children were even inspired to complete their own acts of kindness. Jessica in Year Four, alongside some of her friends, were so moved on a recent trip to London by the plight of homeless people, that she felt moved to ask her class to write Christmas cards for them. Year Four took up the challenge and each child created a beautiful Christmas card which Jessica will now share. Well done Jessica and her friends, well done Year Four and well done St Margaret's!



Star of the Week!

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week— what wonderful role models you all are. Keep reaching to be the best that you can be!

- Reception— Jeremy
- Year One— Katie
- Year Two— Emily
- Year Three— Brooklyn
- Year Four— Jessica
- Year Five— Everyone!
- Year Six— Harrison



Attendance

Our winning class this week is...

Reception 91.72%

Well done Reception!



A sad goodbye... and some exciting hellos!

As many of you know, we sadly say farewell to Miss Barnard, our Year Five teacher, today. Miss Barnard has had such an impact in her time here at St Margaret's and is much loved amongst the children, staff and parents alike. We want to thank her for her wonderful contribution during her time with us, wish her all the best and we look forward to hearing from her in the future about her new adventures! Whilst we say a fond farewell to Miss Barnard, we are excited to welcome some new members of Staff for January 2022. Mrs Kemp will be joining Year Five as their new teacher—she has already met the class and made a wonderful first impression. Alongside Mrs Kemp, Mrs Cole will be joining Year Five as a new Learning Support Assistant to support the children's learning. Also, Mrs Songhurst will be joining our Year One class as a Learning Support Assistant. She will also be taking on the role of Learning Mentor to support the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. She will get to know individuals and groups of children from across the school in the coming months to ensure we can support all children with their social and emotional wellbeing which will, in turn, support their learning. Finally we are pleased to welcome Mr Howe who will be our new caretaker from mid January. St Margaret's has always felt like one big family and with big families comes change. So we look back and say goodbye and thank you to those who have had such an impact on us whilst looking forwards to the future in the New Year.

Finally, we would like to say an enormous thank you to all of those who have showed us support and patience over the last few months. It has been, as always in schools, fast paced, unpredictable and a challenge but the children, staff and parents have risen to the occasion fantastically. The children have settled this year with remarkable resilience and demonstrated pride and respect for one another and their learning. The staff have continued to strive for the best for the children and are excited to see what the future holds. Finally, we would like to thank all of those parents who have shown continued support for us here at St Margaret's. We really do appreciate you!

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with laughter and memories with loved ones and we look forward to welcoming you all back safe and healthy on **Tuesday 4th January 2022 (Monday is a bank holiday!)**

Wishing everyone a happy, festive and safe holiday,

Take care,

Mrs Leonard

Miss Finch

Head of School

Executive Head Teacher

MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 3RD JANUARY 2022				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Closed	Chicken Goujons	Roast Ham	Lasagne	Pizza
Closed	Quorn Nuggets	Quorn Sausage Roast	Quorn Lasagne	Macaroni Cheese
Closed	Chips Beans	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables	Garlic Bread	Wedges Garlic Bread
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans				
All week				
No Paninis this week				
Selection from Salad bar available daily.				
Closed	Pancakes	Crumble and Custard	Sponge Cake	Jelly
Fresh Fruit and Fruit Yoghurts, Fresh Milk or drinking water are available daily				