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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



In this week's prayer and liturgy, we learnt that God's dream is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with others. This is what we are made for; without God we are missing a foundational element of what it means to live life to the full.

THIS WEEK

Our first full week back at school has been busy. It was encouraging to see many parents attend the Year Group meetings for parents on Wednesday. We hope you found it valuable in helping your child/ren settle into their new routines.

We are very proud of the Year 6 children who faced their Kent test papers with determination and positivity. It was fantastic to see how all the other children showed respect by playing and talking quietly whilst moving around the school.



Dear God, grant us strength as we go through this day. When we are tempted to give up help us to keep going. Grant us a cheerful spirit when things don't go our way. Guide us, mould us and make us into the person you want us to be and give us courage to do whatever needs to be done. In Jesus name, Amen Erin

This beautiful prayer was written by one of our children. We would like to invite all children to write a prayer for the weekly Newsletter. If they would like to contribute, they can pop their prayer into the Prayer box in the Sanctuary and our staff Prayer group will choose one to be published here each week.

Our last two groups of Reception children joined us this week and they are settling in very well. All of the Reception children are enjoying having their Yr6 Buddies, who are being very caring and kind, helping them find their way around school, making friends and helping with their lunches.

Our first Mass of the year was held on Friday and it was a lovely celebration to start the year with. Thank you to the many parents that were able to join us and enjoy the service.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Club lists have been shared with the children via the Class Teachers. Staff led clubs will start next week with the exception of running, football and netball, which will all start week commencing 22 September. This has been a mammoth task and we have worked very hard to ensure that all children who wished to join a club have at least one of their choices. Where there were spaces available, we have added children from the waiting list and will continue to move children into spaces when they become available.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND A FEW REMINDERS

IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

We have many children who are still arriving late for school. Please note that children should arrive in school between **8.35am and 8.45am** when classroom doors will be closed and registers taken, if a child arrives after this time, they will need to be signed in at the school office and marked as late. Children arriving after 9.05am will be marked as unauthorised absence.

A gentle reminder that all children should enter their classrooms in the morning via their classroom back door, not the Gallery entrance. We appreciate your support with this.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP - 15-19 SEPTEMBER 2025

Our Y6 children are very much looking forward to their residential trip next week. They will be arriving at school on Monday morning with their suitcases, so please allow them some space when walking down the drive. We are praying for good weather but are confident that they will have a fabulous time whatever!

NEW PARENTS WELCOME SUPPER - 17 SEPTEMBER at 6.30PM

We will be holding a Welcome supper for all new parents on Wednesday 17 September at 6.30pm, in the school hall (adults only). This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents, staff, Governors and PTA Chairs. You will also be able to taste the food provided by our catering company as we will be supplying a hot dinner including a vegetarian option together with welcome drinks. Please do let the school office know if you are able to join us so we can cater for the right number of adults. We look forward to meeting you.

VACANCY - FULL TIME LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

We are looking for a full time and possibly a part time Learning Support Assistant to work with our wonderful team. Details can be found on our Website or Kent Teach or speak to myself or Mrs Shaw in the school office.

ADVANCE NOTICE

We now have dates available for our viewing mornings which are on our website and Facebook. If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, please call the school office to book a convenient appointment. We look forward to showing you around.

RECEPTION CONSULTATIONS

Our Early Years teachers are offering a 10-minute consultation to all children in Reception. These will take place on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th September, after school. Details of how to book your face to face appointment have been sent out today. Please contact the school office if you need some support.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 97.38%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/diary/grid/2025/09/>

15-19 Sept - Residential trip for Year 6

17 Sept - Welcome supper for all new parents @ 6.30pm

22nd/23rd/25th September - Early Years (Reception Class) consultations

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

O my God,
I love You above all things
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all-good
and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbour as myself
for the love of You.
I forgive all who have injured me
and ask pardon
of all whom I have injured.
Amen