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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enable us to do our best

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Reflection



On Monday in the Gospel, we hear that Martha was invited to say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus. Through a reflection on the Creed, children are invited to think about their own beliefs. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus and His promise of eternal life.

On Friday we looked at value of Thankfulness and thank Jesus for all that he did for us. We can show our thankfulness in our words and actions.



God of all creation, please bring peace in my life this week. Help me let go of all my worries and put my trust in You. Fill my heart and mind with Your peace. Whenever I feel overwhelmed and anxious, remind me that You are the calm in the storm I'm facing.

THIS WEEK

It has been another busy week, with the children across the school enjoying such positive experiences with the Easter Reflections, Workshops, and School trips! Off-site events are such a vital part of learning, they truly wouldn't be possible without the dedicated support of parent helpers. Your willingness to volunteer your time makes a huge difference in ensuring these activities can go ahead safely and successfully, so thank you for your time.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Father Philip and Father Bibin Varghese held a Reconciliation assembly for our Year 3-6 children. Following the assembly any children who wished to, took reconciliation individually with them. This is a time for Catholic Christians to follow the four stages of forgiveness:

Contrition - the state of feeling remorseful

Confession - the priest helps Catholic Christians to confess

Satisfaction - the priest sets a task or suggests prayers to be said in order to achieve forgiveness

Absolution - release from the feeling of guilt

YEAR 3/4 EASTER REFLECTION

On Tuesday our Yr4 pupils, accompanied by Yr3, led the Easter Reflection beautifully at Corpus Christi. Their singing was a joy to listen to and it was a moving experience appreciated by all. We

were very pleased to see many families, and the community, come together to celebrate Christ in this wonderful Easter Reflection.



Sporting Activities



On Wednesday our gymnasts took part in the Primary Gymnastics Competition which was held at Tonbridge Angel Centre. Our teams competed against many other schools with one team coming third and one team coming first! What a fantastic achievement! We are extremely proud of their dedication and the commitment they have shown over the past few months but would also like to thank Hayley and John from Extensions Gymnastics for all their hard work getting the children competition ready. We are proud of you all!



Yesterday Yr5 and 6 enjoyed a performing arts workshop held by Stagecoach. The theme was **Myths and Legends – Greek heroes, magical creatures and epic tales (Hercules)**. It was a fun and active workshop which the children relished taking part in.

Trips

Reception classes had their annual trip to the farm to see the lambs. This year they visited Princess Christian Farm in Hildenborough. They saw many lambs during the visit but, unfortunately, they were not lucky enough to experience a lamb being born! There was also plenty of other animals for them to see around the farm giving them a wonderful hands-on look at farm life!



Yr6 visited the Imperial War Museum on Friday, which ties in with their learning about WWII. This trip serves as a wonderful reminder of our war time history. There's nothing quite like seeing the Spitfire or walking through the Blitz experience to make history feel real! They all had enjoyed their visit.



Residential Trip - September 2026



The next instalment for the Yr6 (current Yr5) residential trip is due on 30 March. Please pay via ParentPay. Thank you.

Staffing

Next week we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Couldridge who has decided to retire after approximately 40 years of working at St Margaret's! Mrs Couldridge is probably our longest serving member of staff and has worked with many, many children over the years during her various roles. We will miss her calm and positive character. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Johnston as she commences her maternity leave next Thursday. We are very excited to hear of baby's arrival in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, would like to wish Miss Johnston and her fiancé lots of love and our prayers as they prepare for their new arrival.



This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Nellie S & Margo G (Yr1), Alex B & Edwin A (Yr2), Jonathan K & Cassie R (Yr3), Adam G & Harry W (Yr4), Nirosha N & Alannah A (Yr5). We are very proud that these children have shown great service and attitude to learning this week. Well done for your hard work and great work ethic.



Plea from Eco Club

We are looking for any fruit or vegetable seeds (in date) or seedling plants to grow over the next two terms, if you have any you would be happy to donate to the Eco Club, we would be extremely grateful. Please hand to Mrs Bellingan or the School Office. Many thanks.

Children's Stationery

This is a reminder that if children are bringing in stationery please can you only send in pens with washable ink not permanent. If these get on clothes they do stain. Thank you.

Seesaw to Tapestry

At the end of the month we will be moving from Seesaw to Tapestry. Seesaw will finish at the end of the month and we will start Tapestry at the beginning of the new term. There will be a short delay between both but we will get the new logins for Tapestry to you as soon as possible so please bear with us during this time of transition.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that all Teacher led clubs have now finished and will resume week commencing Monday 27th April. Msporti and Gym will continue as per your bookings.

All swimming has now finished for this term. We would be grateful if you could pay your outstanding balances on ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you.

Some of our Yr5/6 children will be attending catch-up swimming for four weeks after the Easter break. Please sign up via ParentPay should you wish to sign your child up.

Yr5 will be attending a literacy workshop next Tuesday which is being run by St Gregory's and will be held in school. We are looking forward to this exciting and fun event.

Reception Classes will be going on their spring walk on Tuesday.

Marathon Challenge Day for the Meningitis Research Foundation

On Friday 24th April, the whole-school will take part in a Marathon Challenge Day to support Mr Adams' London Marathon run for the Meningitis Research Foundation. Throughout the day, all classes will be taking on their own running challenges to get everyone active and support the charity. Children are to come to school in appropriate sports kit and trainers (no crop tops) ready to take on their running challenge and we invite them to make a voluntary £1 donation on the day. Families who would like to support Mr Adams further can do so here:

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/jack-adams>

There will also be a charity bake sale at the end of the day. Thank you for your support and we look forward to an enjoyable day.

School Lunches

The new lunch menus are now live on our website and ParentPay. To avoid any lunchtime worries for your child/ren on their first day back, please book your meals as soon as possible. Thank you!



ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 97.1%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Mon 30 Mar - last swimming

Tue 31 Mar - Yr5 Literacy Workshop (run by St Greg's)

Tue 31 Mar - Spring Walk - Reception classes

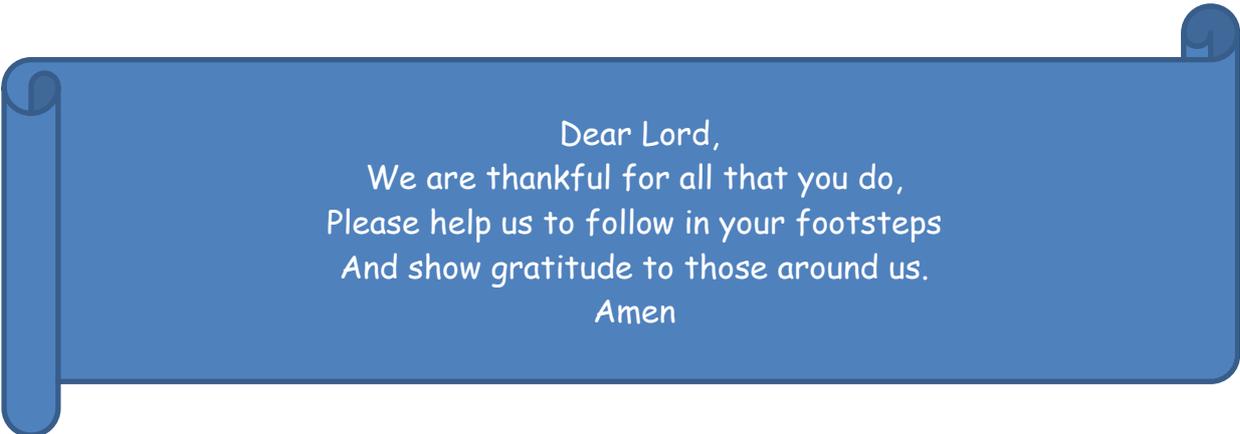
Wed 1 Apr - Water Polo event for Yr6

Thur 2 Apr = Stations of the Cross (yr5/6) School event

Thur 2 Apr - school finishes for Easter Break

Mon 20 Apr - All children return to school

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher



Dear Lord,
We are thankful for all that you do,
Please help us to follow in your footsteps
And show gratitude to those around us.
Amen