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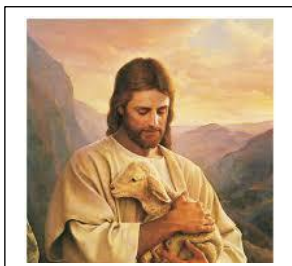
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**L**earning for life, loving God  
**O**urselves and others  
**V**aluing all of His creation  
**E**nabling us to do our best

## NEWSLETTER No 30 - 8 May 2026

### Reflection



In Prayer and Liturgy, we were reminded that God the father came to us through Jesus. In this week's Gospel, the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. This assembly helps children to relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ.

### THIS WEEK

We hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. Despite a four day week, the children have enjoyed many learning opportunities this week.

### *Sir David Attenborough - 100 Years Old*



Today is Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sir David Attenborough is a renowned British broadcaster and naturalist famous for bringing the natural world into classrooms through documentaries like *Planet Earth* and *Blue Planet*. His work highlights animal life, conservation, and environmental protection. David has championed crucial environmental changes, shifting from documenting nature to advocating for its protection. His key efforts include fighting climate change, reducing plastic pollution, preserving biodiversity, and promoting sustainable human population growth. He advocates for urgent action to create a "wonderful recovery" in nature.

We have been bringing history and science to life for the children by sharing facts and video clips today showing his incredible work over the many, many years. Here are some links that you may like to watch with your child/ren:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/david-attenborough-facts/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/videos/c0j2gewx08eo>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/z4k2kmn>

On Tuesday our Reception and Yr1 classes took part in a Drama4All Workshop carried out by Perform. The theme was Peter Pan's Neverland Adventure and it was a high-energy workshop full of fun and enjoyment. This is such a classic theme for sparking imaginations, the children delighted in taking part.



### Parental View Questionnaire

We know your time is precious but we would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the attached questionnaire on your child's experience at school. Your feedback helps us to make any improvements needed and to support your children better. Thank you for your time.

[Parental View Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)

### Abusive behaviour

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our school community of the importance of treating one another with kindness, dignity and respect. At our school, we are committed to fostering a welcoming environment for everyone.

We wish to emphasise that this expectation includes how parents and carers treat each other. Aggressive or inappropriate behaviour between adults within our school community will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We ask that all interactions—whether at the school gate, during events, or online—reflect the positive values we promote every day.

Thank you for your continued support in upholding these important standards.

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

— Ephesians 4:32

### Nut Free School

Help us keep our pupils safe! We'd like to gently remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school**. To protect our children with severe allergies, please ensure that all packed lunches and treats remain nut-free. We truly appreciate you looking out for the whole school community."

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Mirac G & Teddy S (R), Chyna C & Ava D (Yr1), Zachary M-P & Mae-Rose A (Yr2), Monty M & Sam J (Yr3), Rosie W & Aarain S (Yr4), Malcolm G & Evan G (Yr5) and Hannah D-J & Eva C (Yr6). We are impressed with how these children have shown great faith and respect in all they have done this week.



### URGENT: CHILD SAFETY WARNING REGARDING THE DRIVEWAY

We are extremely concerned by the increasing number of parents and carers using the driveway to drop off or collect children. **This is a major safety risk.** In recent weeks, there have been

several "near-miss" incidents where children and adults have stepped directly in front of moving cars and the school bus. This is a reminder that...

**The driveway is for vehicles only.**

**The pathway must be used at all times.**

We are currently teaching the children about road safety and the importance of safe parking. We need your urgent support to model this behaviour. Please do not compromise the safety of our pupils for the sake of convenience.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Next week our Yr6 children will be sitting their SATs assessments (Standard Assessment Tests). These are important for measuring school performance, identifying student progress, and informing secondary schools of academic abilities which may help with streaming and grouping children. We wish them all calm evenings and plenty of rest, they will shine! Thank you for your support.



*Dear Lord, thank you for the minds you have given us and the opportunity to learn. As I sit these tests, help me to stay calm, remember what I have learned, and work well. When I feel worried, remind me that you are with me. Help me to remember that my value is not measured by a score, but by your great love for me. Bless my teachers and family who have supported me. Keep me focused, patient, and confident. Amen.*

Parents are welcome to join us for Ascension Day Mass on Thursday 14 May at 2.15pm in the School hall.

Next Friday, we have a visit from Kent Police who will be spending the morning with our Reception children and then carrying out talks with Yr5/6 in the afternoon, where they will be talking about transition to Yr7 and staying safe. We are looking forward to having them on site for the day.

## **Residential Trip - Sept 2026**

This is a reminder that the full and final payment for the Residential Trip in September is due by 30 June at the latest. Please check your ParentPay account for any outstanding amounts that will need to be paid by this date. Thank you! We will be inviting parents to a meeting later in the term to talk about the trip and expectations, so please do check upcoming Newsletters for further details.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.5%

### **Dates for your diary**

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Mon 11 May - SATs week for Yr6

Tue 19 May - Yr4 'Finish This' Celebration Event

Thurs 14 May - Ascension Day Mass - parents welcome

Fri 15 May - Rec and Yr5/6 Police Talk/event

Mon 18 May - Maypole workshop for Yr3

Tues 19 May - 'Finish This' Music event for Yr4

Wed 20 May - Vision tests for Reception classes

Thurs 21 May - Swimming Gala

May is the month of Mary and we honour her as we say her prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death,  
Amen."