



ST MARGARET'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 1: Week 4

Proverbs 22:6 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.'

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been! Year 1 visited the Postal Museum for a whole day of post office and STEM related work! From interactive lessons to role play to a train ride on the postal rail, the children had a wonderful day out!

A huge congratulations also to those chosen for yesterday's cocktails and cakes with me to celebrate working hard with perseverance all week! Next week, we are looking for children around the school who spread joy and happiness to others!

The children have been working very hard all week across the school - again a big well done to 6D, 6C and 5L for 100% attendance this week - it makes such a difference coming to school! Please read on through the newsletter about attendance and the difference it can make to your child.

If you have any friends or family that have children entering reception next year, please signpost them to the dates on page 5 so that they can attend our prospective parent tour.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Hollinsley
Interim Head Teacher



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Reception

Week ending:

6th October 2023



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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PRESENTATION AWARDS

Year 1

Beulah

Year 2

Sai Krish

Year 3

Kayla

Year 4

Samakshi

Year 5

Rashmitha

Year 6

Annilisa

PROGRESS CUP AWARDS

KS1

Hannah

KS2

Tasmia

Whole school attendance:

Our whole school attendance this week is

97.1%

Remember - Gates open at 8:30am. Please ensure your child comes into school by 8:45am.

Attendance of the week:

Well done to

Year

5L, 6D, 6C

For winning 'Attendance of the Week' with the best attendance of:

100%

Nurse drop in

The next nurse drop in is:

30th November 2023

9am - 10am.

If you are unable to attend the drop in session and wish to speak with a member of the team, please call:

03003001813

Prospective Parents

There will be a few prospective admission information evening for parents of children going in to Reception in 2024 on the following dates:

Thursday 5th October 2023 @ 10am

Tuesday 14th November 2023 @ 5pm

Saturday 18th November 2023 @ 1pm

Thursday 7th December 2023 @ 10 am

Thursday 11th January 2024 @ 5pm

ATTENDANCE

Attending school is important to ensure children are able to make the most of their education and reach their full potential. If you raise a child's attendance, you raise their academic chances. As a parent/carer, you are legally responsible for ensuring that your child receives a suitable education.

What families can do:

- Be firm - send your child to school every day, all day, unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments and extra-curricular activities outside of school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Seek help early before your concerns become serious

Going to school more often will make a difference; attendance habits will follow your child into work and life. Each day missed:

- puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- can lead to gaps in learning and connections to friends



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Term Dates



Autumn Term 2023

First Half

INSET – Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September and Wednesday 6th September 2023

Start – Thursday 7th September 2023

End – Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2023 – Friday 27th October 2023

Second Half

Start – Monday 30th October 2023

End – Wednesday 20th December 2023

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

INSET – Monday 8th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

First Half

Start – Tuesday 9th January 2024

End – Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Second Half

Start – Monday 19th February 2024

End – Thursday 28th March 2024

Holidays: Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

First Half

Start – Monday 15th April 2024

End – Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Spring bank holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 (during half term)

Second Half

Start – Monday 3rd June 2024

End – Wednesday 24th July 2024



Medical Diets

Special Diets Registration

At Edwards and Ward, we take great pride in our special diets process and continually strive to make it as simple and inclusive as possible to help us ensure that all children can be fed safely and effectively.

If your child is at primary school and requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with us.

Even if you have already registered with the school or a previous catering provider, you still need to register with us as your details cannot be shared.

Our special diets registration form can be found on our website along with a full list of FAQs .

edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

If your child has medical dietary requirements and is not registered with us, we may be unable to provide them a school lunch.

If there are any concerns about this, please contact our Special Diets Team for advice.



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