



ST MARGARET'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 1: Week 2

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community,

We hope you had a fantastic summer break and are as excited as we are to start a new school year! It's been a joyful first week back at school, and we're thrilled to share some highlights and updates with you.

Our School Vision

As we begin this new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our St Margaret's school vision, inspired by the biblical verse, **"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)**. This vision continues to guide us in all that we do. Our vision emphasizes the importance of nurturing each child's character and education, ensuring they are well-prepared for the future. Our aim is to instill values and knowledge that will stay with your children throughout their lives, enabling them to grow into thoughtful, capable, and compassionate individuals.

To support our vision, we have five **St Margaret's values: Joy, Love, Patience, Kindness, and Self-Control**. These values underpin our vision and are key to being a good citizen. When our children demonstrate these values, they will receive a 'values card' explaining which values they have demonstrated, along with a short message from their teacher.

In addition to value cards, you will often hear teachers refer to our vision and values during our celebration assembly, where we announce the Star of the Week or Star of the Term, Progress and Presentation awards as well as Attendance awards. From this term, our celebration assembly will be held on Mondays. Please keep an eye out for a text message from the school inviting you to your child's celebration assembly if they are receiving an award.

Reception Children Settling In

A warm welcome to our new Reception children, who have settled into their new classes remarkably well. It's been heartwarming to see their smiling faces and the enthusiasm with which they've embraced their new learning environment. Our dedicated Reception team has been busy ensuring each child feels comfortable and ready for their exciting journey ahead.

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All Children Settling Back

It's been wonderful to see all our students return with such eagerness and energy. Whether they are reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting new friends, the transition back to school has been smooth. Our soft start to the day has been particularly successful, allowing students to ease into their school routine calmly and comfortably. This gentle approach helps everyone feel settled and ready for a productive day while promoting independence. Thank you for your support with this. Although it is not mandatory for children to arrive at 8:30 a.m., as our official start time is 8:45 a.m., I strongly recommend encouraging your children to attend earlier. This time is used to practice skills and concepts learned throughout the school week.

Recent Trips and Adventures

- Nuclear Mud Run: Our adventurous Y4 pupils braved the elements and took part in the challenging Nuclear Mud Run. It was a fantastic opportunity for teamwork and resilience, and the smiles on their faces were worth every muddy step!
- Y5 River Thames Boat Trips and London Eye: The River Thames boat trips were a huge hit. Students enjoyed exploring London from a different perspective and learning about the city's rich history while cruising along the river. The London Eye excursion provided breathtaking views and an unforgettable experience. It was a perfect blend of education and fun, offering a unique opportunity to see our capital from above.
- Y6 Residential: As I write this newsletter, our Year 6 students are on their way back from a memorable residential trip. They participated in a range of outdoor activities that fostered independence and collaboration, creating lasting memories and friendships.

Attendance This Week

We are pleased to report that our overall attendance this week has been great, with a total of 96% attendance across the school. Thank you for ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." — Ecclesiastes 3:1
As we embark on this new school year, let us remember that each season brings its own opportunities for growth and learning.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Bannon
Headteacher

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St Margaret's School Nurse Drop

- 24th September 2024
- 15th October 2024
- 5th November 2024
- 14th January 2025
- 4th March 2025
- 29th April 2025
- 3rd June 2025

These sessions will run from 9-10am

If you are unable to attend the drop-in session but wish to speak to a member of the team, please call us on: 0300 300 1813 between Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Follow up on Facebook: [NELFT Barking & Dagenham School Nursing Service](#)

After-school Clubs

SEPTEMBER 2024

Girls Football

Monday's Y3 & Y4

Starts: 16th September 2024

Finishes: 9th December 2024

Rugby

Tuesday's Y5 & Y6

Starts: 17th September 2024

Finishes: 10th December 2024

Karate

Wednesday's Y2 - Y6

Starts: 18th September 2024

Finishes: 11th December 2024

Basketball

Wednesday's Y5 & Y6

Starts: 18th September 2024

Finishes: 11th December 2024

Multisports

Thursday's Y1 & Y2

Starts: 19th September 2024

Finishes: 12th December 2024

Please note:

These clubs are on a first come first serve basis. Your child does not automatically get a place in the club, you must fill in the letters which come out and await a text message to let you know if your child has a place or not. If your child does NOT get a place, they will go onto the waiting list and be given the opportunity another time, which you will be notified of when places become available.

If your child gets a place, you will then be able to go onto Parent Pay to pay for the club.

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



Term Dates

2024 - 2025



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