



# ST MARGARET'S

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Autumn 1: Week 7

*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,

As we approach the end of another amazing half-term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible experiences our children have had, which have both inspired and supported their development in so many ways.

Our Year 5 pupils had a truly memorable day out in London, enjoying a scenic River Cruise followed by breath-taking panoramic views from the London Eye. The trip sparked excitement and curiosity about our capital city's landmarks and history, it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see London from a new perspective. They returned buzzing with enthusiasm and new knowledge about the iconic skyline.

Year 4 showed tremendous courage and teamwork during their participation in the Mud Race. This challenging event put their fitness, determination and physical strength to the test as they navigated the demanding course, tackling a range of obstacles. It was fantastic to see how they pushed their limits, supporting each other every step of the way.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an action-packed residential trip, where they engaged in a series of outdoor activities, team-building challenges and educational excursions. The experience not only encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones but also allowed them to build lasting friendships and grow in confidence and resilience.

Our Year 2 trip to Old MacDonald's Farm was a thoroughly enjoyable experience where the children got up close to various farm animals, learning about their habitats and characteristics. The children enjoyed interacting with the animals and engaging in hands-on activities that deepened their understanding.

Meanwhile, Year 3 had an action-packed day at Legoland, where the children enjoyed the thrill of the rides and the fun-filled atmosphere. From exciting roller coasters to themed attractions, every moment was packed with excitement, bringing smiles to their faces and creating lasting memories. It was a day full of joy, laughter and adventure for all!

Year 4 has had an enriching few weeks, from swimming, where they developed crucial life skills, to a trip to St Saviour's Forest School, where they had the unique opportunity to study, feed, groom and walk alpacas! These experiences have been wonderful for building confidence, independence and a love for learning beyond the classroom.

**love... joy... patience... kindness... self-control**

Back at school, Year 6 has been working hard on an exciting Art Project, allowing them to channel their creativity and produce some truly beautiful pieces of work. We are so proud of their artistic expression and collaboration during this project.

We also recently held our STEM Fair, where pupils demonstrated the fantastic science, technology, engineering and maths projects they have been working on. It was inspiring to see their passion for these subjects and the fair highlighted the endless possibilities for the future that STEM can offer.

Finally, on 18th October, our school participated in Show Racism the Red Card Day, where we stood together to promote inclusion, tolerance and equality. This event was a powerful reminder of the importance of teaching our children about respect, kindness and standing up against injustice.

As you can see, the children have had an incredibly rich and varied half-term, packed with learning, fun and memorable experiences. These activities have not only been enjoyable but have also contributed significantly to their personal development, whether by building confidence, encouraging teamwork, fostering creativity or promoting physical fitness.

We are looking forward to even more exciting events next half-term, including further visits, celebrations and special activities. We can't wait to share more details with you soon! Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing the children return with energy and enthusiasm for another term of learning and adventure.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bannon".

Mrs S Bannon  
Headteacher

# Attendance of the week:

Well done to

*Year 4J*

For winning 'Attendance of the Week'  
with the best attendance of:  
**99.66%**



## Edwards & Ward - our School Meal Provider

For any queries regarding school dinners or administration,  
please contact the office team on:  
[info@edwardsandward.co.uk](mailto:info@edwardsandward.co.uk)  
07767418062

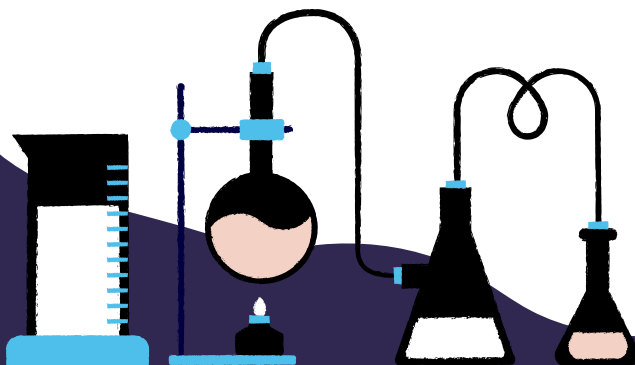
School dinners can be booked for the day, week or term. If booking on the day,  
please ensure you do this by 8am as after this time, you will be unable to book.

School dinners need to be booked on parent pay.

# STEM FAIR

**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT ATTENDED**

Today we celebrated the power of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in shaping our world. Let's continue to inspire curiosity, innovation and discovery in this field, empowering future generations to solve tomorrow's challenges.



# Autumn Harvest



*Thank you everyone for  
your kind donations*



Barking  
**foodbank**

*This years donations  
are going to the*

**HOPE**  
**Family UK**  
Stronger Together

# Reception - Prospective Open Days 2025-2026 Open Days

Our open dates are as follows

Monday 7th October 2024 @ 10am

Wednesday 13th November 2024 @ 6pm

Saturday 14th December 2024 @ 10am

Wednesday 8th January 2025 @ 10am

Please confirm your attendance by emailing :  
[st-margarets-school@genesistrust.net](mailto:st-margarets-school@genesistrust.net)

We look forward to welcoming you to our school



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**St Margaret's Primary School  
IG11 8AS**

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**THANK  
you**

*Money raised  
so far  
absolutely  
brilliant !!!*



Cashpot for schools

**St Margarets CofE Primary  
School**

You have helped raise

**£157.19**

⌚ 45 days left





# ATTENDANCE

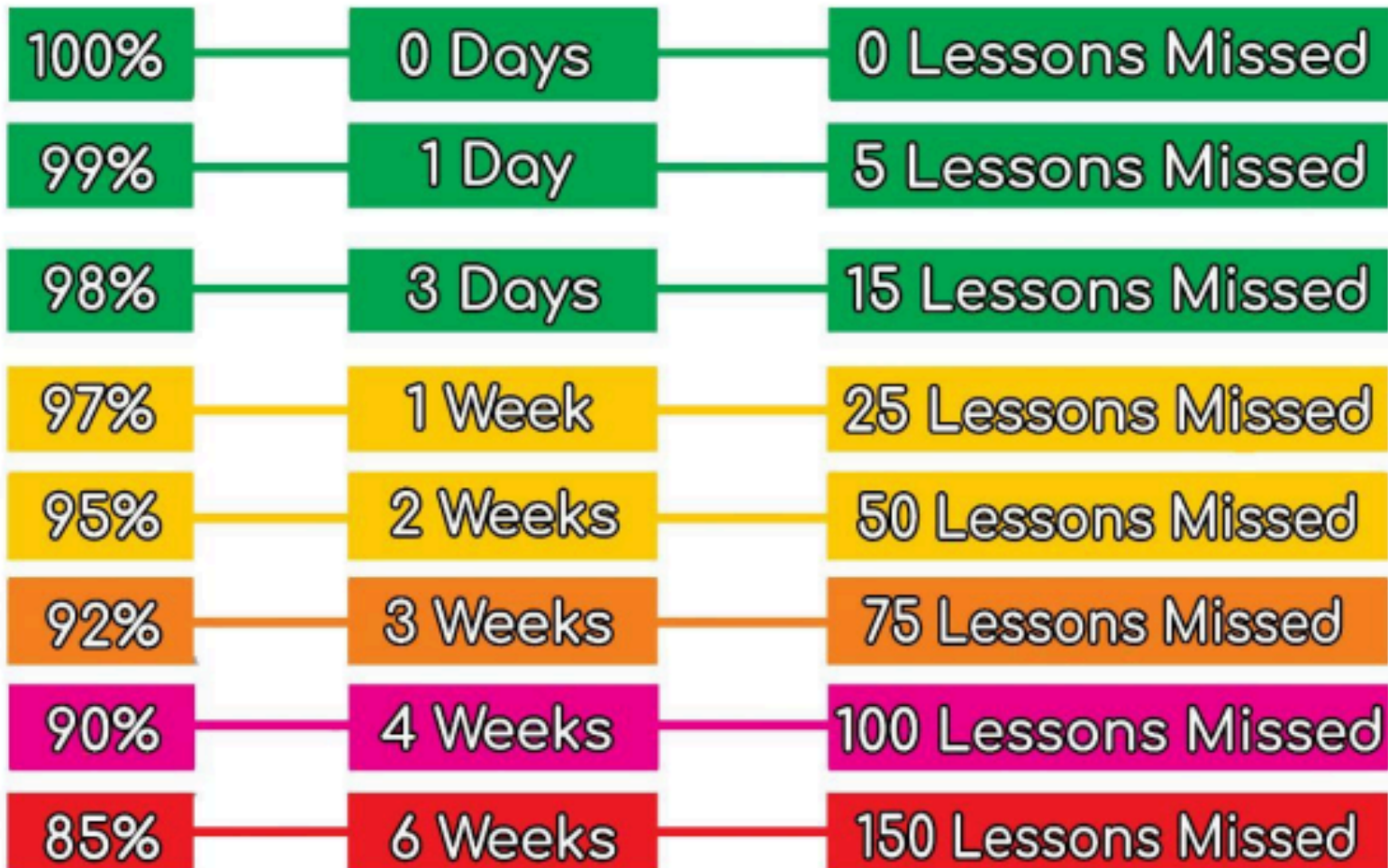
Attending school is important to ensure children are able to make the most of their education and reach their full potential. If you raise a child's attendance, you raise their academic chances. As a parent/carer, you are legally responsible for ensuring that your child receives a suitable education.

## 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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- Bank Holidays
- School Holidays
- Staff Training (Inset days) – Pupils not in school
- 5th September 2024 – First day of Autumn Term
- Last day of terms – school closes at 1.30pm

# BOOK FAIR



**21/11/24 TO 28/11/24**

*\*Big discount all item*

# PYJAMA DAY



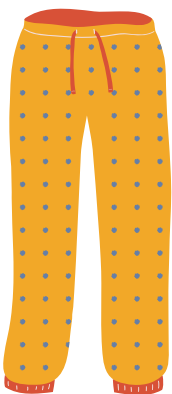
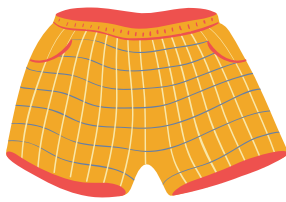
Children  
in Need



**Friday  
15th November**

**Wear your favourite pyjamas to school!  
School fundraiser - All donations welcome**

**Non-Uniform - £1**





School  
Photos  
6th  
November  
2024



Individuals and Siblings