



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

Today, we celebrated **Harvest** together as a school. The message we shared was one of gratitude and generosity — being thankful for what we have and thinking about how we can help others. Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations. Your kindness will make a real difference and will help support many families within our wider community.

For those families who are new to St Margaret's, we send out a whole-school newsletter at the end of each month, sharing news, celebrations and important information from across school.

However, you certainly don't have to wait until the end of the month to find out what has been happening! Please follow us on **X** — **@stmargaretsathl** and **Facebook**, scan the QR code at the bottom of this newsletter.

We also have something new and exciting to share. Each week, children from across the school will be 'going live' and reporting on the latest news from St Margaret's. From Friday 2nd October, you will receive a QR code which you can scan to watch the children's weekly news recording. We hope this will be a lovely way for you to hear directly from the children about school life.

We will continue to use **School Life** to keep you up to date with important changes and reminders. I appreciate just how busy the school week can be. As well as making sure your child is ready for school each morning, there are PE days, non-uniform days, Woodland sessions, enrichment activities, after-school clubs and all the different things children may need to bring with them. The reminders we send are there to help and to make it as easy as possible for families to ensure children have everything they need for the day.

If it makes life easier, we are more than happy for you to send items into school on a Monday for the week ahead, such as football kits for after-school clubs, Woodland clothes or other items your child will need later in the week.

Your support with Census Day has been very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who booked a school meal or grab bag and, where applicable, paid the £2.55 contribution. We had a very healthy number of meals booked and recorded on the census. This is particularly important because the information collected on Census Day contributes towards the funding the school receives. Your support has therefore made a genuine difference to St Margaret's, thank you.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering some of their time at St Margaret's, however much or little you are able to offer, I would be delighted to hear from you. There are many ways in which volunteers can support our children. Every trip or visit that children attend needs to be carefully supervised, and having sufficient adult support can sometimes be a challenge.

Volunteering could involve accompanying a class on a visit to Halesowen Library, joining us for a whole-day school trip, supporting an activity in school or simply giving one or two hours a week to hear children read. You certainly do not need to be

NEWSLETTER

Vol 1

able to commit to something every week. Even occasional support can make a real difference and can help us provide more opportunities and experiences for our children.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the school office. They will arrange an opportunity for you to have a chat with me about how you might be able to help.

The proprietor of the local pub, The Hare and Hounds, has contacted school and asked us to remind parents and carers that the pub car park must not be used for school drop-off or collection due to additional wear and tear on the carpark. The proprietor has advised us that, if this continues, they intend to install **ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras**, which may result in parking charges being issued to vehicles using the car park without permission.

Please respect the wishes of the proprietor and do not use the pub car park when dropping off or collecting children from school.

We appreciate that parking around school can be difficult, particularly at busy times, but we ask everyone to park legally, safely and considerately and to be respectful of our neighbours and local businesses.

Thank you for attending our postponed Summer Fayre. We try and run the event on as many donations as possible to keep expenditure low and profit high. I am delighted to share that we raised just under £1,000. This fantastic amount will be used to purchase new books for the children and to replenish our playtime equipment. Thank you to everyone who donated items, gave their time, ran stalls, spent money on the day or supported the event in any way. Your generosity really does make a difference.

Just before I sign off, I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Nock, who has joined the St Margaret's team. Miss Nock will be teaching across the school, and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to our school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St Margaret's and, most importantly, our children.

Regards

Mrs Shepherd



Headteacher

Living Life in all its Fullness



Year 3 have had a busy and brilliant start to the academic year. In Science, the children have been learning about the different types of skeletons and exploring why our skeletons are so important to our bodies.

In PE, they have been developing their mindfulness, concentration and control through a range of balance activities. Making the most of the September sunshine, Year 3 also took their Maths learning outdoors, putting their place value knowledge into practice by ordering numbers up to 1,000.



Well done, Year 3 — what a fantastic start to the year!



Year 2 have been getting creative outdoors as they explored the exciting world of texture! The children discovered a range of natural textures in the environment and used a variety of media and materials to create their own pieces of artwork. They experimented with different surfaces, patterns and techniques, developing their observation skills, creativity and imagination while having lots of fun outdoors.



The children then brought Art and Computing together by using their iPads to photograph their finished creations. They recorded voice notes to evaluate their artwork, explaining what they had created, the materials and techniques they had used and what they thought about their finished piece.

NEWSLETTER

Vol 1

It was wonderful to see the children's curiosity, creativity and confidence come to life through their learning. Well done, Year 2!

We have been learning lots of exciting new things in **Reception** this week and have enjoyed exploring, investigating and discovering the world around us.



In our maths learning, we have been developing our understanding of similarities and differences. The children have been learning to recognise objects that are the same and to match pairs. Through practical activities and games, we have been developing our observation skills, concentration and ability to explain why objects belong together.

We have taken part in a variety of fine motor activities to help develop our hand strength, coordination and



control. These skills are important for everyday tasks such as using tools, fastening clothing and becoming confident writers. The children have enjoyed activities including mark-making, manipulating small objects and strengthening their fingers and hands through play.



NEWSLETTER

Vol 1

Year 5 have been very fortunate to enjoy two exciting trips out of school recently!



First, we visited a local high school for a fantastic author event with Jack Meggitt-Phillips, where the children had the opportunity to hear him talk about and showcase his new book, Jekyll vs Hyde. It was a brilliant experience that inspired lots of excitement about reading!



We also visited RAF Cosford Museum for their Forces in STEM Day ✈️. The children took part in a range of exciting STEM activities, explored the hangars and had the chance to see some incredible aircraft up close.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed both experiences and created some wonderful memories along the way. A fantastic couple of trips full of learning, discovery and inspiration!

Year 6 took their science learning outside last week when they started their topic on classification. They had to decide how to split themselves into groups using observable characteristics. Each person could only belong to one group. They then learned about Carl Linnaeus and how he classified plants and animals into groups based on observable characteristics and how he developed the binomial name.

Year 6 visited the library last week, where they took part in a quiz, listened to a story then had the chance to read and borrow books. The staff at the library commented on how lovely it was to see children so enthusiastic about books. Year 6 are now looking

forward to visiting Earls later this term to see the author - Jessica Townsend.



NEWSLETTER

Vol 1

Enrichment Timetable

	Woodland Children will need a change of clothing NE	Cooking Children will need a tub HT	Gardening Community CW	Fieldwork FJ	Live newsletter Technology PR	STEM CL
11 th Sept	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
18 th Sept	Yr 6	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Year 4 residential, children in their own classes						
2 nd October	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4
9 th October	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6 first aid	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3
16 th October	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 1	Yr 2
23 rd October	Yr 2	yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	yr 1



Scan QR code for St Margarets at Hasbury new FB page

QR code for our Facebook page



Diary Dates

20 th October	Parents eve 5.00pm -7.00pm
21 st October	Parents eve 3.30pm -5.30pm
6 th November 9.00am	Reception maths workshop parent and child.
16 th November	Odd socks/anti bullying week. Children wear odd socks
9 th December	Christmas Lunch
10 th December	Rec/KS1 performance
TBC	Crib service - Reception children and their families
17 th December	Carol concert 9.15am. Keystage 2
18 th December	Break up

Spring Term

4 th January	Spring term . School starts back
1 st February	Children's mental health week
9 th February	Safer Internet Day
9 th February	Parents eve 5.00pm – 7.00pm
10 th February	Parents eve 3.30pm – 5.30pm
1 st March	Shakespeare week
5 th March	Mother's Day. Reception and KS 1. 2.00pm
March TBC	Easter Garden. Reception and their families
25 th March	Easter Service. KS2
25 TH March	School breaks up for Easter

NEWSLETTER

Vol 1

Summer term

19 th July	Leaver's Service 9.15am
19 th July	Leaver's Party. 5pm -7pm
21 st July	INSET Day. School closed to children