

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Visitors,

I trust this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of this extended half term, I am pleased to report on the numerous achievements and events that have taken place at St Margaret's at Hasbury.

We have much to celebrate, including the excellent turnout for our 8:30am reading session with parents, followed by classroom observations of 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' and phonics lessons. We also held a successful maths workshop for Year 1 parents, with a Reception maths workshop scheduled for 12th November.

Our community's generosity was evident in the abundant food donations for the Black Country Food Bank. Additionally, our Year 6 pupils have successfully completed their first aid training, and we were honoured to present Mary Stevens' Hospice with a cheque for £1,848, raised during our summer fun run.

We were delighted to welcome many of you to our recent open sessions, where Sammy Sweetcorn was on hand to greet visitors. I hope you had the opportunity to sample our school dinners during parents' evening, which are prepared and cooked on-site daily. We have received positive feedback and would like to remind you that we offer a three-week menu catering for various dietary requirements. Our kitchen staff, led by Rebecca, are always happy to discuss any necessary adjustments to meet your child's needs.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Children in Need with a special menu and an inflatable obstacle course, embracing this year's 'Gladiator' theme. Details will be released after the half-term break.

There has been a lot of illness this half term, which is unavoidable and I appreciate your adherence to our absence procedures and your efforts in encouraging good attendance. It is crucial to recognise that any absence, whether due to illness or term-time holidays, can significantly impact your child's learning progression.

In light of the recent statutory changes to 'Working together to improve school attendance', we have updated our attendance policy. Key modifications include increased attendance fines, the implementation of attendance



plans, and the requirement to complete a leave of absence request form prior to any planned absences. Parents will be notified via text message if their child's attendance becomes a concern.

As we look to the future, please make note of upcoming school events. Specific details will be communicated closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. Your involvement is invaluable in ensuring the best educational experience for our pupils.

Sara Shepherd  
Headteacher

## LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Sammy Sweetcorn, our kitchen mascot visits St Margaret's to celebrate the return of hot meals to our school kitchen.



Year 5 have been on a mission to Mars yesterday. Using their iPads the children have been able to use virtual reality to visit the Red Planet for our writing.



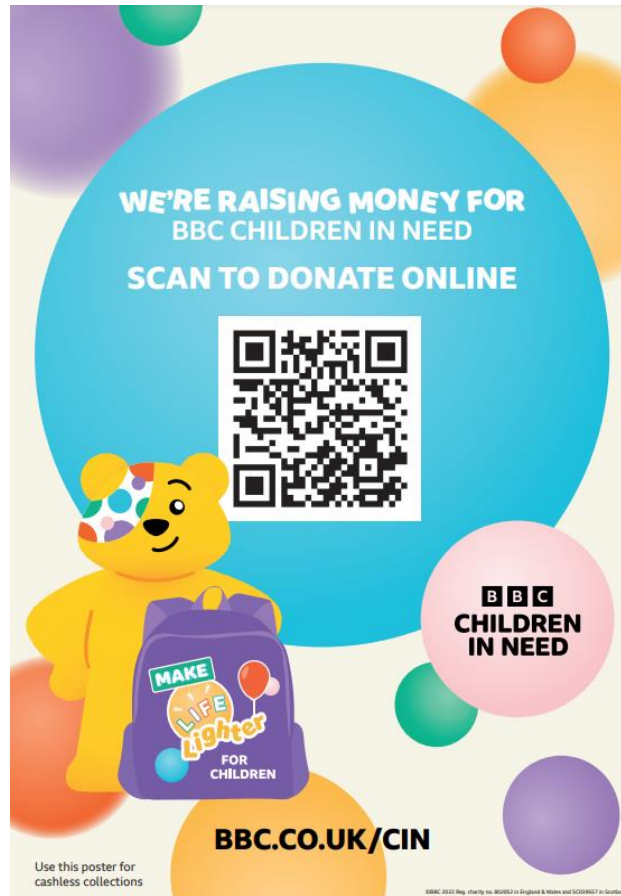
On Tuesday, Year 6 spent the day becoming qualified first aiders! Mini First Aid, an award winning first aid provider, delivered the training and the children enjoyed learning their new skills.



Poppies from the Royal British Legion will be on sale in school during the first week back after half term, from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If your child would like to purchase any poppies/merchandise, please send your exact cash donation in an envelope labelled with your child's name.

## Children in Need 2025

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** we will be celebrating Children in Need with a gladiator theme. We will ask children to create their gladiator name, and take part in a fun gladiator challenge! Children may design and wear their own gladiator costume on the day. If they do not want to design their own costume, children can also attend school in their PE Kit or in their Pudsey-themed, yellow/spotty clothes. You will receive further communications via the School Life app.



## Diary Dates:

Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Love in a Box return deadline

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Mental Health Champion Training begins after school

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Poppies on sale in school

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Mastery Number Workshop

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 1.15pm – Reception 2025 Open Afternoon

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Arts & Crafts Club begins after school for Reception/Year 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – NHS Flu Immunisations Team in School

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 9.00am - Reception parents Maths workshop

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am – Reception 2025 Open Morning

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parents' Consultations

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – School Nurse in EYFS – Handwashing & Hygiene Session

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parents' Consultations

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parents' Consultations

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Orthoptic Vision Screening

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – Reception 2025 Open Morning

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas breakfast with a parent (more information to follow)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Anne Frank Workshop

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Anne Frank Workshop

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – KSI Christmas Production

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm – KSI Christmas Production

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15pm – 4.45pm – Reception/KSI Christmas Disco

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 5pm – 6.30pm KS2 Christmas Disco

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 & Y4 Experience Christmas

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am – KS2 Christingle/Concert in Church

Break up for Christmas Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Diary Dates continued:

Christmas Holidays – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 2.30pm – Mother's Day Service (EYFS & KSI)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service – Time TBC

Easter Holidays – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET day**

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am – Y6 Leaver's Service

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 5pm – 7pm – Y6 Leaver's Party

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET day**