



Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Teaching can take place in many different ways and by different people!

Over the past 2 weeks we have had a number of workshops take place for our children.

Years 1 – 6 took part in Healthy Workshops led by [A-life](#)

The children took part in a 1-hour hands-on experience to discover how they can lead a healthy lifestyle. The feedback from children and staff was very positive.

Thank you to those of you who joined the session at the end of the day, I do hope you found it informative.

Year 1 were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#). The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of *Midnight in the Toyshop* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Midnight in the Toyshop*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Midnight in the Toyshop* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of our school if they come along for a free trial session before Thursday 5th March 2026. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SMSR050326** or book a Free Trial Session online at [here](#)

Year 6 had an immersive day focusing on World War II. They took part in lots of different activities to get a true understanding of what it was like to be a child during the war.

Year 5 learnt about Vikings during a day long workshop last week and also enjoyed a drama workshop.

Thank you to parents, children and staff for helping to make education exciting for our children!

Class Assemblies

In recent weeks we have also been treated to class assemblies from 5T and 2C. 5T taught us all about new year resolutions and 2C shared with us the idea to turn our lives to God and to put our trust in him.

Thank you to the staff and children for putting so much into these events. Thank you too to parents and family members for coming to watch your amazing children in action!

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Each **Friday, Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2** take part in **Celebration Assemblies**. During these assemblies classes share work, we celebrate birthdays, award certificates and reflect on the week that has passed.

We would like to invite you to these assemblies and join us in celebrating our amazing children! As with class assemblies you will be let in via the main entrance of the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

The assemblies start at 8.30am and will be finished by 9.00am.

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following the St Margaret's Way will receive a ParentMail on Thursday from school inviting them to the assembly to allow you to see your child receive their certificate. It would be great to have you join us. **Please do not share this information with your child as we want it to be a surprise for them on the day!**

Each week a class in each key stage will share some work. **Please note if your child's class is sharing work this does not guarantee your child will be involved in the sharing of the work.** Teachers tend to choose small groups of children.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
30.1.26	RND	3A
6.2.26	RAD	6A
13.2.26	2C	4G
27.2.26	1Z	5T
6.3.26	RAD	3W
13.3.26	RND	4U
20.3.26	1G	6D

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Please note the end of the school year for children will be **Monday 20th July 2026**. School will now be closed for children on Tuesday 21st July 2026. This is to allow for staff training. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Term Dates 2026 – 2027

Please find below term dates for 2026 – 2027

TERM	FIRST HALF TERM	HALF TERM BREAK	SECOND HALF TERM
ADVENT TERM	Thurs 3 rd Sept - Fri 16 th Oct	Mon 19 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Mon 2 nd Nov – Fri 18 th Dec
LENT TERM	Mon 4 th Jan – Fri 12 th Feb	Mon 15 th Feb – Fri 19 th Feb	Mon 22 nd Feb – Thurs 25 th March
PENTECOST TERM	Mon 12 th April – Fri 28 th May	Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June	Mon 7 th June – Weds 21 st July

Updating Your Contact Details

Thank you to those of you who have returned their contact details with up-to-date information.

We still have a significant number of parents though, that have not returned their forms. I cannot overstate the importance of the information we hold being accurate. This information is one of many ways we can ensure we keep your children safe. Please return your forms **As Soon As Possible.**

It is really important that we have 2 adults we can contact regarding your child so please ensure you list a second person when completing your form.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Water Bottles

Don't forget you can buy new St Margaret water bottles via ParentMail for £2.50. Please see the school office if you wish to buy one,

Please also note children can only put water in their water bottle. Squash or other drinks are not allowed. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is important information regarding attendance at school. It is so important that children attend school when they are well enough. Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Class Attendance	Last Week	This Week
Reception ND	87	93↑
Reception AD	90	97↑
Year 1G	96	91↓
Year 1Z	92	98↑
Year 2M	92	96↑
Year 2C	94	92↓
Year 3A	88	95↑
Year 3W	97	95↓
Year 4G	92	87↓
Year 4U	99	98↓
Year 5K	99	97↓
Year 5T	92	97↑
Year 6A	92	98↑
Year 6D	96	94↓

Well done to **1Z, 4U** and **6A** who had the top attendance this week with **98%**!

Diary Dates

An updated list of diary dates will be provided in my newsletter on Friday 16th January.

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. **Updated events are in BOLD**. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

God bless,
Mr Chiswell

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 29 th Jan	4G Class Assembly	2.30
Tues 3 rd Feb	Young Voices	
Fri 6 th Feb	First Friday Mass at Church for Y3	9.00
Tues 10 th Feb	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 11 th Feb	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Fri 13 th Feb	End of 1 st half of Lent Term	3.00
Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of 2 nd half of Lent Term	8.15
Tues 24 th Feb	Stations of the Cross at Church for Y3	1.30
Weds 25 th Feb	Stations of the Cross at Church for Y5	1.30
Fri 27 th Feb	Children in St David Family to wear yellow to school for the day to mark his feast day – 1 st March	
Fri 6 th March	First Friday Mass at Church for Y2	9.00
Weds 11 th March	Stations of the Cross at Church for Y4	1.30
Thurs 12 th March	5K Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 13 th March	Children in St Patrick Family to wear green to school for the day to mark his feast day – 17 th March	
Mon 16 th March	Meditation Monday	8.30
Tues 17 th March	Stations of the Cross at Church for Y6	1.30
Mon 23 rd March	5K Linking Project Visit	
Tues 24 th March	5T Linking Project Visit	
Weds 25 th March	Y3 Trip to Tring Museum	
Fri 27th March	End of Lent Term	3.00
Mon 13 th April	School Closed to Children for Staff Training	
Tues 14th April	All Children Return to School for Pentecost Term	8.15
Fri 24 th April	Children in St George Family to wear red to school for the day to mark his feast day – 23 rd April	
Fri 22 nd May	End of 1 st half of Pentecost Term	3.00
Mon 1 st June	Start of 2 nd half of Pentecost Term	8.15
Mon 20 th July	End of School Year for Children	3.00
Tues 21st July	School Closed to Children for Staff Training	