



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

What another busy and exciting week we have had at school!

This year, we have started with a strong focus on handwriting and presentation, and I have been incredibly impressed by what I have seen as I have visited classrooms across the school. The children are taking great pride in their work, and it was a pleasure to recognise some of those who have particularly stood out with special presentation awards. We will continue to build on these high standards throughout the year.

We finished the week on a real high as our Year 6 children attended the Appledore Book Club event at Skern. They had the wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to British author Louie Stowell, best known for her hugely popular illustrated book series about the Norse god Loki. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about her writing journey and taking part in a fun draw-along session. They returned to school full of excitement, enthusiasm and inspiration, eager to share their experiences with others.

Looking ahead to next week, we are delighted to be welcoming three more authors into our school as part of the Appledore Book Festival. This means that every child will have the opportunity to take part in this fantastic celebration of reading and literature. Even more excitingly, each child will receive a book from their visiting author to take home and enjoy.

Clubs begin next week and, for those who have been asking, yes, Pokémon Club is back on Fridays! A gentle reminder that any Pokémon cards brought into school should either be handed into the office at the start of the day or kept safely in bags until the club begins. Cards should then be returned to bags or office at the end of lunchtime.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend and enjoy some special family time together.

Denise Boyne

Headteacher

Check out our fantastic lunchtime clubs! All clubs will begin next week.

We are also busy organising the return of our popular **Year 5 & 6 Netball Club**, which will take place on Wednesdays. We will share the start date with you as soon as arrangements are finalised. We look forward to seeing lots of children take part! 😊

	Lunchtime 12.30-1pm
Monday	Lego Club
Tuesday	Choir Origami
Wednesday	Gardening Club
Thursday	TTRockstars
Friday	Pokémon and Colouring Club

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

Another busy week in Year 3/4, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum! In English, we have continued exploring our book, The Beasties. The children have been learning what makes a complete sentence by identifying subjects and verbs, before developing their sentences further by adding adjectives and expanded noun phrases. We also began French this week! We started by sharing what we already know about France and discussing why learning another language is useful, before beginning our journey into learning French together. Finally, in Science, we have continued our work on bones and skeletons. This week, we moved beyond the human skeleton and investigated the bones and skeletons of different animals, looking at how they can vary. Well done for another busy week, everyone. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!

Year 5/6

It has been another great week for Years 5 and 6! Our Year 6 children have been completing their Mock SATs, while Year 5 also had the opportunity to sit the Maths paper. In Art, we have continued our work on Surrealism, taking inspiration from René Magritte and exploring imaginative artwork featuring eyes and unusual imagery. In Computing and PE, we have continued developing the skills and knowledge introduced last week. During Guided Reading, we have been exploring The Proudest Blue, discussing the characters, themes and important messages within the story. Well done to all the children for their hard work, perseverance and positive attitude this week!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Sophie

Trust: Freddy

Thankfulness: Marnie

Forgiveness: Evie

Compassion: Willow

Wisdom: Harry

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Swimming lessons - Thankfulness and Hope Class

Wed 23rd September	Please can you ensure you child has an extra underwear with them on swimming days due to wet changing room floors.
Wed 30th September	
Wed 7th October	
Wed 14th October	
Wed 21st October	

Please note: Trust class will start their swimming lessons on Wed 5th November.

Outstanding Lunch Money

Could we politely remind you to check your balance on Arbor our Parent Portal and ensure that all outstanding balance for lunches are cleared over the weekend.

Lost Property

We will be clearing out all our lost property next week. Last chance to collect - Please come and collect before it all goes!

Flu Immunisation

The team are due to visit us on 30th September. Please check your previous email for the link to provide your consent.

Year 3 & 4 Kents Cavern

We are delighted to be able to offer this exciting opportunity to our pupils and recognise that the current cost of living continues to place financial pressures on many families. The voluntary contribution has been carefully calculated to cover the costs of the visit, including transport, admission fees and other associated expenses. To support families, payment may be made in instalments, making it easier to spread the cost while enabling the visit to proceed as planned. Please log on to Arbor our Parent Portal to make a payment.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
29/09/2026	Appledore Book Festival Yr 5 Author Visit	
30/09/2026	Flu Vaccinations	
01/10/2026	Appledore Book Festival Yr 3 & 4 Author Visit	
16/10/2026	Harvest Festival	St Margaret's Church
12/11/2026	Year 3 & 4 Kents Carven Trip	Kents Cavern Torquay

Building Strong Foundations: Creating Strong Family Connections from the Start – Online Event 30th September 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Overview

For parents and carers of children aged 6-9. Strong family relationships are one of the most powerful ways to help children stay safe, happy, and resilient. This online session explores how parents and carers can build trust, strengthen communication, and support children as they begin navigating an increasingly digital world.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-primary-building-strong-foundations-tickets-1996778772059?aff=oddttdtcreato>