



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

What a fantastic start to the new school year!

As I have walked around the school and visited classrooms this week, I have been incredibly proud of all our children. They have returned with such positivity, demonstrating calm behaviour, enthusiasm for learning, and excellent engagement in their lessons.

As you are aware, our Learning Power focus this half term is Relational. This has been a key theme in our collective worships and classroom discussions throughout the week, and the children have truly embraced it. We have explored the concepts of self, others, and the world, considering each individually and reflecting on how looking beyond ourselves and supporting those around us helps to create a stronger, kinder, and more connected school community. Through these discussions, the children have recognised the important role each of us plays in making our school such a special place.

We are also delighted to have introduced our Year 6 Play Leaders, who are already making a positive contribution in the playground. They are helping to organise activities and encouraging children to build and strengthen friendships through play.

In addition, we are currently recruiting Mental Health School Ambassador Team members, who will begin their training in the coming weeks and establishing our Family Group Ethos Leads, who will work closely with Mrs Furniss in overseeing and planning our new family group worship sessions.

Well done to everyone for a fantastic first week back. I would like to wish all our families a restful weekend and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Denise Boyne

Headteacher

Building Strong Foundations: Creating Strong Family Connections from the Start

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=oddtcreator>

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic first week back after the summer holidays. The year 3 children have all settled into their new classes and routines well and, although now very tired, have worked really hard on all their lessons this week. We have begun our text in English looking at a fantasy story and the features which need to be included and are all finding our new topic on skeletons very exciting! Please quiz your child about the bones in their body to see which ones they can remember. Please remember that we have a trip to Rosemoor planned for next Thursday. Emails have been sent with details of the day and how to pay. Thank you to those parents who came to our 'Welcome meeting' on Wednesday and we hope you all enjoy your weekend.

Year 5/6

It has been a fantastic first week back for Years 5 and 6! In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits in larger numbers. In Writing, we have been inspired by *The Incomplete Book of Dragons* and have enjoyed creating our own imaginative dragons, thinking about their appearance, habitats and special abilities. In PE, the children have been developing their map-reading, teamwork and navigation skills through orienteering. Our Computing lessons have focused on how the internet works and how messages are sent, alongside thinking about staying safe online. Finally, in Art, we have begun exploring Surrealism, looking at unusual and imaginative artwork and starting to develop our own creative ideas. It has been a brilliant start to the term, and we are very proud of the enthusiasm and creativity the children have shown!

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Max

Trust: Poppy

Thankfulness: Shaela-Belle

Forgiveness: Megan

Compassion: Jesse

Wisdom: Max

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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 have a large amount of lost property that was left behind at the end of last term. We no longer have the capacity to store lost property, please come to the office to have a look through and see if you can reunite your child with their property.

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 Rosemoor Trip – Thursday 17th September

Please log on to Arbor our Parent Portal for payments so this exciting trip can go ahead.

Year 6 London Residential 2026

Instalment now due - We kindly ask that you ensure all instalments are kept up to date and paid by the relevant due dates.

Year 4 PGL Residential 2026

Just a little reminder the next instalment is due by 25th September.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Activity	Location
14 th – 17 th Sept	Year 6 Mock SATs	
16/09/2026	Tempest School Photos	School Hall 8am start for family groups
17/09/2026	Year 3 & 4 Rosemoor Trip	
25/09/2026	Appledore Book Festival Author Visit	
29/09/2026	Appledore Book Festival Author Visit	
30/09/2026	Flu Vaccinations	
01/10/2026	Appledore Book Festival Author Visit	