



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

Well, that was a busy second week! As you are aware we started the week by welcoming Ofsted inspectors into our school, and I could not be prouder of the way our pupils, staff and you the parent and carers represented our school community.

Our pupils spoke enthusiastically about their learning and shared their experiences of the curriculum with great maturity and understanding. They were eager to discuss the subjects they enjoy, explain what they have been learning and showcase the many opportunities available to them in school. The inspectors were impressed by the children's knowledge, confidence and positive attitudes towards learning. The visit also provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that makes our school such a special place, and our children truly shone. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school, and they should feel immensely proud of themselves.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to you for your continued support. Your partnership with the school plays a vital role in our success, and we greatly appreciate your encouragement and commitment to our school community.

Have a truly restful weekend.

Denise Boyne

Headteacher

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=oddtcreator>

Our learning this week.

Year 3/4

This week has been a full-on but nurturing week in Year 3/4, with lots of learning and an exciting trip to finish it off! In Maths, we have continued our work on place value, with the children learning how to partition numbers flexibly and exploring the different ways numbers can be broken apart. In Science, we have continued learning about the bones in the human body, looking more closely at their different functions and why our skeleton is so important. Finally, on Thursday, we had a fantastic day at RHS Garden Rosemoor! The children loved exploring the beautiful grounds, getting outdoors and having lots of fun together. Well done for another brilliant week, everyone. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!

Year 5/6

It has been a busy and exciting time in Year 6! We have been learning new skills, challenging ourselves and working together across many different subjects. Here are some of our recent learning highlights: In Art, we have been exploring the fascinating world of Surrealism. We have learned how surrealist artists use dreams, imagination and unusual combinations of objects to create strange and interesting artwork. In Maths, we have been developing our mental calculation skills. We have practised different strategies, including partitioning numbers, using known facts and adjusting numbers. In ICT, we have been learning about collaborative working and how technology can help people work together.

Class Teacher Awards

Hope: Theo

Trust: Leo

Thankfulness: Nen & Cruze

Forgiveness: Charlie

Compassion: Riley

Wisdom: Ezra

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 have a large amount of lost property that was left behind at the end of last term. 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 6 London Residential 2026

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
21 st – 24 th Sept	Year 6 Mock SATs	
25/09/2026	Tempest School Photos	School Hall 8am start for family groups
25/09/2026	Appledore Book Festival Yr 6 Author Talk	Skern Lodge
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	

