



Our school badge

Hello from St Margaret's!

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Who are we?

Here's a little information:

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We are a large church school in Kent (in the south east of England). There are about 350 children at our school at the moment ranging from 7 to 11 years old.

We are very proud to be part of our school - a fun, exciting and caring community.

Here at St Margaret's we are determined to have fun whilst learning. Everything links together as we learn through topics such as Dinosaurs, Robots, Superheroes and Chocolate.

Our school is an Eco-school—we care about our surroundings and the environment! We have a bronze award at the moment but are working hard towards our silver award in the hope that we will hold the Green Flag by the end of the year.



Where are we within the UK?

Our school day

- * Registration (8:55-9:05)
- * Guided Reading (9:05-9:25)
- * Act of Worship (9:30-9:50)
- * Lesson 1 (9:55 - 10:55)
- * Break (10:55 - 11:10)
- * Lesson 2 (11:10 - 12:30)
- * Lunch (12:30 - 13:30)
- * Lesson 3 & 4 (13:30-15:30)
- * Home-time (15:30)

Clusters

Every Wednesday morning we mix each year group up so that there are 7 to 11 year olds in one of the 12 classrooms. This helps us to make friends with children who we wouldn't ordinarily spend time with. We all love these sessions as they teach us how to support each other, care for one another and how to deal with a whole range of issues that may crop up in everyday life for us. This might be things like dealing with bullies, managing our anger, understanding the needs of others and how each and every one of us can make a difference in the world. We also think a lot about questions that are not always as straightforward as they may seem:

What is wisdom? What is happiness? What is more valuable...?

Meet our teachers!



Mrs Ball is currently teaching in Year 3 and is in charge of our RE.



Miss Bolden is currently teaching in Year 4 and is our PE leader.

Say "Hello" to our pets!

We love animals here at St Margaret's and are very fortunate to have a few furry friends within our school building. We currently have 4 guinea pigs; Grace is our oldest resident and has been in the company of Miss Bushell for 6 years now. She's most certainly got her own personality and knows her own mind! We also have Bubble and Squeak as well as Honey.

There is also Jaffa the hamster in Miss Bolden's class who has been dubbed the school's escape artist! His antics are so notorious his cage has to be secured with a specially designed security device (5 pegs and sticky tape) just to keep him in!



Sport in our school

This is something that we're extremely passionate about - we do more sports than many junior schools in our area! We have an hour of P.E. in the hall each week where we do gymnastics and dance along with a range of other activities. We also do an hour outside playing a wide range of sports including football, rugby, hockey, athletics and netball. As well as all of this we are lucky enough to have our own swimming pool which means we can swim by the time we leave school.

We love sport so much that we have a lot of sports clubs held at lunchtimes and after school; these help us to stay fit and healthy as well as develop our skills further.

The Mini Youth Games are held each year in our area; we participate in every event playing: Hockey, Rugby, Football, Netball, Basketball, Swimming, Badminton, Athletics, Cricket and Table Tennis. We've been champions in the past are currently working hard to win back our crown!

Other clubs and interests

We really enjoy taking part in a wide range of extra curricular interests and are fortunate that the teachers give up their time to clubs in our school. We currently have the following clubs which are open to most of us:

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| Board Games | Chess | Party Dance | Film Club |
| Photography | Lego | Cooking | French |
| Choir | | | |



Have a look around!



A few of our trophies!



Year 5 Corridor



Fraser's Lab



Starfish Malawi Display



Spiritual Garden



Year 3 Classroom

These photos were taken by our Eco-Committee members; all things that they thought were important for you to see.

Some of our work:



Questions from us:

How many children are in your school?

What are the age ranges in your school?

What is a typical school day like?

What time do you start school? What time do you finish?

What are your classrooms like?

Do you have computers in your school?

What sports do you play?

What are your school dinners like?

What are your favourite foods?

Can you teach us how to say something in Chichewa?

What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

*What would you
like to know about
us?*