



Maggie's Round-Up
Autumn Term 1 2026

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Winners



Golden leaf winners

This is the most prestigious award in the school. It recognises children who consistently go above and beyond in demonstrating both our rules and our values. There are very few of these given out each year. A child can only be awarded a Golden Leaf Award once while at St Margaret's.

We have been pleased to award Scarlett her golden leaf this half term.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Children join Mrs Newland for hot chocolate on a Friday if their teacher has made a positive phone call home or they have received a positive note from a member of staff.

Hot chocolate winners: Scarlett, Rosie, Bluebell, Amira, Hector, Aphra, Lucas, Ivy P, Paariniyan, Primrose W, Poppy, Frances, Theo, Esther. Reign, Thomas S, Ivy N, Beau

Vision award winners

Our vision awards are nominated by the children. Children can place a vote into the ballot box at any time for any pupil or member of staff they think lives out the school vision.

Vision award winners: Georgia, Scarlett, Rosie, Darriyus, Esther

Values Awards

Aspiration: Rosie, Alora, Thomas S, Kaviniya, Lily, Ivy N, Darriyus, Alara, Flossy

Wisdom: Amira, Kai, Albie, Phoebe, Pippa E, Clementine

Endurance: Chester, Nancy, Pippa, Beau, Hugo S, Frank, Karunya, Bluebell, Robert

ClassDojo Champions

Albie, Bluebell, Thomas S, Aria, Hamish, Esther, Frances, Penny, Aphra, Frances, Ada, Nancy, Aaryan, Penny, Primrose H, Scarlett

Lunchtime Awards

Kaviniya, Aphra, Sydney, Scarlett, Lily, Clark, Hamish, David, Penny, Theo

Accelerated reader awards

Ready reader 5: Aphra

Ready reader 9: Karunya

Ready reader 11: Theo, Alora

Ready reader 12: Theo

House points so far this year

Ash: 900

Birch: 1026

Hawthorn: 1104

Rowan: 1075

News and information



News

We have been making some exciting changes in school, most notably embarking on our OPAL journey. OPAL is all about enhancing playtimes for the children and is an accreditation we are working towards. So far, we have introduced cardboard, chalks, a mud kitchen, a digging area, a rope tire swing and a music wall into our provision at social times. The children are thoroughly enjoying it and are looking forward to even more to come! If you have any old pans, baking trays, wooden pallets, suitcases or clothes you don't want anymore, we would be very happy to take them off your hands for our playtimes!

We held our harvest festival in church earlier this half term, supported by Revd Tia. As part of our harvest celebrations we collected over 30 kg of food for the food bank, which was gratefully received.

We also held our first pop-up café of the year which was a pleasure to have. We enjoyed some multi-ligal singing from our children in Key Stage 2.

The football team went out to a tournament at St Peter's with 8 teams from local schools attending. They came 3rd overall, which was an excellent result!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our parent evening this week. It was a pleasure to see so many of you there and to be able to talk about all of the amazing achievements we see in school.

Information

There will be more coming from OPAL so please keep an eye out for the new zones and requests for items!

Next half term it will be year 3 and 4 attending forest school every Friday. Mrs Tokeley will be going with them.

Seed class will be visiting The Chelmsford Museum on Tuesday 3rd November.

If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2027, the admissions round opens on November 9th. Please do encourage people to come and have a look around our amazing school.

We also have our panto trip booked on Thursday 26th November. Final details will come out very soon.

Please remember we have a non-pupil day next half term on Friday 27th November.

Coming up we will have more pop-up cafes: come and join us in school for tempting treats and excellent company: January 29th, February 26th, April 30th, May 28th and June 25th.

We will also be holding our Christmas Crib Service in the Church on Friday 18th December at 1:45 pm to which you are warmly invited.

Please do follow us on social media - we are on both Facebook (St. Margaret's CofE Primary School, Toppesfield) and Instagram (@stmargaretstopp). We would love to see as many people as possible liking and sharing our posts to help show off some of the amazing things we are doing and increase our reach - and there are things that get posted on social media that do not go on ClassDojo!

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Dates for your diary



Nov

2nd Return to school

3rd Seed Class visit to Chelmsford museum

6th AM Y3&4 forest school

8th Remembrance service at St Margaret's church

9th Primary applications for 2027 entry opens

10th Girls football tournament

11th Remembrance day

13th Y3&4 forest school

13th Children in Need

16th Anti-bullying week

16th Odd sock day

16th Road safety week

20th Y3&4 forest school

23rd UK Parliament week

26th Whole school to panto

27th Non-pupil day

Dec

4th Y3&4 forest school
4th 2:00 pm Christmas craft afternoon
10th Christmas jumper day
10th Christmas Lunch
10th 1:45 pm Nativity
10th 5:00 pm Nativity
11th FOSMs non-uniform
11th AM Y3&4 forest school
16th 3:30 pm Maggie's museum
18th Progress sheets out
18th AM Y3&4 forest school
18th 1:45 pm Christmas crib service in Church.
All are welcome
21st Christmas break

Jan

4th Non-pupil day
5th Children return
6th DT day
7th AM KS2 swimming
8th FOSMs non-uniform day
8th AM Y3&4 forest school
8th 2:40 pm Blossom Class assembly
14th KS2 swimming
15th Primary application round closes
15th AM Y3&4 forest school
15th 9:00 am SATs parent meeting
15th 10:00 am MTC parent meeting

15th 11:00 am Y1 phonics parent meeting

21st KS2 swimming
22nd Y5 forest school
22nd 2:40 pm Sapling class assembly
27th Geography day
28th KS2 swimming
29th Y5 forest school
29th Pop-up cafe

Feb

Heart month
1st Children's mental health week
3rd Choir to YV27
4th KS2 swimming
5th NSPCC number day
5th AM Y5 forest school
9th Safer internet day
10th Open evening - an opportunity to come
and look at books and work
11th KS2 swimming
12th FOSMs non-uniform day
12th AM Y5 forest school
15th Half term
22nd Return to school
25th KS2 swimming
26th AM Y5 forest school
26th Pop-up cafe

Mar

Women's history month
1st Book week
1st Secondary offer day
4th World Book Day
4th AM KS2 swimming
5th Y5 forest school
5th 2:40 pm Seed class assembly
8th Science week
8th International women's day
10th Ash house parent lunch
11th AM KS2 swimming
12th FOSMs non-uniform
12th Science day
12th AM Y5 forest school
17th Maggie's museum
18th KS2 swimming
19th AM Y5 forest school
19th 2:00 pm Easter craft afternoon
23rd CVC music festival for year 2
24th Easter lunch
25th Reports out
25th 1:45 pm Easter Service
26th Bank holiday
29th Bank holiday
30th Easter break

Apr

Stress awareness month
Autism awareness month
12th Non-pupil day
13th Children return
15th Art day
16th Primary offer day
16th AM YR forest school
21st Birch house parent lunch
22nd Earth day
23rd AM YR forest school
30th AM YR forest school
30th Pop-up cafe

May

National walking month
3rd Bank holiday
3rd Deaf awareness week
5th Hawthorn house parent lunch
7th AM YR forest school
10th Mental health awareness week
10th Y6 SATs week
14th FOSMs non-uniform day
14th AM YR forest school
19th Rowan house parent lunch
20th World Bee Day
20th Walk to school week
20th Colchester Zoo trip
21st AM Y6 Forest school

26th Parents evening

28th AM Y6 forest school

28th Pop-up cafe

31st Bank holiday

Jun

1st Half term

7th Return to school

8th World ocean day

11th FOSMs non-uniform day

11th AM YR forest school

14th Sports week

16th National thank a teacher day

16th Sports day and picnic

18th AM Y6 forest school

21st Music day

22nd KS2 Food and Farming Day (TBC)

23rd Reception 2027 stay and play session

23rd Reception 2027 parent meeting

25th Maggie's moving up day

25th YR and pre-school to forest school

25th Coffee afternoon

July

2nd AM Y6 forest school

5th National school sports week

6th Maggie's museum

7th Meet the teacher sessions

9th FOSMs non-uniform day

9th AM Y6 forest school

9th End of year reports out

13th 1:45 pm RE enquiry conclusion

15th 1:30 pm KS2 production

15th 5:30 pm KS2 production

16th Take everything home day

16th AM Y6 forest school

20th 1:30 Leavers service

21st Non-pupil day

22nd Summer break

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