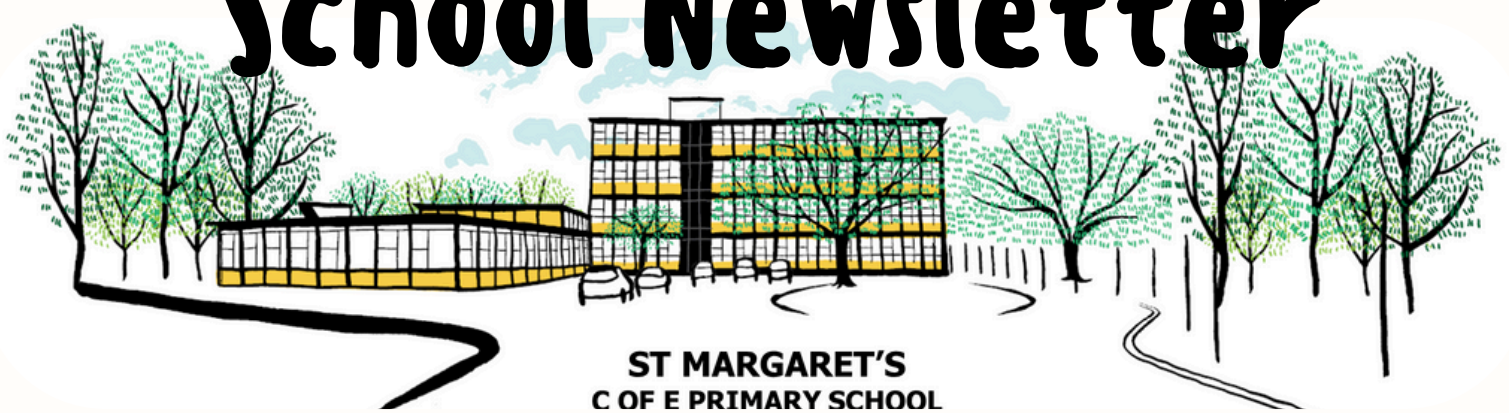
School Newsletter



Spring Term - Friday 23rd January 2026

Headteacher's update

Over the past few weeks, a number of Nursery children have started at St Margaret's. A big welcome to the new families joining our school community.

Year 2 had the Wonderdome Workshop in school to enhance their learning around explorers, and Year 3 had a brilliant time at Chester Zoo this week.

A reminder that parent evenings take place next week. We hope this is a great opportunity to find out how your child is progressing in school.

The value of half term is...

Resilience

In assembly we read the book 'Resilience' by Jayneen Sanders. We thought about how we have shown resilience throughout our lives like the little girl in the story.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly News

House point winners

Rec	Afarooq
Y1	Roshana
Y2	Zainab
Y3	Aneeza
Y4	Kareem
Y5	Niyhra
Y6	Ayman

The winning house this week is...

AL ZAHRAWI

As part of their history unit on significant explorers, **Year 2** pupils set out on a journey through the cosmos in their workshop this week. We loved exploring space, just like Helen Sharman.

To nominate our school for a free Wonderdome visit

wonderdome.co.uk/wonder-awards

Reception have been learning about healthy eating and reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They have managed to sort the caterpillars food into healthy and unhealthy snacks.

This week, **Year 1** students have built homes using lego and duplo blocks as part of their current Art unit.

Year 3 had an enjoyable visit to Chester Zoo this week. Although it rained, the children demonstrated great resilience and were very excited to see the animals.

Year 4 started their PE unit of Netball. They will be learning how to throw, catch and shoot the ball.

Congratulations to the St Margaret's **athletics team** on reaching the Manchester Indoor Athletics Finals at the Manchester Regional Athletics Arena. Competing against 14 schools in their heat, the team progressed to the finals as one of the top 12 schools across Manchester and Greater Manchester. Showing fantastic teamwork and determination, they finished an impressive 10th overall out of 40 schools who entered the competition.

The children from Pankhurst House led an assembly on resilience, exploring ways to build resilience through the story of Emmeline Pankhurst and interviews with inspiring women, June Davies and Louise Dunn.

Online Safety Tip

Keep the Conversation Open

Children are more likely to share online worries when they know they won't get in trouble. Regular conversations matter more than strict rules.

Try asking this:

"What do you enjoy doing online?"

Friendly Reminders

- **For safety reasons, please avoid parking in the car park unless you have a Blue Badge**
- **Remember to book your parents' evening appointment on School Cloud**

Dates for your diary

Mon 26th / Tues 27th January	Parents' Evening - EYFS / KS1
Tuesday 27th January	Year 4 trip to St Margaret's Church
Wed 28th / Thurs 29th January	Parents' Evening - KS2
Wednesday 28th January	Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum / Blue Room trip-Manchester Airport Runway visitor park
Tuesday 3rd February	Year 4 Chester Trip
Wednesday 4th February	VR Workshops for Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 10th February	EYFS tour for prospective parents 9.30am
Friday 11th February	Year 1 Trip to Alexandra Park
Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb	Half Term - School closed
Monday 23rd February	School starts after half term holidays
Wednesday 4th March	School Iftaar

Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays at 8.45am in the school hall.

- **28th January – JNR8 / Whalley Range Community Forum**
- **4th February – Online Safety**
- **11th February – Children's healthy lifestyles/Body image**

Parent activities and Workshops

- **Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00am. Computer and digital literacy for adults**
- **Thursday, 9:00-10:30am. Sewing with Abida**
- **Fridays, 9:00-10:00am. Low intensity fitness class for women; £3.00**