

# St Margaret's Academy

It has been a lovely, appropriately festive final week of term with the cold days and frosty starts. Following on from last week's [KS1 Nativity](#), this week we had the magical KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Cuthbert Mayne for lending us their large hall to fit everyone in. You can see some photos of [children signing](#) during the service in the *Latest News* section under *The Hearing Support Centre* on our website. On Thursday, Miss Pritchard took the [choir](#) to sing for our friends at Dunboyne Court.

Our youngest children have also been busy this week, with family members joining for an afternoon of crafts and then Reception's delightful Christmas performance to help get us in the mood for the break.

We finished the week today with our special end-of-term recognition assembly when staff from across the school nominated individuals for special values badges.

## Giving to the Community



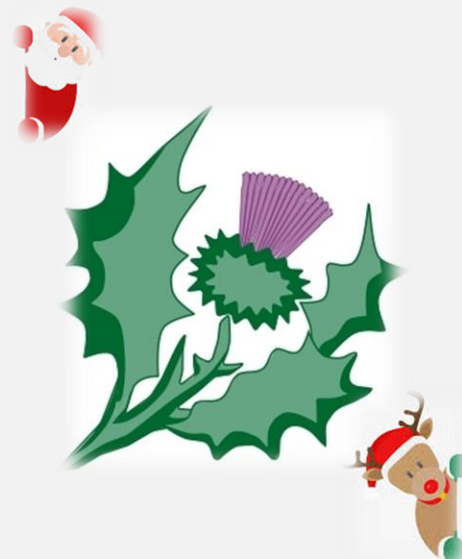
In our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Blog you can read about the community spirit of Mr Tullier and our student councillors who made [soup for the homeless](#) this week. Such a lovely act of kindness.

Thank you to them.



In our end of term assembly, we were joined by [Rowcroft Hospice](#) who presented a cheque for the staggering amount of £3197.50 that you and your children raised; such a phenomenal

amount of kindness. Thank you to Mrs Cosh and Miss Blackburn who were the organisers and inspiration to have this event. The children enjoyed the whole experience too, from fund raising to taking part in the Rudolph Run on a frosty morning on our running track, complete with antlers and red noses. Find out more in our SMSC Blog.



**The class with the highest attendance this week goes to**

**Birch Class  
97.1%**

**Well Done!**



## Curriculum News



Catch up with news from the [Y5/6 boys' football](#) and their latest league position in the Sport Blog. In our Writing Blog you can see how [Year 1](#) have been studying characters in stories and how [Year 2](#) have used their learning in History to write diaries about The Great Fire of London. Look in the Design Technology Blog to see how Year 1s followed the full

DT process through from research to final product with their [play equipment models](#); brilliant! You can also see Year 6s' fantastic [Christmas DT structures](#), designed and made for a real purpose; the children loved this work – enjoy! Look in the [PSHE Blog](#) to see how Year 1 Pine also enjoyed a Christmas treat of candy making.

### Help with Rising Costs – UPDATED and Reminders

- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look: <https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Have a brilliant Christmas! See you all for more fun starting for the children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



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