



## Time to say goodbye

The end of the summer term is a huge milestone in the lives of our Year 6 children. Time to leave Stella Maris and embark on their secondary school careers!

An important part of the process of marking this memorable occasion was our Leavers' Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Guildhall Street. The children read beautifully, filled the church with wonderful singing, and each member of Unicorns' Class received a very special Nicaraguan cross to remind them of their time at Stella Maris

- May there always be work for your hands to do.
- May your purse always hold a coin or two.
- May the sun always shine upon your window pane.
- May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
- May the hand of a friend always be near to you and
- May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



We also bid farewell to two members of staff who will be sorely missed at Stella Maris. We wish Miss Daly (soon to be Mrs Doherty) and Mrs Bain all the very best of luck with their new adventures. We sincerely hope they will return to our school in the future.

## Staff Changes

Staff for next year are as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Imps	Mrs Felicetti	Mrs Calzolari,
Pixies	Mrs Jukes/ Mrs Mackell	Mrs Green
Elves	Mr Potts	Mrs Truett Mrs Blackie Mrs Dickenson
Hobbits	Miss Storti	Mrs Welsh Miss Jago Mrs Harvey
Dragons	Miss Baker	Miss Gallagher Mrs Groombridge
Griffins	Mrs Langley Mr Langley	Mrs Barden
Unicorns	Miss Moore	Mrs Harrison Mrs Stevens Miss Lee

## SATs - Well done for the Summer tests!

Well done to everyone – but especially the children! They coped so well with the pressure of the annual SATs tests.

Both the Unicorns and Elves have now finished with the tests for this year – and they responded magnificently to the challenge!

The Pixies, too, have now completed the Phonics Screening Test with great results!

In spite of what you may have heard in the media about what a difficult time this is for 6, 7 and 11-year-olds, we can take some pride in the fact that our youngsters were 'well up for it' and have done their very best to show what they are capable of achieving. The results for our school this year are evidence of how hard everyone has worked!:-

For Reaching a Good Level of Development	Stella Maris	National 2018
Early Years	73%	72%
Phonics	77%	82%

Children that have met Expected Standard	Stella Maris	National 2019
KS1 Reading	68%	75%
KS1 Writing	55%	70%
KS1 Maths	65%	76%
KS2 Reading	87%	73%
KS2 Writing	80%	78%
KS2 Maths	93%	79%
KS2 SPAG	83%	78%

We are particularly proud of the Y6 children for giving Stella Maris the best ever SATs results for this year group. This concludes the learning journey they have been on throughout KS2. Thank you to all the teachers who have supported them; but most of all, thank you to the children for their resilience and positive attitude.

## Parent Pay and managing your accounts

If you are booking Breakfast Club or After School Club for your child, please remember that we are not accepting cash for these items in the school office from September. These will be charged on ParentPay. It is really important that you keep your accounts up to date and in credit – any debt associated with these clubs have an impact on the provision we can offer.

Thank you to the parents that have returned the booking form for next year. If you have not required this provision in the past, but may next year, please email [office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@stellamaris.kent.sch.uk) and a form will be sent home for you.

## After School Provision

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From September, we have to put the price of this provision to £6 as it is currently not covering all associated costs. This provision is available until 5.00 p.m. each school day.

## Breakfast Club

The school offers Breakfast Club for those children who need to be dropped at school before 8.30 a.m. Children should not be sent to school earlier than 8.30 a.m. if they do not intend to come to this provision. For Safeguarding reasons, your child should not be left outside the playground unattended.

From September, the cost of this provision is £1.50 per day.

## Tennis Club

Well done to the 8 pupils who have been attending Tennis club throughout the summer term. Mrs Calzolari has taken these children each Tuesday to the Sports Centre where they have enjoyed this activity. Thank you to Chris at The Sports Centre for his commitment and encouragement to these children.



## District Sports

Stella Maris have enjoyed even more success this year – this time with our sporting achievements at the recent District Sports. The children came joint first in their category and will share a trophy with another local school. Congratulations to these young athletes who represented the school so well.



## Trophy winners

At our final assembly, we gave out trophies to mark the achievements of some of our pupils.

Congratulations first of all to our Sports' Day winners:

- Daisybelle and Freddie for the Imps' Class flat races
- Tessa and Alex for the Pixies' Class flat races
- Chloe and Theo for the Elves' Class flat races
- Tabitha and Oakley for the Hobbits' Class flat races
- Mayowa and Dylan for the Dragons' Class flat races
- Annelese and Ely for the Griffins' Class flat races
- Nicole and Kai for the Unicorns' Class flat races
- Mayowa, Oakley, Rosie and Kai for the Long Distance races

Trophies were also awarded for other forms of achievement:

- The Pauline Pook Caring Cup to Dylan in Elves' Class
- The Stella Maris Writing Cup to Megan in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Progress Cup to Callum in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Merit Cup to Nathan in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Good Citizen Cup Shannon in Unicorns' Class

## Perfect attendance

Congratulations to the following children who achieved 'perfect attendance' for the whole of this school year (not missing a single day at school):

**Imps :** Logan, Alexander, Oliver and Karis  
**Pixies:** Violet and Nathan  
**Elves:** Ella and Zachary  
**Hobbits:** Harvey, Emily, Eleanor and Sophia  
**Dragons:** Ella, Mia and Leo  
**Griffins:** Lorcan  
**Unicorns:** Ethan

This is a fantastic achievement for all these children – well done!

Our attendance target this year was 96.5% for the whole school – **and we hit it!**

As a reward, the children enjoyed an ice cream visit on Wednesday.



Well done to you all for your amazing efforts, and let's see if we can hit 96.75% next year!

Very well done to our Imps for the best attendance! The class 'league table' looks like this:

Imps	97.36%	Pixies	97.04%
Elves	96.58%	Hobbits	97.30%
Dragons	96.86%	Griffins	96.11%
Unicorns	96.46%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.66%</b>

## Ourschoolsapp

Over the past few weeks, we have had a number of parents concerned they are not aware of certain events in the school. Please remember to ensure your notifications are turned on to Ourschoolsapp – this will ensure all parents/carers are as informed as possible. In the new term, the app will be modified so that we can target specific groups of parents and children.

## Elite Coaching

Remember that Elite Coaching details can be found on our website. If you need to book support for this summer for their Holiday Club, please contact Martin or Michael at Elite.

## Chess Club

**Folkestone Junior Chess Club**

<https://folkestone-chess.wixsite.com/folkestonechessclub>

