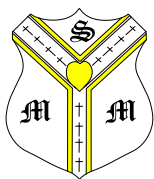


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 12th September 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	96.7%	Class 7	99.2%
Class 2	97%	Class 8	95.6%
Class 3	96.7%	Class 9	98.3%
Class 4	98.3%	Class 10	91.7%
Class 5	98.4%	Class 11	98.3%
Class 6	97.2%	Class 12	100%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Some brilliant attendances this week—well done everyone!! Let's keep this up next week too. Our overall attendance this week was 97.3%

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12 .

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 7.

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class .

The children in these classes will enjoy a treat of their choice after discussions with their class teacher.

NEW INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

This year we have set up a new way to communicate with you through using social media. We have launched our new Instagram account which we will be used as a window into daily life in our wonderful school.



Please follow us on www.instagram.com/smmi.infants

SNACKTEMBER

Yesterday we welcomed Sophie into school from the Health Improvement Team in Knowsley. We had a special assembly about 'Snacktember.'

From next week, we are going to take part in 'Try it Tuesday'. Children will have the chance to try snacks that they might not have tasted before. These items will be provided by school and will include a variety of fruits and vegetables.

For the rest of September, we are inviting pupils to bring a **small healthy snack** to eat during the day/at break time.

Some ideas are shown here.



Vegetable sticks
Such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrots, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.



Cheese
A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel. A great source of calcium and protein.



Carbohydrates
Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads.



Fresh or dried fruit
Fruit is high in fibre and vitamins. Apples, bananas, raisins, dried apricots, blueberries, pears and oranges are all great snacks.

We hope the children will enjoy taking part in our new Snacktember fun!

COMMUNICATION—MOVING FORWARD

We have listened to your comments about how we communicate with you and hope that the changes we have made, you will see a difference.

We have sent home a letter today outlining how we as a school will communicate with our families.

These are in the following ways:

Newsletter - our weekly newsletter will continue to be sent out each week containing information about upcoming events and also things that have happened during our school week. It will also contain our award winners each week. This will be published on our **SCHOOL WEBSITE** and also sent via SEESAW. Families will also be able to click on QR codes around school to access this easily.

Seesaw - teachers will send out a QR code link, via a letter, to their Seesaw class page which will connect families to their child's class. Teachers will use this to communicate messages for their class, post pictures of children in class and also to celebrate events with their own class. It will also be used for homework. Families will be able to link to their child's class Seesaw page if they register.

Instagram - we are pleased to inform you that we will now be using Instagram as a whole school communication tool to tell you about our events, celebrations and important information and give you a window into our school life. We hope you will follow us on our page at

www.instagram.com/smmi.infants

This will replace our Twitter page.

Email - we appreciate that from time to time you will need to contact us via email. We ask that all email communication is sent to the school office. All emails will then be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

Our email address is: stmargaretmary@knowsley.gov.uk

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD

We have exciting news to share!

We are currently applying for the bronze award as a 'Healthy School.'

Well done to the following children who are our new Healthy School Ambassadors:

Class 1: Max and Ameria

Class 2: Thomas and Lauren

Class 3: Jaiden and Eliza

Class 4: Jaxon and Samuel

Class 5: George and Robyn

Class 6: Zach and Nova

Class 7: Lewis and Ava

Class 8: Monty and Elena



To try and achieve the award here are some reminders about healthy packed lunches.

Please be mindful that we are now a Nut-Free School due to many pupils having serious allergies. This even includes food that may contain traces of nuts.

This will help us to keep all of our pupils safe.

Packed lunches should aim to include:

- At least one portion of fruit or one portion of vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks) every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas)
- Oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- A starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals every day, including cereal bars.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais everyday.
- Only water or milk to be consistent with what is offered in school.

Our Healthy School Ambassadors will help us to keep an eye on packed lunches and awards will be given for healthy lunchboxes!

Thank you for your support and we will hopefully receive our Bronze Award very soon!

DO JO'S and rewards

You may have heard your child talking about receiving Do Jo's at home over this week. This is our rewards system that we have in place to encourage good behaviours around school and from the children towards each other.

Behaviours rewarded are some of the following:

- *Helping Others
- *Showing Team work
- *Tidying up
- *Honesty
- *Being On Task
- *Try their best
- *Walking sensibly
- *Politeness
- *Kindness
- *Setting a good example
- *Listening

Children are rewarded points for showing the above behaviours and others from staff, which are collated on line by teaching staff. The children have responded well to these and are pleased at getting their Do Jos.

At the end of every month the children's Do Jos are tallied up and they receive a certificate for obtaining the following amounts:

30 Dojos: Bronze certificate

60 Dojos: Silver certificate

90 Dojos: Gold certificate

100 Dojos: Platinum certificate

Do Jo's are reset every month. Posters are in class and around the school to remind the children about how they can achieve Do Jos.

The children are also still receiving our weekly loving, learning and growing certificates in assembly each week. Names of our winners appear on our newsletter each week.

We have also introduced a writing star of the week for each class. Names will appear on our newsletter also.

We hope the children enjoy receiving these rewards and take pride in their certificates.

Parent Pay

Parents are reminded that we are a cashless school and use ParentPay as our paying and booking in system for school trips, events and school dinners.

Parents will receive a letter with a link and password to register for this from us, if they are new to the school.

Nursery extended hours

We offer extended hours to our Nursery provision from 2.30pm till 3.15pm every day for those who wish to use it. This is costed at £4.50 each day. If you wish to know more about this please ask at the school office.

Breakfast and After School Club

Just a reminder that we offer Breakfast and After School Club for all our children. This is run by our own staff in school.

Breakfast Club is charged at £3.25 per session.

After School Club is charged at £8.50 per session.

If you would like more information please speak to the school office, Mrs Harris or Miss Mahoney.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND INFORMATION EVENT FOR PARENTS

We would like to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee mornings where you can meet the teachers and help us raise money for people living with cancer. For a donation, we will be selling cakes and a cuppa to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support on each of our information events which are on the following dates in the school canteen:

Year One—Tuesday 16th September at 9.15am

Year Two- Wednesday 17th September at 9.15am

Reception- Thursday 18th September at 9.15am

On Friday 26th September, as a whole school event, the children will take part in the National Macmillan Coffee morning and enjoy a cupcake in class with their friends.

We kindly ask if parents are able to donate any cupcakes for their child's class and a small cash Donation for them to buy a cake.

If your child has allergies please provide them with a cake or something else on this day.

We hope you will support us with this fantastic fundraising event which we take part in every year.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Well done to the following children who have been chosen by their classmates to be our School Councillors for this year.

Class 1- Ivy and Wade

Class 2— Ellie and Ethan

Class 3— Ada and Thomas

Class 4— Henry and Faith

Class 5— Lennon and Pippa

Class 6— Ashton and Akira

Class 7— Archie and Antonia

Class 8—Elliot and Ava

ECO COUNCILLORS

Well done to the following children who have been chosen by their classmates to be our Eco Councillors for this year.

Class 1- Tianna and Edward

Class 2— Matilda and Blane

Class 3— Harper and Sonny

Class 4— Hattie and Benin

Class 5— Luca and Poppy

Class 6— Ethan and Lexi-May

Class 7— Hannah and Oliver

Class 8— Bobby and Amelia

CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

The following children have been awarded certificates this week in our Awards assembly today. Names will appear each week on our newsletter as a congratulations and well done.

LOVING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Ella McCullough	Class 2- Harry Jones
Class 3 - Eliza Hunt	Class 4 - Aria Doyle
Class 5- Pippa Edmonds	Class 6—Akira Chukw-Baird
Class 7— Ava McCartney	Class 8 - Imogen Higgins
Class 9 - Roman Alzahabi	Class 10 - Benita Varghese
Class 11— Hallie Blackmore	Class 12 - Isabelle Barnett
Nursery 1—Maeva Maher	Nursery 2— Harrison Webb

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- James Carter Davies	Class 2 - Isabella Nelson
Class 3 - Alfie Williams	Class 4 - Hattie Goldie
Class 5- Grayson Jacobsen	Class 6 - Luca Jones
Class 7 - Penelope Kearney	Class 8 - Chelsey Laffey
Class 9 - Ruby Duncan	Class 10— Megan Brady
Class 11 - George Hillis	Class 12—Adam Lee Russell
Nursery 1 - Hugo Curran	Nursery 2 - Bodhi Karmellhi

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Ralph Culbert	Class 2 - Ethan McKnight
Class 3 - Willow Avello	Class 4 - Samuel Ola
Class 5- Bonnie Burgess	Class 6 - Lexi-May McDonagh
Class 7 - Evie Campbell	Class 8 - Charlie Ellis Kennedy
Class 9 - Lucia Nee	Class 10 - Roman Jacobsen
Class 11 - Vinny Brighthouse	Class 12—Luke Leavesley
Nursery 1 - Haizel Thomas	Nursery 2 - Lilly Mai Chan

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Isabel Anish	Reception- Albert Connolly
Year One - Elliot Brady	Year Two - Ivy Hughes

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1- Barerrah Muhammad	Class 2- Ellie Jo Hartley
Class 3 - Nora Jijo	Class 4 - Thomas Dillon
Class 5- Luca Fitzpatrick	Class 6— Kendal Cox
Class 7—Antonia Buzea	Class 8 - Noah Sullivan
Class 9 - Quinn Kenny	Class 10 - Ivy Noble
Class 11—Lila Rose Cameron	Class 12 - Reuben Hodgson
Nursery 1- Hephzibah Ardin Alexander	Nursery 2- Freya Bibby



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday 16th September	9.15am Year One Coffee Morning and information for parents event
Wednesday 17th September	9.15am Year Two Coffee Morning and information for parents event
Thursday 18th September	9.15am Reception Coffee Morning and information for parents event
Tuesday 23rd September	9.15am Class 1 and 2 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen) TIME CHANGE
Friday 26th September	MacMillan Cupcake Day (more info to be sent)
Wednesday 1st October	9.00am Nursery Stay and Play - Session 1 12.30pm Nursery Stay and Play - Session 2
Thursday 2nd October	9.00am –11.00am POPP session 1 in the Juniors
Tuesday 7th October	9.15am Class 7 and 8 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen) TIME CHANGE
Thursday 9th October	9.00am –11.00am POPP session 2 in the Juniors
Wednesday 15th October	9.00am Reception Stay and Play sessions in classes
Thursday 16th October	9.00am –11.00am POPP session 3 in the Juniors
Friday 17th October	2.00pm Welcome service for Reception children and parents led by Year 2
Tuesday 21st October	9.15am Class 5 and 6 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen) TIME CHANGE
Thursday 23rd October	9.00am –11.00am POPP session 4 in the Juniors
Friday 24th October	Own clothes day Food bank collection day

Please be aware, dates may change due to exceptional circumstances.

ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS TIMES- Saturday evening at 5.30p.m. and Sundays (including Children's Church) at 10.00a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday at 5pm.
Please follow this link for the parish newsletter

[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)





St Margaret Mary's
Catholic Infant School



School Uniform:

The wearing of a school uniform fosters in our children a pride in their personal appearance and a belonging to our school community. We therefore expect ALL of our children to wear it. Our SUMMER Uniform is optional. Information about this and our normal uniform is below. This is from Reception to Year 2.

<u>Boys:</u>	<u>Girls:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Black and gold striped school tie *White shirt (winter months) *Grey pullover *Grey shorts or trousers *Black school shoes *White/grey socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Black and gold striped school tie *White blouse (winter months) *Grey pullover/cardigan *Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers *Black school shoes - for safety reasons, girls should wear shoes without high heels *White/grey socks
<p><u>SUMMER (optional)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Black trousers or optional shorts *Yellow Polo T-Shirt *Black shoes - NO TRAINERS 	<p><u>SUMMER (optional)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Optional yellow gingham checked <u>Summer</u> dress *White polo shirt with skirt/pinafore *Black or white flat shoes - NO TRAINERS
<u>Nursery Uniform</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grey tracksuit bottoms • yellow t-shirt • grey jumper • accessible shoes for children to remove and put back on by themselves (Velcro preferably) 	

PE Kit:

- *Black shorts
- *Black leggings or jogging bottoms (OPTIONAL)
- *Black jumper with school badge (OPTIONAL)
- *Yellow crew neck t shirt
- *Black slip-on pumps or trainers

PE KIT IS TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL ON ONLY CLASS PE DAYS FOR THE WHOLE DAY
Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. All PE kits can be purchased through our uniform suppliers. Details below.

FOOTWEAR:

Shoes need to be BLACK - and children need to be able to put them on and take them off by themselves. Slip-ons, Velcro or simple buckle fastenings are much easier for your child to manage, in our younger year groups. NO TRAINER like shoes are acceptable i.e. named brands. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

NOTE: All garments should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Uniform is available to purchase from Lisa's ~~Schoolwear~~, East Prescott Road,

West Derby ~~Schoolwear~~, 239-241 Eaton Road

<https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/st-margaret-marys-catholic-infant-school/>

REMINDER – NUT ALLERGIES OF CHILDREN

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This is just a polite reminder about not sending your child into school with foods containing nuts.

We have several children in school who have a very serious nut allergy that can develop into a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction in a matter of minutes. For this reason, all nut-based products are not allowed on the school premises.

An allergic reaction or anaphylaxis can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products.

Please remember to check the labels of all food and even if it says may contain nuts, then please do not send that food product into school.

For example:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spreads like Nutella
- Cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Cakes containing nuts
- Condiments e.g. sauces

In the event that a member of staff notices a pupil eating an item that may contain nuts, the item will be removed politely, the adult will explain why this has been done and the item will be disposed of. This is to protect any child who may have a nut allergy. An alternative or additional food will be offered for that child, if available. To protect all of our pupils, staff will routinely monitor what pupils bring in for their packed lunches on an ad hoc basis.

We ask that all parents please make sure that you have ***no nut products or products that may contain traces of nuts in the lunch boxes of your child or brought into the school as treats.*** We thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation regarding this matter.

Kind regards,

Miss Carroll

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School

Terms and Holidays

Academic Year 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025 Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term Break up Friday 24th October 2025

Return Monday 3rd November 2025

Christmas Holiday Break up Friday 19th December 2025

Return Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term 2026 Monday 5th January 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026

Spring Half Term Break up Friday 13th February 2026

Return Tuesday 24th February 2026

Spring Holiday Break up Thursday 2nd April 2026

Return Tuesday 14th April 2026

Summer Term 2026 Tuesday 14th April 2026 to Tuesday 21st July 2026

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Summer Half Term Break up Friday 22nd May 2026

Return Monday 8th June 2026

Summer Holidays Break up Tuesday 21st July 2026

Inset Days

Monday 1st September 2025 / Friday 28th November 2025 / Monday 23rd February
2026 / Monday 13th April 2026 / Friday 5th June 2026

Power Of Parenting

pop in to our Power of Parenting group

Fancy a
cuppa?



Have a cuppa and a chat with other parents
in an informal and relaxed atmosphere

Group run by Learning Mentors Jackie Harris & Carmel Perry

Session 1	Thursday	2nd October 2025	9 — 11am
Session 2	Thursday	9th October 2025	9 — 11am
Session 3	Thursday	16th October 2025	9 — 11am
Session 4	Thursday	23rd October 2025	9—10am

Venue: St Margaret Marys JUNIOR School

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world.
Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers
and motivators for their children.

The POPP programme aims to build on parenting skills, increase
confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and
encourage positive behaviours in children.

**On Thursday 23rd October (4th session) your child will accompany
you in taking part in some fun practical activities that will help to
support them to reduce stress, anxiety and feel a sense of calm.**

If you are interested in attending the **Power Of Parenting Programme**
please complete below or contact Mrs Harris or your child's class
teacher no later than - **Monday 29th September 2025.**

***Places are limited and will be offered on a
'first come first served' basis***

Power Of Parenting Programme

Parent's name _____
Contact number _____
Childs name _____ Class _____