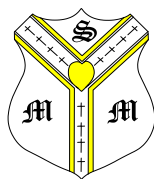


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	95.3%	Class 7	93.2%
Class 2	98.7%	Class 8	99.6%
Class 3	96.9%	Class 9	93.9%
Class 4	95%	Class 10	94.2%
Class 5	94.8%	Class 11	95.8%
Class 6	99.2%	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 96.6%

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 8 .

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2.

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

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

Moving forwards, each 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.'

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee Morning information events- we appreciate you taking the time to come. All information will be posted on our school website for anyone who wasn't able to.

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.

FAMILY LEARNING—PUPPET MAKING

Our family learning link teacher will be delivering sessions for children and parents on the following dates for our Reception parents and children. If you would like to book a place please contact the office to see if places are left.

Classes 9 and 10—Wednesday 24th September. 2.00pm till 3.00pm.

Classes 11 and 12—Wednesday 1st October. 2.00pm till 3.00pm.

Access to the workshop is through the school office

School Nurse Support

Our School Nurse Emma Davies will be offering monthly telephone appointments.

Emma can offer support and guidance on any health and development concerns that may be impacting upon your child and family, these may include:

*Bed Wetting
Poor Sleep Patterns
Head Lice
Fussy Eaters*

*Vision/Hearing Concerns
Height & Weight
Behavioural Difficulties
Emotional Development*

No Problem is too small, if School Nurse can't directly support you she will point you in the right direction.

*There are 4 appointments available on **Tuesday 23rd September 2025***

11.30am, 12pm, 12.30pm and 1pm.

If you are interested, please contact our school office to book a telephone appointment.

Appointments will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Mrs J. Harris
Learning Mentor

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– Nellie Collis	Class 2– Isla Mae Hughes
Class 3 - Eliza Birch	Class 4 - Sophia McDonough
Class 5– Grayson Jacobsen	Class 6—Pearl Williams
Class 7—Lexi Korbel	Class 8 - Olive Doyle
Class 9 - Freddie Thompson	Class 10 - Jacob Jones
Class 11—Maggie Bradford	Class 12 - Isla Niker
Nursery 1—Pippa Lowry	Nursery 2— Penny

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Millie Mottram	Class 2– Lyla Noble
Class 3 - Mimi Cooney	Class 4 - Jaxon Webb
Class 5– George Loftus Burke	Class 6—Archie Daly
Class 7—Elsie Godwin-Smith	Class 8 - Lottie Connolly
Class 9 - Isabelle Smith	Class 10 - Nola Byrne
Class 11—Rosie Black	Class 12 - Poppy Dykstra
Nursery 1—Harlow Saggars	Nursery 2— Jacob James

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Bobby Powell	Class 2– Lauren Jinu
Class 3 - Freya Cross	Class 4 - Nellie Newcombe
Class 5– Joseph Smith	Class 6—Lincoln Amor
Class 7—Leighton Monaghan	Class 8 - Olivia McFarland
Class 9 - Makar Lutsak	Class 10 - Aaliyah Rose Clay
Class 11—Mateo Akpede Ellison	Class 12 - Rasan Khezri
Nursery 1—Freddie Johnson	Nursery 2— Kyra

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Amirah	Reception– Ariella Burgess
Year One - Sandra Jacob	Year Two - Ada Walsh Needham

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Edward Humphries	Class 2– Louie Atkinson
Class 3 - Isla Durgan	Class 4 - Connie Ward
Class 5– Robyn Caldwell	Class 6—Annie Sutherberry
Class 7—Lewis Moorcroft	Class 8 - Roman Croft
Class 9 - Aambal Sujith	Class 10 - Asrith Amal
Class 11—Willow Hall	Class 12 - Dennis Parry
Nursery 1—Haizel Thomas	Nursery 2— Harrison Webb



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 22nd September	Year 2 LFC football competition event at LFC academy (Letters sent from Mr Nolan)
Tuesday 23rd September	9.15am Class 1 and 2 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen) TIME CHANGE
Wednesday 24th September	2.00pm till 3.00pm Class 9 and Class 10 Family Learning Puppet Making session
Friday 26th September	MacMillan Cupcake Day for children
Tuesday 30th September	3.15pm till 4.15pm Yr 1 Art Club (20 places)
Wednesday 1st October	9.00am Nursery Stay and Play - Session 1 12.30pm Nursery Stay and Play - Session 2
Wednesday 1st October	Year 2 MISP sessions throughout the day
Wednesday 1st October	2.00pm till 3.00pm Class 11 and Class 12 Family Learning Puppet Making session
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

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

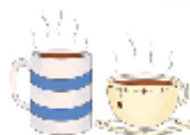
Inset Days

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 _____

SEND Parent Support Drop In



Knowsley Health Visitors/School Health Team, along with Home-Start Knowsley run an on-going SEND Drop-in service, as listed below. This is for any parents/carers of Knowsley children/young people (aged 0-25 years) who have potential or confirmed additional needs. Just pop in for a coffee and a chat and we can advise and link you in with the local support/make appropriate referrals that your child might benefit from at this time. No appointment necessary.

George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, Whiston, L35 3SR

Every 1st Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 4th September

Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 6th November

Thursday 4th December

Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,

2 Simonswood Lane, Northwood, L33 5YP

Every 2nd Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 11th September

Thursday 9th October

Thursday 13th November

Thursday 11th December

Hilltop Children's Centre, Bedford Close, Huyton, L36 1XH

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Wednesday 17th September

Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 19th November

Wednesday 17th December

New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,

Halewood, L26 1TT

Every 4th Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November

For any further information please call Knowsley School Health and Health Visiting

Team: 0151 514 2666 or Knowsley Homestart: 0151 480 3910

