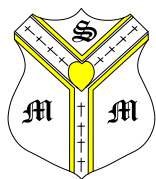


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025



## School Attendance Matters

Class 1	97.7%	Class 7	96.8%
Class 2	93.0%	Class 8	97.2%
Class 3	91.7%	Class 9	92.2%
Class 4	97.3%	Class 10	91.3%
Class 5	98.8%	Class 11	91.7%
Class 6	97.2%	Class 12	95.8%

### School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



**Our target for attendance this year is 96%**

Some great attendances this week—well done everyone!! Let's keep this up next week too. Our overall attendance this week was 96.1%

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5 .

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 1.

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](https://www.instagram.com/smmi.infants)



## SNACKTEMBER

We had a special assembly about 'Snacktember' with Sophie from Healthy Schools.

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.

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



#### **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.

## **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](https://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](mailto:stmargaretmary@knowsley.gov.uk)

## **SCHOOL PATROL CROSSING**

We have been informed that there will be no school crossing patrol cover from Monday 29.09.25 until 6.10.25 on Pilch Lane / outside the juniors.  
Please use the controlled crossing outside the Infant school

## **PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS**

We are looking for a new parent governor to join our governing body. Letters were sent home this week about nominations and how to apply. If you are interested please see our school website for a copy of the letter and nomination form or pop into the school office.

Nominations must be received by Friday 17th October

## **PTA EVENT—MONSTER MASH DISCO**

Our newly established PTA have organised their first events of the year for our children and school community.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Our first event will be a MONSTER MASH DISCO on the following dates for each of the year groups shown.

**Nursery/Reception - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm till 5.30pm**

**Year One - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - 4.30pm till 5.30pm**

**Year Two - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - 4.30pm till 5.30pm**

Tickets will cost £5.00 and can be ordered through Parent Pay from the end of next week.

Ticket price consists of - entrance, drink, crisps and sweets. Tea and Coffee will be available for adults.

Games will take place during the event e.g. pass the parcel, musical statues, parade of best costumes around the room for everyone to see.

Prizes will be given for game winners.

If any parents have any decorations that they are willing to donate for these events we would really appreciate it.

**PLEASE NOTE**—Children will not be allowed to bring or wear accessories due to health and safety reasons and also in case they get lost.

**CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE EVENT.**

### **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.

## **AUTUMN PARTY DAY**

### **Autumn Party Day Thursday 2nd October 2025**

**Chicken nuggets, chips, a fruit pot, iced school cake and a drink.**

**Vegetarian option: Quorn nuggets, chips, a fruit pot, iced school cake and a drink.**

**Free to all children in Reception – Year 2.**

**Please book via Parentpay choosing the hot/main meal option on this date.**

Note: There will only be this meal option on this day.



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

Access to the workshop is through the school office

## **FAMILY LEARNING—Autumn Craft**

Our Family Learning teacher will be holding an Autumn Craft workshop with parents and children from Classes 5 and 6 on

Wednesday 8th October from 2.00pm till 3.00pm

If you are interested in a place on this please book through the school office.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Parents will be informed by our office if they have been successful getting a place.

## **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.

<b>LOVING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1—Summer Mottram	Class 2—Francis Mears
Class 3—Ibadat Garg	Class 4—Bella Rose Murphy
Class 5—Eden Wignall	Class 6—Ethan Stephenson
Class 7—Hannah Pietrasik	Class 8—Paul Lavin
Class 9—Riccardo Baido	Class 10—Molly Cain
Class 11—Dvith Sreejith Nair	Class 12—Harry Fitzpatrick
Nursery 1—Autumn Jones	Nursery 2—Primrose Noorzadeh

<b>LEARNING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1—Jack Sullivan	Class 2—Rayan Mohammed
Class 3—Penny Coleman	Class 4—Frankie Connolly
Class 5—Poppy Cain	Class 6—Zachary Morgan
Class 7—David Varghese	Class 8—Bobby Nelson
Class 9—Oliver Munroe	Class 10—Quinn Jones
Class 11—Ella Rae Chapman	Class 12—Albie Oswald
Nursery 1—Louie Newcombe	Nursery 2—Tejith Sinnatharmby

<b>GROWING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1—Wade Birch	Class 2—Luna Martland
Class 3—Elsie Mae Kinsella	Class 4—Henry Aaron
Class 5—Louis Ealey	Class 6—Vienna Needham
Class 7—Astrid Hale	Class 8—Amelia Harvey
Class 9—Alba Cross	Class 10—Riva Forster
Class 11—Edie Begley	Class 12—Arlo Tierney
Nursery 1—Rubin Durgan	Nursery 2—Melanie Hollis

<b>MISSION STATEMENT AWARD</b>	
Nursery—Matilda Hunter Dowell	
Year One—Laura Przytula	Year Two—Ada Walsh Needham and Aria Doyle

## WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1—Josh Senior Farrell	Class 2— James O’Brien
Class 3—Joe Lowry	Class 4—Harper Tomlinson Gubb
Class 5—Jewel Able	Class 6—Ashton Curran
Class 7—Orlah Hampson	Class 8—Maya McKenna
Class 9—Roman Alzahabi	Class 10— Mason O’Brien
Class 11—John Patrick Tiernan	Class 12—Nyla Harwin
Nursery 1—Lagertha Jomon	Nursery 2—Amirah Meaco McGrath



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday 30th September	3.15pm till 4.15pm Year 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) <b>TIME CHANGE</b>
Tuesday 7th October	School photographer in school
Wednesday 8th October	Year 2 MISP sessions throughout the day
Wednesday 8th October	2.00pm-3.00pm Class 5 and 6 Autumn Family Learning workshop
Thursday 9th October	9.00am –11.00am POPP session 2 in the Juniors
Tuesday 14th October	3.15pm till 4.15pm Year 1 Art Club (20 places)
Tuesday 14th October	3.15pm till 4.00pm School Council
Wednesday 15th October	9.00am Reception Stay and Play sessions in classes
Wednesday 15th October	Year 2 MISP sessions throughout the day
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) <b>TIME CHANGE</b>
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



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

### 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/>



**St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School**

**Terms and Holidays**

**Academic Year 2025-26**

**Autumn Term 2025 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Autumn Half Term Break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Return Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Christmas Holiday Break up Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Return Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Spring Term 2026 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

Spring Half Term Break up Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Return Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Spring Holiday Break up Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Return Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Summer Term 2026 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Summer Half Term Break up Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Return Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Summer Holidays Break up Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

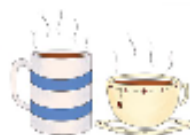
**Inset Days**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 / Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 / Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
2026 / Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 / Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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***

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## Power Of Parenting Programme

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number \_\_\_\_\_  
Childs name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

# SEND Parent Support Drop In



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

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

Thursday 4th September

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**Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,  
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Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November



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

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The Presbytery  
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W: [www.stmargaretmarys.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretmarys.org.uk)

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Parish Priest: Father Roy Cooper  
Administrator: Denise Hague  
Safeguarding: Rose Moffat, Terri Wilson

Presbytery: 0151 394 0507  
Parish Centre: 0151 220 6616  
Convent: 0151 228 3970  
Infants School: 0151 477 8815  
Juniors School: 0151 477 8490



LITURGICAL CALENDAR			Sanctuary Lamp burns for Fr Joe Bibby	
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)			Our Lady's Lamp burns for Ryan O'Malley	
DAY		TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday	27th September	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass	Parishioners
Sunday	28th September	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	Teresa & Jimmy Walker
Tuesday	30th September	18:40	Evening Prayer, Rosary	
		19:00	Mass	Archbishop Malcolm Emeritus
Wednesday	1st October	10:00	Mass	Sarah Pitt
Thursday	2nd October		No Mass	
		13:00	Requiem Mass Audrey Coleman	
Friday	3rd October	10:00	Mass	Marie Travers
Saturday	4th October	16:30	Adoration, confession	
			Sunday Vigil Mass	Parishioners
Sunday	5th October	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	Fr Joe Bibby
PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR				
DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	
Thursday	12:00	Over 55's Lunch Club	Two courses for £5 cooked by Lynne & Peter Fiddler. To book your place phone 0151 481 0032	
Thursday	14:15 - 16:00	Knit and Natter Group		
Thursday	19:30	UCM Meeting		
Thursday	21:30	Quiz		
Sunday	11:00	Coffee Morning	Every Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Everyone is welcome.	
<b>Opening Hours:</b> Thursday – Sunday from 7pm & Sunday afternoons from 12 noon.				
Mondays – Wednesdays: functions – bar closes at 8pm.				
For functions, contact Karen, the manager, Tel 0151 220 6616				
<b>Warm and cosy centre:</b> Our parish centre is open on Thursdays to all between 1:30-2:30pm, with Free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and WIFI and friendly company.				

Please pray for the sick: Baby Maher, Brian Peacock, Betty Rawlinson, Gerry Jones, Maureen (Mo) Denning, Peter Beswick, Lyn Ashton, Liz North, Joseph Ball, Susan Fade, Gerry Low, Maureen Shacklady, Alex Fletcher, John Roberts, John Murphy, Rachel Pickup, Kimberly Lawler, Mary-Jo Davies, Anita Cammell, Peter Bryan, Sarah Parkes, Angela Batey, John May, Frances Woods, Sheila Rusk.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Audrey Coleman, Pauline Ashton  
Mass Association Bernard Gilliam, Kathleene Cuffe, Margaret Donnelly, Pauline Ashton, Cecilia Cunningham.

**Pentecost prayer:** Let us pray for a renewal of our Parish here at St Margaret Mary's. That the Holy Spirit will come down upon us and proactively guide us as we move forward in these changing times

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Break us, melt us, mould us, fill us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us