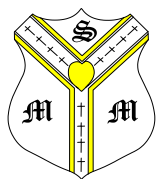


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 17th October 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	98.3%	Class 7	89.6%
Class 2	97%	Class 8	100%
Class 3	97.9%	Class 9	90.4%
Class 4	96.3%	Class 10	86.7%
Class 5	92.8%	Class 11	99.2%
Class 6	95.6%	Class 12	94.6%

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 11.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 8.

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.

RECEPTION 2026 INTAKE

Parents who want their child to be considered for a place in our Reception in September 2026 need to make their ONLINE applications by 15th January 2026. Applications need to be made directly to the LA that you live in- Knowsley or Liverpool.

Information is on our school website about how to apply. Please pass this information on if you know of anyone with a child of reception school age next year.

<https://stmargaretmarysinfant.com/information/admissions/>

If you are applying for any catholic school you will also need to complete an extra form called a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). **This needs to be returned to the school you are applying for.**

If you need any further information please come into the school office.

Knowsley residents—

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

Liverpool residents—

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

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 4th November 4.30pm till 5.30pm

Year One - Monday 10th November - 4.30pm till 5.30pm

Year Two - Tuesday 11th 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.

FAMILY LEARNING—Phonics Workshops

Our Family Learning teacher will be holding Phonics workshops with parents and children from Reception on

Wednesday 12th November from 2.00pm till 3.00pm (Class 9 and 10)
Wednesday 19th October from 2.00pm till 3.00pm (Class 11 and 12)

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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Our school vaccinations day will be 22nd October.

A team of nurses will come into school to administer the vaccinations which come in the form of a flu nasal spray up the nostril.

Information about this has already been sent to parents. If you have missed this please call into the office for further information.

If you wish/do not wish your child to have this please complete the opt out form on line or send it this back to the school office.

CHURCH CAR PARK USE

We ask our parents who are using the church car park to be careful and to drive slowly when entering/driving into it before and after school.

The last things we want is for someone to be hurt.

The church office has informed us that they are monitoring the car park and if things don't improve they will lock the gates- this is the last thing we want.

FOODBANK FRIDAY

Once again we are calling upon your kindness; and asking members of our community to donate food to support 'Knowsley Foodbank' a joint Knowsley Churches initiative led by the Big Help Project.

We appreciate that times of hardship are difficult for everyone especially during this current climate of the Coronavirus Pandemic but if you can donate just one item from the **Shopping List**, local people will benefit from your generosity.

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School is now a Knowsley Foodbank Voucher holder.

If you are experiencing severe hardship and/or are a family in crisis we can issue you with a Foodbank Voucher which you can exchange for food.

Please contact Mrs Harris Learning Mentor,
all information shared will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Collection dates: 20th – 24th October 2025

Your gifts of food will make a huge difference and stop local people going hungry.

Please join us in building brighter futures, big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives.

To mark the end of our Foodbank Collection Week and as a gesture of thanks, we would like the children to have a 'dress down day' on Friday 24th October and come into school in non-uniform clothing.

Shopping List

Tinned fruit
Tinned custard
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned potatoes
Tinned vegetables
Tinned meat
Breakfast cereals
Instant coffee
Fruit juice/squash
Pasta sauce (jar)
Dried Pasta
Orange juice (cordial)
Tea bags
Rice

GIRLS FOOTBALL EVENT

Well done to our Year 1 and 2 girls who took part in an event at Liverpool Academy this week. The girls enjoyed taking part in drills with coaches and also played mini games. The girls were great ambassadors for our school.



LUNCH, EXTENDED PROVISION AND WRAP AROUND PAYMENTS

Please remember that places for wraparound breakfast club, afterschool club and nursery optional extended hours provision must be booked in advance via Parent Pay by midnight on the Thursday of the week before you require a place.

Unfortunately, the School office is unable to book any wraparound care after this time, as the staff to child ratio would have already been allocated.

Your efforts with this would be greatly appreciated.

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 2 appointments available on

Wednesday 12th November 2025 - 11am and 11.30am.

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



This year, we would like to invite our families to join us on the poppy walk. 3k or 6k in Sefton Park. Google 'poppy walk Liverpool' and join our team, St Margaret Mary's Infant School!

- 📅 8 November 2025
- 📍 Sefton Park, Liverpool
- £ £10, under 18s free



- 10am:** Event Village open and arrival
- 10.55am:** Collective moment of Remembrance
- 11am:** Walk sets off
- 11.30am:** Planting of poppy tributes
- 1.30pm:** Event Village closes

PIC•COLLAGE

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- Ariella Afzaly	Class 2 - Jack Leavesley
Class 3 - Theo Whyte	Class 4 - Nellie Newcombe
Class 5- Cora Ingham	Class 6 - Aurora Cartwright
Class 7 - Elsie Godwin Smith	Class 8 - Chelsey Laffey
Class 9 - Makar Lutsak	Class 10—Megan Brady
Class 11 - Daisy Birkenhead	Class 12—Nola Mae McAdam
Nursery 1 - Archie Todd	Nursery 2 - Amilya Matojeni

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Grace Butler	Class 2 - Jessica Munroe
Class 3 - Harper Wilcox	Class 4 - George Hornby
Class 5- Francesco Sorrentino	Class 6 - Kendal Cox
Class 7 - Adin Tisto	Class 8 - Lottie Connolly
Class 9 - Ellis Triggs	Class 10—Joseph Cameron Byrne
Class 11 - Amanda Jones Zajas	Class 12—Theo Griffiths
Nursery 1 - Ayla Sanderson	Nursery 2 - Zac Lawless

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Joshua Griffiths	Class 2 - Matilda Owen
Class 3 - George Sideell	Class 4 - Leo Mutch
Class 5- Thomas Pringle	Class 6 - Dantex Danish
Class 7 - Theo Williams	Class 8 - Teddy Farrell
Class 9 - Gracie-Lea Chadwick	Class 10—Iylah Leigh Grace Collier
Class 11 - Dvith Sreejith Nair	Class 12—Maria Roper
Nursery 1 - Lizzie Sorrentino	Nursery 2 - Nell McStein

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Kyra Nwintinya	Reception- Quinn Kenny
Year One - Antonia Bazea	Year Two - Tiannu Tinu

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1- Joseph Kennedy	Class 2 - Nyla Maher
Class 3 - Isabella Smith	Class 4 - Samuel Ola
Class 5- Gabriella Murphy	Class 6 - Miller Kirkwood
Class 7 - Ella Jean Hughes	Class 8 - Paul Lavin
Class 9 - Eleena Williams	Class 10—Benita Varghese
Class 11 - George Hillis	Class 12—Rover Kealy Bell
Nursery 1 - Delilah Sanderson	Nursery 2 - Logan Brown



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 20th October till Friday 24th October	Foodbank Collection week
Tuesday 21st October	9.15am Class 5 and 6 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen)
Wednesday 22nd October	*Flu immunisations throughout the day *Reception intake 2026 Open night
Wednesday 22nd October	*10am Class 1 at church mass *PM- Year 1 EFC Football tournament
Thursday 23rd October	9.00am -11.00am POPP session 4 in the Juniors
Friday 24th October	*Own clothes day *Final Food bank collection day *Cupcake Attendance celebration *Archdiocese Singing *Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November	Back to school
Tuesday 4th November	*3.10pm School Council *4.30pm till 5.30pm EYFS Monster Mash PTA event
Wednesday 5th November	*10am Class 2 at church mass *3.30pm—6.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 5th November	PM- Year 2 EFC Football tournament
Thursday 6th November	*3.30pm—6.00pm Parents Evening
Friday 7th November	Reception Diwali Dance day
Monday 10th November	Anti Bullying Week Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11th November	9.15am Class 9 and 10 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to at-

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

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

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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

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