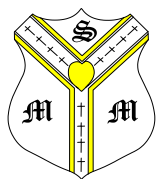


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 24th October 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	92%	Class 7	92.8%
Class 2	90.3%	Class 8	94.8%
Class 3	96.2%	Class 9	90%
Class 4	92%	Class 10	93.3%
Class 5	97.2%	Class 11	91.7%
Class 6	87.2%	Class 12	93.3%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 92.6%, which is the lowest it has been all half term. Let's hope this improves when we return!

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Classes 10 and 12.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5.

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3.

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.

SCHOOL MILK

Over the past few weeks, we have been trialling the provision of pupil milk at different times during the school day. This trial aimed to encourage greater uptake and to help reduce waste, ensuring that all eligible pupils benefit fully from their milk entitlement.

We are pleased to report that pupils have responded positively to having milk at **lunchtimes**, with significantly improved consumption and less waste. Based on this success, we will be making this change permanent. From **Monday 3rd November**, all pupils will be able to access milk with their lunch. This applies **regardless of eligibility for means-tested benefits or whether they have a school lunch or a packed lunch**.

By moving milk provision to lunchtime, we are not only ensuring that more pupils enjoy their milk but also making more sustainable use of resources by reducing the amount of milk that goes unused or discarded.

We hope this change continues to support pupils' health and wellbeing in a more efficient and environmentally conscious way.

Please note that **nursery pupils will continue to receive their milk during their sessions within the nursery setting**, as this remains the most suitable time for them.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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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

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

Please find below some healthy ideas for school packed lunches from Knowsley Healthy Eating.



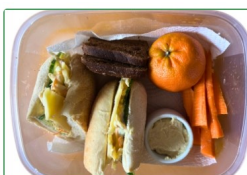
Idea 1

Cheese and crackers
Satsuma
Cucumber
Boiled egg
Fruity flapjack
Water



Idea 2

Egg and salad sandwich
Rice crackers
Sliced cucumber
Sliced kiwi fruit
Cheese



Idea 3

Cheese and salad roll
Clementine
Malt loaf
Carrot sticks
Houmous

YEAR ONE EFC TOURNAMENT

Well done to the boys and girls who took part in the EFC tournament last week. The children were a credit to their teachers and parents. They made it through to the semi-finals. Well done to everyone involved.





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



Children In Need Party Day

Friday 14th November 2025

The standard main/hot meal we will offer on this date will be:
Hot dog, fries, iced cupcake, fruit and a drink.

For children who are Vegetarian or require Halal we offer:
Quorn sausage in a finger roll, fries, iced cupcake, fruit and a drink.

For child who require a Gluten free option we offer:
GF chicken strips, fries, GF cupcake, fruit, and a drink.

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

Children invited to wear their Pyjamas to school on this day.

Please note, Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Note: This will be the only meal option on this day.

CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING DAY

On Friday 14th November we will be joining thousands of other schools in this national event, raising funds for BBC Children in Need.

Children are allowed to wear their pjs for the day in school (Please ensure they wear sensible footwear on this day—no slippers)

Any donations that you would like to make for this can be made through Parent Pay.

Raise funds for us for **FREE**

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In just three easy steps you will be helping us create a vibrant, fun, and inclusive environment where students can grow and enjoy new experiences.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-margaret-marys-catholic-infant-school/>

Raise free donations for St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School when shopping online with easy fundraising. It won't cost you a penny extra. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-margaret-marys-catholic-infant-school/> and join for free.
2. Install the app and Donation Reminder extension.
3. Activate your donation before shopping online and the retailer will automatically donate to us for free! Thank you for your support.

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– Harry Bates	Class 2– Luna Martland
Class 3 - Leo Whitehead	Class 4 - George Hornby
Class 5– Oscar Simpson	Class 6—Lincoln Amor
Class 7—Evie Campbell	Class 8 - Flynn Farrington
Class 9 - Orla Murtagh	Class 10 - Molly Cain
Class 11—Alfie Carter Davies	Class 12 - Dennis Perry
Nursery 1—Matilda Hunter Dowell	Nursery 2— Edward Brady

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Max Cleaver	Class 2– Blaine Knight
Class 3 - Aaron Nosa	Class 4 - Jonas Thomas
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6—Laura Przytula
Class 7—Oliver Smith	Class 8 - Kimberley Aaron
Class 9 - Myla Johnson	Class 10 - Ella Rose Williams
Class 11—Niall Thomas Harris	Class 12 - Harry Nelson
Nursery 1—Lizzie Sorrentino	Nursery 2— James Nolan

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Sienna Grennon	Class 2– Francis Mears
Class 3 - Harry Mills	Class 4 - Evelyn Grace Connolly
Class 5– Luca Fitzpatrick	Class 6—Nova Berrill
Class 7—Sandra Jacob	Class 8 - Olive Doyle
Class 9 - Freddie Thompson	Class 10 - Layton O'Brien
Class 11—Luca Edwards	Class 12 - Albie Oswald
Nursery 1—Skylar Clark	Nursery 2— Teddy Campbell

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Hephzibah Ardin Alexander	Reception– Luke Leavsely
Year One - Akira Chukwu-Baird	Year Two - Isabella Nelson

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Luke Bonfield	Class 2– Nyla Maher
Class 3 - Penny Coleman	Class 4 - Aria Doyle
Class 5– Bonnie Burgess	Class 6—Laila Zabar
Class 7—Hanna Pietrasik	Class 8 - Maya McKenna
Class 9 - Gracie Lea Chadwick	Class 10 - Mason O'Brien
Class 11—Edie Begley	Class 12 - Theo Griffiths
Nursery 1—Pippa Lowry	Nursery 2— Roman Jenkins



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 Classes 2 and 4 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 *4.30pm till 5.30pm Year One Monster Mash PTA event
Tuesday 11th November	*9.15am Class 9 and 10 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen) *Reception Hand Hygiene throughout the day *4.30pm till 5.30pm Year Two Monster Mash PTA event
Wednesday 12th November	*9.00am Class 4 Stay and Read *10am Classes 3 at church mass *11.00am School Nurse drop in *2.00pm Class 9 and 10 Phonics Parent Workshop *3.15—4.30pm Choir Club
Thursday 13th November	9.00am Class 3 Stay and Read
Friday 14th November	Children in Need charity day (children can wear PJs)
Tuesday 18th November	*Wear GREEN for Jamie Leigh *3.15pm Class 7 Year 1 Art Club
Wednesday 19th November	*9.00am Class 2 Stay and Read *2.00pm Class 11 and 12 Phonics Parent Workshop *3.15—4.30pm Choir Club *4.00pm New Reception Open evening
Thursday 20th November	*9.00am Class 1 Stay and Read

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

PARISH of SAINT MARGARET MARY

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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

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR			Sanctuary Lamp burns for
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)			Our Lady's Lamp burns for
DAY	TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday 25th October	16:30	Adoration, confession	
	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass	Parishioners
Sunday 26th October	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	Ursula Donnelly
	12:00	Baptisms	
Tuesday 28th October	13:00	Funeral Service Patricia Wilson	
	18:40	Evening Prayer, Rosary	
	19:00	Novena Jubilee Mass – Number 2	The North Liverpool Deanery
Wednesday 29th October		No Mass	
Thursday 30th October	10:00	Mass	John Monaghan
	12:45	Funeral Service Ronald Flynn	
Friday 31st October	10:00	Mass	Veronica Feerick
Saturday 1st November	16:30	Adoration, confession	
	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass – All Saint's	Parishioners
Sunday 2nd November	10:00	Mass – All Saint's	Fred Smathers

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	Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Opening Hours: 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

Warm and cosy centre: 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, Kimbely Lawler, Mary-Jo Davies, Anita Cammell, Peter Bryan, Sarah Parkes. Angela Batey, John May, Frances Woods, Sheila Rusk. Susan Heron. Lee Mulverhill.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Patricia Wilson, Ronald Flynn.

Mass Association: Geraldine Franklin, Pauline Ashton, Christopher Wallace, Cathy Lawler.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: 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.

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

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