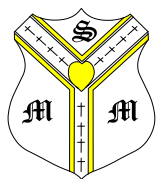


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 14th November 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	98%	Class 7	93.8%
Class 2	92.7%	Class 8	99.2%
Class 3	94.7%	Class 9	95.8%
Class 4	95.6%	Class 10	99.2%
Class 5	98.8%	Class 11	95.2%
Class 6	92.8%	Class 12	97.1%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 96%, which is a great effort from everyone. Well done to lots of classes this week.

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 10.

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/>

CHRISTMAS AT SMMI

The following events will take place over the Christmas period. We hope you will be able to join us at some of them. More events may be added.

***Tuesday 9th December** - 9.30am Class 9 and 10 Nativity in the school canteen

***Tuesday 9th December** —2.00pm Class 11 and 12 Nativity in the school canteen

***Wednesday 10th December**—9.30am Nursery 2 AM/FT Nativity

***Wednesday 10th December**—2.00pm Nursery 2 PM/FT Nativity

***Wednesday 10th December**—Advent service at Cathedral (Selection of Year 2 children to attend)

***Wednesday 10th December**—Choir singing at Lime Street (more info to follow)

***Thursday 11th December**— 9.30am Nursery 1 AM/FT Nativity

***Thursday 11th December** —2.00pm Nursery 1 PM/FT Nativity

***Friday 12th December**—2.00pm Year One Carol Concert in church

***Tuesday 16th December**—2.00pm Whole School Mass in church with Juniors

***Wednesday 17th December**—Christmas Jumper Day

- Christmas Dinner Day

- 2.00pm Year Two Carol Concert in church

***Thursday 18th December**—Christmas Party Day (own clothes)

- Nursery Christmas Grotto Day (Croxteth Hall)

***Friday 19th December**— School closes for Christmas holiday.

Own Clothes day.

Party Box day for lunch.

Finish at 1.20pm



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 19th November 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.

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.

REMEMBRANCE WALK

Well done to Mrs Codack and Ariella for taking part in the Remembrance walk last weekend at Sefton Park.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

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



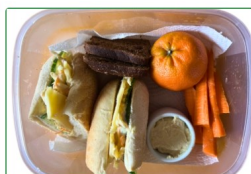
Idea 1

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our PTA for their organisation of recent disco events for our children. All monies raised will go into purchasing resources for the children.

The events were a huge success and many of you said how much you enjoyed being able to do something with your child after school.

We are looking at holding a couple of events in the run up to Christmas so please keep your eyes open for these in the coming week.

DANCE—THANK YOU

A well done to our Dancers who have been taking part in our year 2 Dance club the past few Friday's with Miss Becky.

The club culminated this week with a fantastic showcase of all of the moves that the children have learnt over the past few weeks.

A big thank you to Miss Becky for teaching us-and also thank you to the parents who were able to turn up to see the performance. The video will be on Instagram this week.

WEAR GREEN FOR JAMIE LEIGH

Just a reminder we are asking everyone to wear GREEN on Tuesday 18th November in memory of one of our former pupils Jamie Leigh.

This is an event and memorial we hold every year.

Your support with this would be appreciated.

We would like to invite you and
your nearly school age child to
Reception 2026 Open Evening



Wednesday 19th
November 2025

4-4:30pm

0151 477 8815

- ★ Ofsted rated a GOOD SCHOOL - Nov 2024
- ★ "Positive and caring relationships where pupils feel safe"
- ★ "Pupils with special education needs are supported extremely well"
- ★ Wrap around available from 8am till 5:30pm
- ★ 15 and 30 hour places Nursery from age 3



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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- Wade Birch	Class 2 - Danny Carpenter
Class 3 - Nora Jijo	Class 4 - Lily Cartwright
Class 5- George Evans	Class 6 - Lexi May McDonagh
Class 7 - Dua Naveed	Class 8 - Jamie Jackson-Hislop
Class 9 - Ariella Burgess	Class 10— Ivy Noble
Class 11 - Maggie Bradford	Class 12—Arlo Tierney
Nursery 1 - Luca Franklin	Nursery 2 - Nell McStein

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Ivy Hughes	Class 2 - Frankie Moogan Keating
Class 3 - Freya Cross	Class 4 - Leo Mutch
Class 5- Ashton Wilson	Class 6 - Vienna Needham
Class 7 - Evie Campbell	Class 8 - Ava May
Class 9 - Ruby Duncan	Class 10—Aalijah Ross Clay
Class 11 - Edie Begley	Class 12—Ophelia McHale
Nursery 1 - Brody McIntyre	Nursery 2 - Amilia Matojeni

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1- Teddy Humphries	Class 2 - Luka Davies
Class 3 - Alfie Williams	Class 4 - Arpan Abu
Class 5- Jewel Able	Class 6 - Sadie Storey
Class 7 - Sandra Jacob	Class 8 - Felix Harding
Class 9 - Lucia Nee	Class 10— Iylah-Leigh Grace Collier
Class 11 - Alfie Carter Davies	Class 12—Nyla Harwin
Nursery 1 - Archie Todd	Nursery 2 - Jake Harvey

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery—Autumn Jones	Reception—Asrith Amal
Year One—Imogen Higgins	Year Two—Thomas Hughes

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1- Bobby Powell	Class 2 - Nathan Glover
Class 3 - Eliza Rose Birch	Class 4 - Evelyn Grace Connolly
Class 5- Poppy Cain	Class 6 - Thomas Farrell
Class 7 - Miley Murphy	Class 8 - Ayden Dheeraj
Class 9 - Thomas White	Class 10—Layton O'Brien
Class 11 - Luca Edwards	Class 12—Isla Niker
Nursery 1 - Freddie Johnson	Nursery 2 - Primrose Noorzadeh



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 17th November	*PM Archdiocese singing with Mr Townley *3.20pm-4.00pm Book Fair in the School Hall
Tuesday 18th November	*Wear GREEN for Jamie Leigh (all children to wear green in remembrance of our former pupil) *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 *PM Year One Football tournament for selected children *3.15–4.30pm Choir Club *4.00pm New Reception Open evening
Thursday 20th November	*9.00am Class 1 Stay and Read
Friday 21st November	*Year of Jubilee Celebration day in school
Monday 24th November	*Reception Height and Weight with nurse *PM Archdiocese singing with Mr Townley
Tuesday 25th November	*9.15am Class 11 and 12 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen)
Wednesday 26th November	*9.00am Class 7 Stay and Read *3.15pm–4.30pm Choir Club *Year One and Two taking part in Poetry workshops
Thursday 27th November	*9.00am Class 8 Stay and Read
Friday 28th November	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday 2nd December	*3.10pm School Council and Eco Council
Wednesday 3rd December	*9.00am Class 6 Stay and Read
Thursday 4th December	*9.00am Class 5 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



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR			Sanctuary Lamp burns for Ryan Ellis	
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)			Our Lady's Lamp burns for Special Intention	
DAY		TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday	15th November	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass	Stan Rawlinson
Sunday	16th November	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	Parishioners
Tuesday	18th November		No Mass	
Wednesday	19th November		No Mass	
		12:00	Funeral Service William Thomas Greenland	
Thursday	20th November	10:00	Funeral Mass Nora Kelly	
		19:00	Mass For Deceased Clergy	Deceased Priests
Friday	21st November	10:00	Mass	Kath Morrey
Saturday	22nd November	16.30	Adoration, confession	
		17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass CHRIST THE KING	Sister Joan Conroy
Sunday	23rd November	10:00	Mass CHRIST THE KING	Parishioners
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: Lee Mulvihill, Susan Heron, Peter Bryan, Mary Jo Davis, Angela Batey, Liz North

Please pray for the recently deceased: Nora Kelly, William Thomas Greenland

Mass Association: Faith Tasker,

Office Hours - The Parish Office is usually open on:

Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's & Friday's, between 9.30am – 1.30pm.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Let us pray for a renewal of our Parish here at St Margaret Mary's.

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

Thursday 4th September

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

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Wednesday 19th November

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**New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,
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Every 4th Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Wednesday 24th September

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Anti-Bullying Poster Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to invite your child to take part in our **Anti-Bullying Poster Competition**.
This year's theme is **"Power for Good."**

We all have a special power — the power to be kind, to help others, and to make our school a happy place where everyone feels included.

We can all use our **Power for Good** to prevent bullying taking place and to stop bullying.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone **keeps being unkind on purpose** to another person.
It might be:

- Saying mean things
- Hurting someone's body
- Leaving someone out of games or groups
- Making fun of someone again and again

Bullying is **not** the same as a one-time mistake or argument.

It happens **over and over again**, and it makes someone feel **sad, scared, or left out**.

We are asking the children to **design and make a poster** that shows how they can use their **Power for Good** to prevent bullying taking place and to stop bullying.

Your child might draw people being kind, standing up for others, sharing, or using kind words.

Please take a few minutes to talk with your child about:

- What bullying means
- How we can tell the difference between bullying and small disagreements
- Ways we can all use kindness, courage, and friendship to make a difference

There will be a **special prize** for one winner in each year group - **Gravity Max tickets for two!**

The **winning designers** will be **celebrated during an assembly**, where they will be presented with their Gravity Max tickets.

How to Take Part

- Create a poster at home using paper, crayons, paints etc (No larger than A3)
- Child's full name and class to be written on the back
- Bring your poster to school on Friday 14th November – no earlier
- We will display all posters around our school to remind us to use our **Power for Good** every day!

We can't wait to see the children's amazing ideas and colourful artwork.

By working together, we can make a difference and create an inclusive bully free school community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harris
Safeguarding Officer
Learning Mentor

