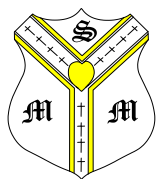


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 21st November 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	97.7%	Class 7	95%
Class 2	93.7%	Class 8	96.5%
Class 3	94.3%	Class 9	88.8%
Class 4	93.4%	Class 10	96.8%
Class 5	93.6%	Class 11	96.8%
Class 6	96.5%	Class 12	96.4%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 95%, which is a great effort from everyone. Well done to lots of classes this week.

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Classes 10 and 11.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Classes 6 and 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.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

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



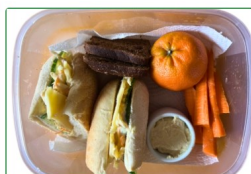
Idea 1

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

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.

YEAR ONE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - LFC

Well done to our Year One footballers who took part in a tournament this week at Liverpool Football Academy. The children were great ambassadors for the school and showed great determination getting through to the final where they were beaten on a golden goal rule!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP

We are reaching out to all of our families before our Christmas Jumper Day. If anyone has spare Christmas jumpers that they no longer need or want please could they be sent into school so we can offer all of our children the opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper during the festive period on our jumper day. Your support with this would be appreciated.

If these could be sent into school before Friday 12th December.



MONSTER MASH—PTA EVENT

A big thank you again to everyone who attended one of our PTA Monster Mash events.

We managed to raise an incredible £1060.

This money will be used to go towards our RWI home reading books.

CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all parents who contributed to our Children in Need charity day event.

We raised £316.50 for the charity.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

PAUL DELANEY POETRY WORKSHOPS

Our Years 1 and 2 children will be treated to Poetry workshops next week on Wednesday afternoon with Paul Delaney.

Paul has worked with the school many times.

A letter has been sent home with the children to explain about this.

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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– Jack Sullivan	Class 2 - Isabella Nelson
Class 3 - Elsie Mae Kinsella	Class 4 - Harper Tomlinson-Gubb
Class 5– Eden Wignall	Class 6 - Dantez Danish
Class 7 - Hanna Pietrasik	Class 8 - Felix Hardin
Class 9 - Alba Cross	Class 10—Ella-Rose Williams
Class 11 - Willow Hall	Class 12—Rasan Khezri
Nursery 1 - Ruben Durgan	Nursery 2 – Jacob James Sawtell

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Lyla Carroll	Class 2 - Francis Mears
Class 3 - Ibadat Garg	Class 4 - Benin Varghese
Class 5– Gabriel Dwyer	Class 6 - Miller Kirkwood
Class 7 - Ava McCartney	Class 8 - Elliot Brady
Class 9 - Orla Murtagh	Class 10—Molly Cain
Class 11 - Sofia Birkenhead	Class 12—Lottie Wilmitt
Nursery 1 - Hephzibah Ardin Alexander	Nursery 2 – Amirah Meaco McGrath

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Nellie Collis	Class 2 - Isla Mae Hughes
Class 3 - Isla Harris	Class 4 - Thomas Dillon
Class 5– George Loftus Burke	Class 6 - Annie Sutherberry
Class 7 - Astrid Hale	Class 8 - Teddy Farrell
Class 9 - Eleena Williams	Class 10—Amelia Markota
Class 11 - Maryam Binu	Class 12—Poppy Dykstra
Nursery 1 - Deryn Johnson Evans	Nursery 2 – Raya Moogan Keating

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Harrison Webb	Reception– Mateo Ellisin Akepede
Year One - Grayson Jacobsen	Year Two - Matilda Owen

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Ella McCullough	Class 2 - Nyla Maher
Class 3 - Joshua Pimblett Wills	Class 4 - Gladwin Majesh
Class 5– Nancy Gallagher	Class 6 - Ethan Stephenson
Class 7 - Antonia Buzea	Class 8 - Elena Leyland
Class 9 - Heizel Jomon	Class 10—Nola Byrne
Class 11 -	Class 12— Nola McAdam
Nursery 1 - Hugo Curran	Nursery 2 – Eleanor Wall



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 with Paul Delaney
Thursday 27th November	*9.00am Class 8 Stay and Read
Friday 28th November	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY FOR STAFF TRAINING
Monday 1st December	*9.00am Class 8 Puppet Making workshop *PM Archdiocese singing with Mr Townley
Tuesday 2nd December	*9.00am Class 7 Puppet Making workshop *3.10pm School Council and Eco Council
Wednesday 3rd December	*9.00am Class 6 Stay and Read *3.15pm Choir
Thursday 4th December	*9.00am Class 5 Stay and Read
Friday 5th December	*Class 8s re-arranged Parents Evening (all day) *Selected Year 2 children to visit Heaven Sent
Tuesday 9th December	*9.30am Class 9 and 10 Nativity *2.00pm Class 11 and 12 Nativity
Wednesday 10th December	*AM—Selected children attending Advent service at the Cathedral *PM—Selected children singing at Lime Street for our Choir
Friday 11th December	*2.00pm Year 1 Carol Concert in Church
Friday 19th December	*Own Clothes Day *School closes for Christmas Holidays 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



PARISH of SAINT MARGARET MARY

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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: Archbishop John Sherrington
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)	Our Lady's Lamp burns for: Dean Fr. Stephen Lee
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DAY	TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
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
Tuesday 25th November	18:40	Evening prayer, Rosary	
		No Mass	
Wednesday 26th November	10:00	Mass	Sandra Preece Swale
Thursday 27th November	10:00	Mass	Williams Family
Friday 28th November	10:00	Mass	David Armitage
Saturday 29th November	16:30	Adoration, confession	
	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parishioners
Sunday 30th November	10:00	Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Phil Gibbons

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, John Murphy, Gerry Lowe, Peter Beswick.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Mary Devlin, Sheila Rusk, Martin Ellis, Winifred Maud Loughman,

Mass Association: Robert Turner, Nora Kelly, Teresa Hart, Patricia Leight, Mary Devlin, Margaret Ann Costello, Martin Darnell.

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.

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

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Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,

2 Simonswood Lane, Northwood, L33 5YP

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

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Wednesday 17th September

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New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,

Halewood, L26 1TT

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

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

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