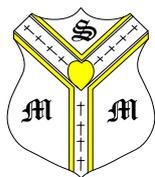


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	94.7%	Class 7	89.6%
Class 2	93.7%	Class 8	98.8%
Class 3	97.3%	Class 9	94.6%
Class 4	92%	Class 10	95.6%
Class 5	92.4%	Class 11	95.2%
Class 6	91.6%	Class 12	85%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



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

Our overall attendance this week was 93.5%, which is the lowest it has been all half term. Let's hope this improves when we return!

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 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.

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.

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

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 TWO EFC TOURNAMENT

A huge well done to our Year 2 footballers who took part in the EFC tournament at Finch Farm this week.

They were returning champions and had a point to prove so were up for the challenge. The boys battled well and managed to win their way to the final, where they were very unlucky to be beaten by the team they beat last year.

Well done to all of the children who took part—they were great ambassadors for the school. They will now go on to represent Merseyside after Christmas.



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.**

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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Join as our supporter today at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

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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– Ralph Culbert	Class 2 - Lauren Jinu
Class 3 - Ivy Bailey	Class 4 - Hattie Goldie
Class 5– Oscar Simpson	Class 6 - Luca Jones
Class 7 - Elsie Godwin Smith	Class 8 - Ava May
Class 9 - Quinn Kenny	Class 10—Eva Maria
Class 11 - Leo Bailey	Class 12—Sarah Haque
Nursery 1 - April Unwin	Nursery 2 – Lilly Mai Chan

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Arthur McClintock	Class 2 - Rayan Mohammed
Class 3 - Joe Lowry	Class 4 - Jonas Thomas
Class 5– Chloe Hartstone	Class 6 - Pearl Williams
Class 7 - Theo Williams	Class 8 - Zaria Elliott
Class 9 - Isabelle Smith	Class 10—Roman Harding Jacobsen
Class 11 - Jack Ridd	Class 12—Arlo Tierney
Nursery 1 - Maisey McCaffrey	Nursery 2 – Cassie Laffey

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Bareerah Muhammad	Class 2 - Miley-Eden Chadwick
Class 3 - Mimi Cooney	Class 4 - Riley Hughes
Class 5– Robyn Caldwell	Class 6 - Poppy Price
Class 7 - Dominic Hyland	Class 8 - Noah Sullivan
Class 9 - Nathan Praveen	Class 10—Dougie Hyland
Class 11 - Willow Hall	Class 12—Freya Clarke
Nursery 1 - Lagertha Jomon	Nursery 2 – Sadie Quinn

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery— Freya Bibby	Reception– Cairo Elliott
Year One - Lennon Riley	Year Two - Sophia McDonough

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Millie Mottram	Class 2 - Lily Grainger
Class 3 - Willow Aiello	Class 4 - Faith McDonald
Class 5– Pippa Edmunds	Class 6 - Zachary Morgan
Class 7 - Penelope Kearney	Class 8 - Lottie Connolly
Class 9 - Ivy Shortell	Class 10—Riva
Class 11 - Louie Dunn	Class 12—Harry Fitzpatrick
Nursery 1 - Harlow Siggers	Nursery 2 – Edward Brady



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Anti Bullying Week *Odd Socks Day *4.30pm till 5.30pm Year One Monster Mash PTA event
Tuesday 11th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *9.00am Class 3 Stay and Read *3.20-4.00pm Book Fair in the School Hall
Friday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Children in Need charity day (children can wear PJs) *Children in Need Special lunch *8.15am–8.40am Book Fair in the School Hall
Monday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *3.20pm-4.00pm Book Fair in the School Hall
Tuesday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *9.00am Class 1 Stay and Read
Tuesday 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *9.15am Class 11 and 12 Prayer and Liturgy (Parents and grandparents welcome to attend in the School Canteen)
Wednesday 26th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *9.00am Class 7 Stay and Read *3.15pm–4.30pm Choir Club

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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National Anti-Bullying Week – 10th – 14th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is national anti-bullying week and this year's theme is 'POWER FOR GOOD'.

Throughout the week the children will be taking part in a variety of anti-bullying activities which supports this year's theme, POWER FOR GOOD.



Monday 10th November - 'Odd Socks Day'



To launch Anti-Bullying Week and show support we ask you, as parents, to encourage your child to support this cause by coming into school in the most diverse and odd socks as possible.

This will be a fun opportunity for children and staff to express themselves, appreciate, acknowledge and accept our similarities and differences.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Mrs Harris
Learning Mentor
Safeguarding officer



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR				Sanctuary Lamp burns for Kerr Family
The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)				Our Lady's Lamp burns for
DAY	TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION	
Saturday	8th November	16:30	Adoration, confession	
		17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass	Frank Hanley
Sunday	9th November	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	
		12:00	Baptisms	Parishioners
Tuesday	11th November	19:00	Mass	Remembrance Mass
Wednesday	12th November	10:00	Mass	Helen Lloyd
Thursday	13th November	10:00	Mass	Pauline Ellison
Friday	14th November	10:00	Mass	Peter Simpson
Saturday	15th November	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass	Stan Rawlinson
Sunday	16th November	10:00	Mass (with children's church)	Parishioners
PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR				
DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	
Thursday	12:00	Over 55's Lunch Club	Two courses for £5 cooked by Lyme & 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.	
<p>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.</p>				

Please pray for the sick: Lee Mulverhill, Susan Heron, Peter Bryan, Mary Jo Davis. Angela Batey,

Please pray for the recently deceased: Nora Kelly.

Mass Association: Carole Fielding, Irene Campbell, Michael Rooney.

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

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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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Wednesday 26th November



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

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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

