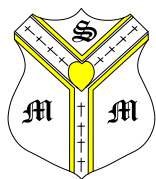


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 12th December 2025



## School Attendance Matters

Class 1	98.7%	Class 7	85.8%
Class 2	96.3%	Class 8	95%
Class 3	95.7%	Class 9	90.8%
Class 4	91.4%	Class 10	89.2%
Class 5	94.8%	Class 11	96%
Class 6	95.8%	Class 12	95.2%

### School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



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

Our overall attendance this week was 93.8%, which is less than last week and a little dip. Some classes were quite low —Let's hope we see an improvement next week.

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6 .

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**\*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)
- 2.00pm Whole School Mass in church with Juniors (DATE CHANGE)

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

Own Clothes day. £1.00  
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.



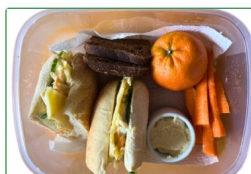
Idea 1

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

Just a reminder that we do have some children in school who have intolerances and nut allergies. Please ensure that your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts or products that may contain nuts, this includes NUTELLA chocolate spread.

In the event that a member of staff notices a pupil eating an item that may contain nuts, the item will be removed politely, the adult will explain why this has been done and the item will be disposed of. This is to protect any child who may have a nut allergy. An alternative or additional food will be offered for that child, if available.

## 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.

## PTA CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Our PTA are organising another event for our children in the run up to Christmas.

We will be offering Christmas film nights on the dates below for the year groups shown.

Cost for the event includes the following:

- \*Chocolate Milk or normal cup of milk
- \*Gingerbread character or something similar
- \*Film

Cost is £3.00.

If you would like your child to attend please book them on through Parent Pay.

Children can be collected by parents after the film has finished at the time stated below.

\*Monday 15th December—Year One film—3.30pm till 5.00pm

\*Tuesday 16th December—Year Two film—3.30pm till 5.00pm

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Over the coming weeks we will be selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Raffle.

Prizes will include:

- \*Chocolate hamper
- \*Sweet hamper
- \*Various Drinks hampers
- \*Bottle hamper
- \*Toiletries hamper
- \*4 Teddy Bear and chocolate hampers



Plus other prizes.

Tickets cost £1.00 and a maximum of 5 can be purchased. They can be purchased from our Parent Pay app.

## NURSERY INFORMATION

Just a little bit of information from our Nursery staff as we approach the end of term.

**\*Thursday 18th December**—Nursery Grotto trip.

PM children are expected to attend in the morning so they can go on the trip. They would not be expected to attend in the afternoon also.

**\*Friday 19th December**—our Nursery will not be open in the afternoon as we finish school at 1.20pm. Therefore any children who attend in our PM slot - please don't attend.

### **Party Box Day**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

The party box will contain:

Either: cheese / tuna or ham rolls\*, an apple, a muffin\* & water/milk.

\*Gluten free cake & gluten free rolls will be available to children with dietary requirements.

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

Children are invited to wear their own clothes 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.

**School will finish at 1:20PM**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

As a school we support Claire's house during December and ask that instead of sending Christmas cards a donation is made to the charity instead.

We of course will not stop the children bringing in Christmas cards if they still wish to do so.

We have placed a special post box in each year group for cards to be posted in. To ensure the cards reach the right person we ask that on the front the following is written please:

Child's name (who is getting the card)

Class number

Any cards without the above information will not get to the right person!

We are also unable to give out class lists due to GDPR regulations.

## **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.

<b>LOVING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Sienna Glennon	Class 2 - Luna Martland
Class 3 - Harper Willcox	Class 4 - Jaxon
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6 - Thomas Farrell
Class 7 - Paisley Timson	Class 8 - Amelia Harvey
Class 9 - Freddie Thompson	Class 10—Cece Jones
Class 11 - Rosie Black	Class 12—Ophelia Mchale
Nursery 1 - Deryn Johnson Evans	Nursery 2 – Tejith Sinnathamby

<b>LEARNING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Luke Benfield	Class 2 - Blaine Knight
Class 3 - Jessica Smith	Class 4 - Sonnie
Class 5– Nancy Gallagher	Class 6 - Ethan Stephenson
Class 7 - Archie Foote	Class 8 - Ayden Dheeraj
Class 9 - Heizel Jomon	Class 10—Roman Jacobsen
Class 11 - Mateo Ellisin Akpede	Class 12—Rasan Khezri
Nursery 1 - Pippa Lowry	Nursery 2 – Penny Powell

<b>GROWING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Josh Senior Farrell	Class 2 - Luka Davies
Class 3 - Isabella Smith	Class 4 - Frankie
Class 5– Chloe Hartstone	Class 6 - Ashton Curran
Class 7 - Leighton Monaghan	Class 8 - Chelsey Laffey
Class 9 - Aambal Sujith	Class 10—Oscar Bowers
Class 11 - Ella Evans	Class 12—Scarlett Rose O'Connor
Nursery 1 - Autumn Jones	Nursery 2 – Melanie Hollis

<b>MISSION STATEMENT AWARD</b>	
Year One - Evie Campbell	Year Two - Isla Harris

## WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Sadie Walsh-Coxon	Class 2 - Francis Mears
Class 3 - Ada Walsh-Needham	Class 4 - Jonas
Class 5– Pippa Edmonds	Class 6 - Lincoln Amor
Class 7 - Ariella OKenna	Class 8 - Harry Devereaux
Class 9 - Gracie Lea Chadwick	Class 10—Nola Byrne
Class 11 - Niall Harris	Class 12—Nancy Johnson
Nursery 1 - Brody McIntyre	Nursery 2 – Zac Lawless



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Monday 15th December	*3.30pm Year One PTA Film Night
Tuesday 16th December	*3.30pm Year Two PTA Film Night
Friday 19th December	*Own Clothes Day—cost £1.00 *School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.20pm
Monday 5th January 2026	*Children return to school
Monday 12th January 2026	*Reception vision and hearing testing  *Oral Health in Nursery
Tuesday 13th January 2026	*Reception vision and hearing testing
Wednesday 14th January 2026	*Reception vision and hearing testing
Thursday 15th January 2026	*Reception vision and hearing testing
Friday 16th January 2026	*Reception vision and hearing testing
Monday 19th January 2026	*Year 1 Road Safety with Road Safety team (in school) *Year 2 Road Safety with Road Safety team (in school)
Wednesday 21st January 2026	*POPP session 1 (in Juniors)
Monday 26th January 2026	*Year 2 Road Safety with Road Safety team (in school)
Tuesday 27th January 2026	*3.10pm—4.00pm School Council
Wednesday 28th January 2026	*POPP session 2 (in Juniors)

## **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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**Starting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
at St Johns Info Zone, Manor Farm Road, Huyton L36 0UE**

**For more information and to book a place please contact:**

**Annmaria: 07825 117 500**

**Or alternatively [parenting@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@knowsley.gov.uk)**

