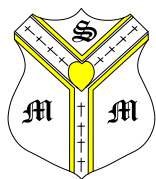


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 19th December 2025



## School Attendance Matters

Class 1	90.3%	Class 7	88.5%
Class 2	93%	Class 8	85%
Class 3	92%	Class 9	90%
Class 4	89.7%	Class 10	88%
Class 5	90.4%	Class 11	94.4%
Class 6	96.2%	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 91.2%, which is less than last week and a little dip. Some classes were quite low —Let's hope we see an improvement after Christmas .

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6.

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2.

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/>

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We would like to wish all of our families and school community a Merry Christmas and a festive New Year.

We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating together and enjoy a peaceful and time together with loved ones.

We look forward to seeing all of our children again on Monday 5th January 2026.



## **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.

If you need more information on this please visit the school office and we will be happy to help.

## **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.



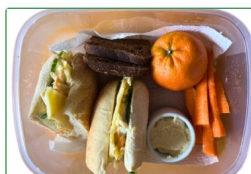
Idea 1

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.

## PARENT EVENTS AFTER CHRISTMAS

When we return in the New Year we have the following events planned for the first few weeks, which parents/family members are welcome to attend.

\*Tuesday 20th January - Classes 1 and 2 Prayer and Liturgy (School Canteen)

\*Tuesday 27th January—Classes 3 and 4 Prayer and Liturgy (School Canteen)

\*Thursday 29th January—Reception Stay and Play in class

\*Tuesday 3rd February—Classes 5 and 6 Prayer and Liturgy (School Canteen)

\*Thursday 5th February - Nursery Stay and Play (9.00am and 2.00pm)

\*Tuesday 10th February—Classes 7 and 8 Prayer and Liturgy (School Canteen)

\*Parent Session for On line Safety with Allan Ellis—Wednesday 11th February at 2.00pm in our School Hall.

## **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– Ivy Hughes	Class 2 - Joseph Gorman
Class 3 - Joshua Pimblett Wills	Class 4 - Henry Aaron
Class 5– Jewel Able	Class 6 - Laura Przytula
Class 7 - Elsie Godwin Smith	Class 8 - Ava May
Class 9 - Heizel Jomon	Class 10—Eva Maria Macova
Class 11 - Jack Ridd	Class 12—Isla Niker
Nursery 1 - Lizzie Sorrentino	Nursery 2 – Raya Moogan Keating

<b>LEARNING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Joshua Griffiths	Class 2 - Nathan Glover
Class 3 - Leo Whitehead	Class 4 - Evelyn-Grace Connolly
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6 - Rory Broadhead
Class 7 - Oliver Smith	Class 8 - Roman Croft
Class 9 - Otis Broadhead	Class 10—Layton O’Brien
Class 11 - John Patrick	Class 12—Harry Fitzpatrick
Nursery 1 - April Unwin	Nursery 2 – Melanie Hollis

<b>GROWING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Arthur McClintock	Class 2 - Isla Mae Hughes
Class 3 - Theo Whyte	Class 4 - Faith McDonald
Class 5– Bonnie Burgess	Class 6 - Miller Kirkwood
Class 7 - Antonia Buzea	Class 8 - Bobby Brannan
Class 9 - Isabelle Smith	Class 10—Molly Cain
Class 11 - Hallie Blackmore	Class 12—Harry Nelson
Nursery 1 - Maeva Maher	Nursery 2 – Primrose Noorzadeh

<b>MISSION STATEMENT AWARD</b>	
Nursery— Hugo Curran	Reception– Quinn Kenny
Year One - Lennon Riley	Year Two - Millie Mottram

## WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Jack Sullivan	Class 2 - Frankie Moogan Keating
Class 3 - Alfie Williams	Class 4 - Arpan Abu
Class 5– Thomas Pringle	Class 6 - Akira Chukwu Baird
Class 7 - Ava McCartney	Class 8 - Maya McKenna
Class 9 - Makar Lutsak	Class 10—Jacob Jones
Class 11 - Lishviga Prabu	Class 12—Ophelia McHale
Nursery 1 - Isabel Anish	Nursery 2 – Bodhi Karmellhi



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

Monday 5th January 2026	*Children return to school *PM Archdiocese Singing
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)
Tuesday 20th January 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 1 and 2 (School canteen—all parents welcome)
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	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 3 and 4 (School canteen—all parents welcome) *3.10pm—4.00pm School Council
Wednesday 28th January 2026	*POPP session 2 (in Juniors)
Thursday 29th January 2026	*9.00am Reception Stay and Play in classes with teachers
Tuesday 3rd February 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 5 and 6 (School canteen—all parents welcome)
Wednesday 4th February 2026	*POPP session 3 (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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May the Christmas  
season fill your home with  
joy, your heart with love  
and your life with  
laughter.







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- raise happy, confident children
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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)**



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Juniors School: 0151 477 8490



LITURGICAL CALENDAR			Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Jimmy Walker	
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)			Our Lady's Lamp burns for: Larry Rowan	
DAY		TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday	20th December	16:30	Adoration, confession	
		17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parishioners
Sunday	21st December	10:00	Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Larry Rowan
Tuesday	23rd December	18.40	Rosary followed by Evening Prayer	
		19:00	Mass	Dolly Cavanagh
Wednesday	24th December	17:30	Mass Christmas Vigil Mass	Parishioners Past & Present
		23:30	Carols followed by Midnight Mass	Parishioners Past & Present
Thursday	25th December	10:00	Mass NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Parishioners Past & Present
Friday	26th December	10:00	Mass Feast of St Stephen	
Saturday	27th December	16.30	Adoration, confession	
		17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass The Holy Family	Parishioners
Sunday	28th December	10:00	Mass The Holy Family	Teresa & Jimmy Walkden
Tuesday	30th December		No Mass	
Wednesday	31st December		No Mass	
Thursday	1st January		No Mass	
Friday	2nd January		No Mass	
Saturday	3rd January	16:30	Adoration, confession.	Parishioners
Sunday	4th January	10:00	Mass	Ryan O'Malley
PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR				
DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	
Thursday	12:00	Over 55's Lunch Club	Closed for winter break. Reopen Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	
Thursday	14:15 - 16:00	Knit and Natter Group	Closed for Christmas break	
Thursday	19:30	UCM Meeting	Closes 18 <sup>th</sup> December. Resumes 8th January. 2026	
Thursday	21:30	Quiz		
Sunday	11:00	Coffee Morning	Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Everyone is welcome.	
<b>Opening Hours:</b> 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.				
<b>Warm and cosy centre:</b> 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, Peter Bryan, Mary Jo Davis. Liz North, Frances Woods. John Murphy, Gerry Lowe, Peter Beswick. John May, Kevin Wheatley. Rachel Pickup.

Mass Association: Joan McFadden & family, Mary McCrumliff, Bridget Gallagher Terri & Mike Naylor, Becky, Luke, Finn & Amelia Naylor, Laura Naylor, Anne & Peter Walsh & family, Mary & Jim Kenley & family, Christine & Peter Leutl & family, Joanne Callum & Zach Fearon, Peggy & Bill Roberts, Elaine & Paddy Naylor & family, Paul Mills, Roy & Trish Watts.

**Office Hours - The Parish Office is usually open on: Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's & Friday's, between 9.30am – 1.30pm**