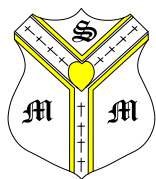


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 5th December 2025



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	96.6%	Class 7	93.1%
Class 2	93.8%	Class 8	97.5%
Class 3	95.7%	Class 9	91.4%
Class 4	94.8%	Class 10	92.7%
Class 5	96%	Class 11	96.5%
Class 6	94.8%	Class 12	96.1%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 95%, which is better than last week—thank you. . 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 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.

***Friday 12th December**—Bring a bottle Friday -bottle of lemonade, bubble bath, wine

***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

***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.



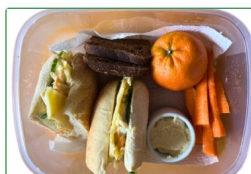
Idea 1

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

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.

- *Thursday 11th December—Reception film—3.30pm till 4.30pm
- *Monday 15th December—Year One film—3.30pm till 5.00pm
- *Tuesday 16th December—Year Two film—3.30pm till 5.00pm

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS FRIDAY EVENTS

To help with the collection of prizes for our Christmas Raffles we are asking our children and families to help with donations of the following on Friday 5th December and Friday 12th December. Children can come into school in their own clothes on these days.

All will be collected and made into Christmas Raffle prizes as mentioned above.

*Friday 12th December—Bottles e.g. shampoo , bubble bath, lemonade, wine etc.

Your support for these days would be greatly appreciated.

All monies raised will go towards events for the children over the Christmas period and beyond.



YEAR ONE PUPPET MAKING

Our Year One teachers are inviting parents to join them in their Puppet Making workshops as part of their DT topic on the following dates.

Monday 8th December—Class 6 - 9.00am till 10.00am

Thursday 11th December—Class 5- 9.00am till 10.00am

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 19th 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.

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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– Ameira Alzahabi	Class 2 - Thomas Pearson
Class 3 - George Siddell	Class 4 - Connie Ward
Class 5– Joseph Smith	Class 6 - Sadie Storey
Class 7 - Aaradhya Santosh	Class 8 - Olivia McFarland
Class 9 - Myla Johnson	Class 10—Aiden Jijo
Class 11 - Penelope Perry	Class 12—Freya Clarke
Nursery 1 - Harlow Saggars	Nursery 2 – Gabreil Paulose

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Charlie Hughes	Class 2 - Lailah Thomas McGrail
Class 3 - Eliza Lunt	Class 4 - Arpan Abu
Class 5– Grayson Jacobsen	Class 6 - Finn Rhodes
Class 7 - Adin Tisto	Class 8 - Maya McKenna
Class 9 - Sofia Joy Johnson McGuinnity	Class 10—Alfie Lee Miller
Class 11 - Maggie Bradford	Class 12—Dennis Perry
Nursery 1 - George Clare	Nursery 2 – Amilya Matojeni

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Tianna Tinu	Class 2 - Mia Florence Regan
Class 3 - Aaron Nosa	Class 4 - Zach Sheils
Class 5– Gabriella Murphy	Class 6 - Simon Peter Hayito
Class 7 - Lexi Korbel	Class 8 - Noah Sullivan
Class 9 - Ivy Shortell	Class 10—Joseph Cameron– Byrne
Class 11 - Daisy Birkenhead	Class 12—Adam Lee-Russell
Nursery 1 - Pippa Lowry	Nursery 2 – Cassie Laffey

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery—Eleanor Wall	Reception—Ivy Noble
Year One– Zaria Elliot	Year Two—Nellie Newcombe

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Max Cleaver	Class 2 - Louie Atkinson
Class 3 - Harry Mills	Class 4 - Jacob Chean
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6 - Nova Berrill
Class 7 - Lewis Moorcroft	Class 8 - Mogen Higgins
Class 9 - Aambal Sujith	Class 10—Amelia Markota
Class 11 - Alfie Carter Davies	Class 12—Maria Roper
Nursery 1 - Ruben Durgan	Nursery 2 – Mona Lisa Aaron



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 8th December	*9.00am Class 6 Puppet Making workshop *PM Archdiocese singing with Mr Townley
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 *9.30am N2 Nativity *PM—Selected children singing at Lime Street for our Choir (School Councillors) *2.00pm N2 Nativity
Thursday 11th December	*9.00am Class 5 Puppet Making workshop *9.30am N1 Nativity *2.00pm N1 Nativity *3.30pm Reception PTA Film Night
Friday 12th December	*2.00pm Year 1 Carol Concert in Church *Dress down day—bottles/wine/toiletries
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

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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Convent: 0151 228 3970

Infants School: 0151 477 8815

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR	Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Keogh Family
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Second Sunday of Advent (A)	Our Lady's Lamp burns for: Joe & Joan Malone
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DAY	TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday 6th December	16:30	Adoration, confession	
	17:30	Sunday Vigil Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parishioners
Sunday 7th December	10:00	Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Simpson Family
	12:00	Baptisms	
Tuesday 9th December	18:40	Rosary 6:15, Evening Prayer	
	19:00	Mass	Maureen Fletcher
Wednesday 10th December	10:00	Mass	Sarah Pitt
Thursday 11th December	10:00	Mass	Vera Hagen
	19:00	Reconciliation Service – Family of Parishes	
Friday 12th December		No Mass	
Saturday 13th December	16:30	Adoration, confession	
	17:30	Sunday Vigil THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Parishioners
Sunday 14th December	10:00	Mass THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Batey Family
	12:00	Baptisms	

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	Closed for Christmas break
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. Liz North, Frances Woods. John Murphy, Gerry Lowe, Peter Beswick. John May, Kevin Wheatley. Rachel Pickup.

Please pray for the recently deceased: Sheila Rusk, Ann Nolla. Joan Moran. Angela Batey.

Mass Association: Barry Conway, Rose McHale, Denis Kennedy, Mary Devlin,

Office Hours - The Parish Office is usually open on:

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

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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**

Every 2nd Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 11th September

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

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 9.30am-12noon

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**New Hutte Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,
Halewood, L26 1TT**

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

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November



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