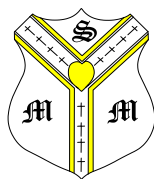


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 16th January 2026



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	98%	Class 7	91.5%
Class 2	95.7%	Class 8	91.2%
Class 3	92.3%	Class 9	95.4%
Class 4	92.4%	Class 10	85.4%
Class 5	97.6%	Class 11	99.2%
Class 6	95.4%	Class 12	97.2%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance



Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 94.3%, which is an improvement on last week but still below our target. Please try your best to send you child into school each day, on time.

Let's really work hard to improve this next week!!

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11.

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5.

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

NEW TERM—NEW START

As we begin our new Spring Term—a few reminders about start times, attendance and other things:

***SCHOOL GATES OPEN FOR RECEPTION, YEAR ONE AND YEAR TWO AT 8.40AM**

***NURSERY START TIME IS 8.30AM**

*Attendance every day is important - we want all of our children to be in school on time, every day as every minute counts.

*Please do your best to get your child to school before 8.50am as learning begins straight away.

*We are a healthy school and encourage the children to bring healthy items in their lunch boxes. Please help us with this. There is more information later on in this newsletter.

*Bottles should contain water and water only—no juice.

*School uniform should be worn every day except on PE Days.

MATHS FAMILY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Our family learning workshops will begin again this half term with a focus on Maths.

Our specialist teacher will work with parents and their children on a variety of activities linked to maths.

Spaces for this are limited to 15 per session.

Dates for Reception and Year One are below:

- *Wednesday 21st January 2.00pm till 3.00pm Classes 9 and 10
- *Wednesday 28th January 2.00pm till 3.00pm Classes 11 and 12
- *Wednesday 4th February 2.00pm till 3.00pm Classes 7 and 8
- *Tuesday 10th February 2.00pm till 3.00pm Classes 5 and 6

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.

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.



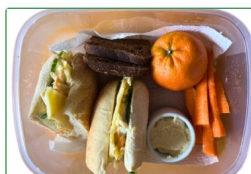
Idea 1

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 FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM

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 (9.15am in the School Canteen)

*Wednesday 21st January—Maths Parent workshop with children (Classes 9 and 10) 15 places maximum

*Tuesday 27th January—Classes 3 and 4 Prayer and Liturgy (9.15am in the School Canteen)

*Wednesday 28th January—Maths Parent workshop with children (Classes 11 and 12) 15 places maximum 2.00pm

*Thursday 29th January—Reception Stay and Play in class (9.00AM)

*Tuesday 3rd February—Classes 5 and 6 Prayer and Liturgy (9.15am in the School Canteen)

*Wednesday 4th February—Maths Parent workshop with children (Classes 7 and 8) 15 places maximum 2.00pm

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

*Tuesday 10th February—Classes 7 and 8 Prayer and Liturgy (9.15am in School Canteen)

*Tuesday 10th February—Maths Parent workshop with children (Classes 5 and 6) 15 places maximum 2.00pm

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

*Thursday 12th February—9.00am and 2.30pm Year 2 CHET Parents meeting in School Canteen

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– Olivia Badrock	Class 2 - Matilda Owen
Class 3 - Penny Coleman	Class 4 - Arpan Abu
Class 5– Bonnie Burgess	Class 6 - Noah Riley
Class 7 - Ava McCartney	Class 8 - Chelsea Laffey
Class 9 - Cairo Elliott	Class 10—Molly Cain
Class 11 - Louie Dunn	Class 12—Adam
Nursery 1 - Maisey McCaffrey	Nursery 2 – Monalisa Aaron

LEARNING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Ella McCullough	Class 2 - Nyla Maher
Class 3 - Eliza-Rose Birch	Class 4 - Gabriel Strzepa
Class 5– Tyler Melia	Class 6 - Aurora Cartwright
Class 7 - Tion Tinu	Class 8 - Roman Croft
Class 9 - Heizel Jomon	Class 10—Douglas Hyland
Class 11 - John Patrick Tiernan	Class 12—Nyla
Nursery 1 - Maeva Maher	Nursery 2 – Nell McStein

GROWING CERTIFICATES	
Class 1– Joseph Kennedy	Class 2 - Jessica Munroe
Class 3 - Isla Durgan	Class 4 - Harper Tomlinson Gubb
Class 5– Luca Fitzpatrick	Class 6 - Kendal Cox
Class 7 - Astrid Hale	Class 8 - Bobby Nelson
Class 9 - Nathan Praveen	Class 10—Ivy Noble
Class 11 - Rosie Black	Class 12—Oliver
Nursery 1 - Louie Newcombe	Nursery 2 – Edward Brady

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD	
Nursery—Haizel Thomas	Reception—Willow Hall
Year One—Paul Lavin	Year Two—Lyla Carroll

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Grace Butler	Class 2 - Louie Atkinson
Class 3 - Thomas Hughes	Class 4 - Alfie Burns
Class 5– Poppy Cain	Class 6 - Ashton Curran
Class 7 - Antonia Buzea	Class 8 - Harry Devereaux
Class 9 - Thomas White	Class 10—Eva Maria Macovei
Class 11 - George Hillis	Class 12—Theo G
Nursery 1 - Luca Franklin	Nursery 2 – Louie Martland



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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) *3.30pm Art Club for Class 6
Wednesday 21st January 2026	*2pm Maths Parent Workshop (CL9 + 10)
Thursday 22nd January 2026	*Reception Dental Health throughout the day
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 *3.30pm Art Club Class 6
Wednesday 28th January 2026	*POPP session 1 (in Juniors) *2pm Maths Parent Workshop (CL11 + 12)
Thursday 29th January 2026	*9.00am Reception Stay and Play in classes with teachers
Monday 2nd February 2026	*Animals Take Over Day - Year One classes
Tuesday 3rd February 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 5 and 6 (School canteen—all parents welcome) *3.30pm Art Club Class 6
Wednesday 4th February 2026	*POPP session 2 (in Juniors) *2pm Maths Parent Workshop (CL7 + 8)
Thursday 5th February 2026	*9.00am and 2.00pm Nursery Stay and Play
Friday 6th February 2026	*Number Day
Tuesday 10th February 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 7 and 8 (School canteen—all parents welcome)

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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Triple P Positive Parenting

Triple P gives you simple, practical strategies to help you raise happy and confident children

Why not come along to our 5-week programme and learn proven strategies from trained facilitators to:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life
- set rules and routines that everyone respects
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent.

**Starting: Monday 12th 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

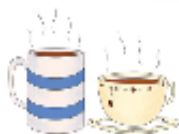
Or alternatively parenting@knowsley.gov.uk



Power Of Parenting

pop in to our Power of Parenting group

Fancy a
cuppa?



**Have a cuppa and a chat with other parents
in an informal and relaxed atmosphere**

Group run by Learning Mentors Jackie Harris & Carmel Perry

Session 1	Wednesday	28th January 2026	9 — 10.30am
Session 2	Wednesday	4th February 2026	9 — 10.30am
Session 3	Wednesday	11th February 2026	9 — 10.30am
Session 4	Wednesday	25th February 2026	9—10am

Venue: St Margaret Marys JUNIOR School

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world.
Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers
and motivators for their children.

The POPP programme aims to build on parenting skills, increase
confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and
encourage positive behaviours in children.

**On Wednesday 25th February (4th session) your child will accompany
you in taking part in some fun practical activities that will help to
support them to reduce stress, anxiety and feel a sense of calm.**

If you are interested in attending the **Power Of Parenting Programme**
please complete below or contact Mrs Harris or your child's class
teacher no later than - **26th January 2026.**

***Places are limited and will be offered on a
'first come first served' basis***

Power Of Parenting Programme

Parent's name _____

Contact number _____

Childs name _____ Class _____