

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 23rd January 2026



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	99.3%	Class 7	81.9%
Class 2	93%	Class 8	97.3%
Class 3	88%	Class 9	95.8%
Class 4	90%	Class 10	83.3%
Class 5	96.4%	Class 11	95.2%
Class 6	91.9%	Class 12	99.2%



School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 92.6%, which is lower than last week and below our target. Please try your best to send your child into school each day, on time.

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

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12.

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.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2026-2027 (Shared at the back of this newsletter)

Autumn Term

Inset days— Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 19th October 2026
Tuesday 20th October 2026

Term Starts—Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Half Term—School closes Friday 16th October 2026 and re-opens on Monday 2nd November 2026

Autumn Term Ends - Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

Term Starts—Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term—School closes Friday 12th February 2027 and re-opens on Monday 22nd February 2027

Spring Term Ends—Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term

Inset days—Friday 4th June 2027
Friday 23rd July 2027

Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May 2027

Term Starts—Monday 5th April 2027

Half Term—School closes Friday 21st May 2027 and re-opens on Monday 7th June 2027

Summer Term Ends—Thursday 22nd July 2027

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 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 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
- *Wednesday 4th February—POPP session for parents 9.00am (held in juniors) any welcome
- *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
- *Wednesday 11th February—POPP session for parents 9.00am (held in juniors) any welcome
- *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

YEAR 2 THEATRE WORKSHOP

We are excited to announce that each class in Year Two will have their own theatre workshop experience.

Teeny Tiny Theatre will be coming to school on Wednesday 11th February to work with each class to use drama to recreate the events of the Great Fire of London. This is directly linked to the work the children have been doing in History around The Great Fire of London.

The children will learn about the events that took part, work in small groups with props and build up to re-create those events with a performance at the end of the session.

As this is an external company delivering the sessions, we are asking for a contribution of £2.00 per child.

This can be made via ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team

RECEPTION THEATRE WORKSHOP

Winter Bear Production

We are super excited to announce that we have booked The Teeny Tiny Theatre company to provide a creative and immersive theatre experience for our Reception children, linked to our 'Winter' topic. This will take place in school time on **Tuesday 3rd February**. We kindly ask for a donation of £3 per child and which is payable via ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support.
Reception staff and team

YEAR ONE ANIMAL WORKSHOP

We are excited to announce that 'Animals Take Over' will be visiting our school on Monday, 2nd of February to enhance the learning experience of our Year One children. This educational opportunity will provide the children with the chance to interact closely with a variety of fascinating creatures.

In preparation for the visit, we ask that you inform your child's class teacher of any known allergies that your child may have to animals. This will enable us to take necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students during the event. In addition to this, the company provides a full risk assessment that all staff and children will adhere to during the session.

We are requesting a donation of £3.00 per child to help cover the cost of this educational visit that links with our science topic 'All about animals'. This can be paid via parent pay.

Thank you for your support.
Year One staff

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– Charlie Hughes	Class 2 - Ellie Jo Hartley
Class 3 - Louie Hulme	Class 4 - Samuel Ola
Class 5– Eden Wignall	Class 6 - Annie Sutherberry
Class 7 - Antonia Buzea	Class 8 - Logan Hillis
Class 9 - Orla Murtagh	Class 10 - Benita Varghese
Class 11 - Louie Dunn	Class 12—Albie Oswalds
Nursery 1 - Hugo Curran	Nursery 2 - Freya Bibby

LEARNING CERTIFICATES

Class 1– Ralph Culbert	Class 2 - Hannah Rose Pimblett
Class 3 - Alfie Jones	Class 4 - Leo Mutch
Class 5– George Evans	Class 6 - Ethan Stephenson
Class 7 - Orlah Hampson	Class 8 - Ayden Dheeraj
Class 9 - Ellis Triggs	Class 10 - Jacob Jones
Class 11 - Hallie Blackmore	Class 12—Sarah Haque
Nursery 1 - Delilah Sanderson	Nursery 2 - Lilly Mai Chan

GROWING CERTIFICATES

Class 1– Summer Morgan	Class 2 - Isabella Nelson
Class 3 - Jaiden Jinoy	Class 4 - Sophia McDonough
Class 5– Lennon Riley	Class 6 - Archie Daly
Class 7 - Hanna Pietrasik	Class 8 - Ava May
Class 9 - Lucia Nee	Class 10 - Amelia Markota
Class 11 - Penelope Perry	Class 12—Ophelia McHale
Nursery 1 - Karthi Dipu	Nursery 2 - Roman Jenkins

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD

Nursery— Sadie Quinn	Reception— Lottie Wilmitt
Year One - Lexi-May McDonagh	

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

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Class 1– Sienna Glennon	Class 2 - Penelope Taylor
Class 3 - Elsie Mae Kinsella	Class 4 - Bella Murphy
Class 5– Pippa Edmonds	Class 6 - Finn Rhodes
Class 7 - Elsie Godwin Smith	Class 8 - Olivia McFarland
Class 9 - Eleena Williams	Class 10 - Asrith Amal
Class 11 - Mateo Ellisin-Akpede	Class 12—Scarlett O'Connor
Nursery 1 - Autumn Jones	Nursery 2 - Tejith Sinnathamby



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 *Year 1 Road Safety with Road Safety team (in school)
Monday 2nd February 2026	*Animals Take Over Day - Year One classes *PM Archdiocese Singing programme
Tuesday 3rd February 2026	*Winter Bear theatre working with Reception children £3.00 contribution (Letter sent home)
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 (See letter attached to newsletter)
Tuesday 10th February 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 7 and 8 (School canteen—all parents welcome) *2.00pm Maths Workshop (CL 5 +6) *3.15pm School Council and Eco Council
Wednesday 11th February 2026	*Great Fire of London—Year 2 workshop *9.00am POPP session (in Juniors) *2.00pm Online Safety Parent Session
Thursday 12th February 2026	*9.00am and 2.30pm CHET Parent meetings - Year 2 (please attend one)
Friday 13th February 2026	*Break up for half term.

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.



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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 _____



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Holiday Dates 2026 - 2027

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Dear Parents and carers,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Half a million children a year suffer abuse or neglect in the UK. That means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18.



NSPCC Number Day makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards mathematics.

We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, football, rugby, netball, hockey shirt or cap). Or get even more creative and become a human calculator, dice or domino by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Donations can be made via ParentPay.

It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Infants will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hedley
Maths Lead

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)