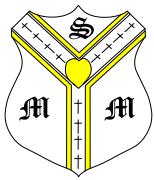


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2026



School Attendance Matters

Class 1	99%	Class 7	89.2%
Class 2	92.3%	Class 8	94.6%
Class 3	96%	Class 9	92.1%
Class 4	92.4%	Class 10	93.3%
Class 5	98.4%	Class 11	96%
Class 6	91.5%	Class 12	94.8%



School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Our target for attendance this year is 96%

Our overall attendance this week was 94.2%, which is better than last week but 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 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 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

WRAPAROUND PLACES

Unfortunately we have no places left in our wraparound care at Breakfast time or After School Club.

We can put you on a waiting list if you need this. Please pop to the office and speak to them about this or ask Mrs Harris/ Miss Mahoney to add you to our waiting list.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School closes for half term today.

We will re-open on TUESDAY 24th February at 8.40am.

We hope all of our families have a lovely half term holiday.

COUNCILLOR DEVER DETAILS

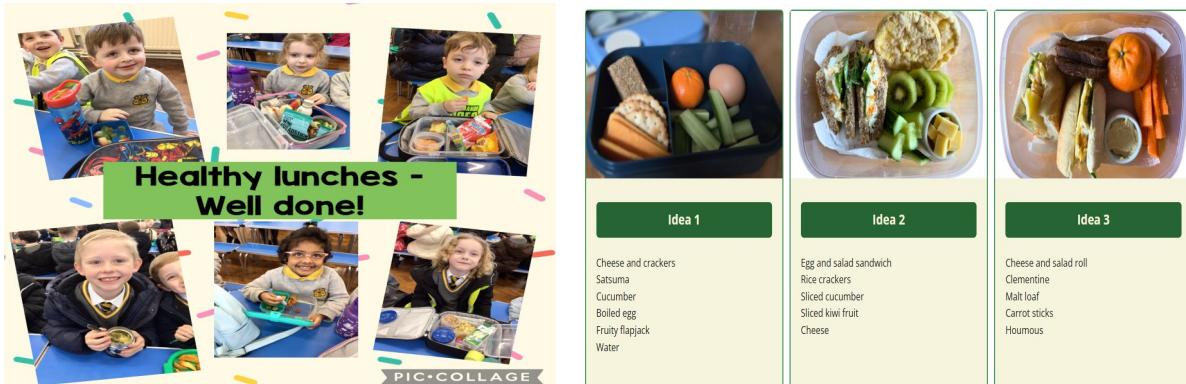
Our local Councillors in Swanside send out via email a community newsletter which includes information about our community to support residents.

Articles include job opportunities, road closures, community groups, local history, events, etc.

If you would like to receive the newsletter please email colin.dever@Knowsley.gov.uk

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

Please find below some healthy ideas for school packed lunches from Knowsley Healthy Eating.



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

- *Wednesday 25th February—9.00am Class 1 Stay and Read in our library
- *Wednesday 25th February—9.00am POPP Session in juniors
- *Thursday 26th February—9.00am Class 2 Stay and Read in our library
- *Tuesday 3rd March—9.15am Classes 9 and 10 Prayer and Liturgy in canteen
- *Tuesday 3rd March—3.30pm Pre loved Book swap
- *Wednesday 4th March—9.00am Class 3 Stay and Read in our library
- *Thursday 5th March—9.00am Class 4 Stay and Read in our library
- *Thursday 5th March—2.00pm Parent SEND session
- *Tuesday 10th March—9.15am Classes 11 and 12 Prayer and Liturgy in canteen
- *Wednesday 11th March—9.00am Class 5 Stay and Read in our library
- *Thursday 12th March—9.15am Parent SEND session
- *Tuesday 24th March—9.00am Class 6 Stay and Read in our library
- *Tuesday 24th March—2.00pm Rock Steady concert for parent whose children attend
- *Wednesday 25th March—9.00am Class 7 Stay and Read in our library
- *Tuesday 31st March—9.00am Class 8 Stay and Read in our library
- *Tuesday 31st March—9.00am Nursery Easter Bonnet parade

READ, WRITE, INC VIDEO HELP

Please use the video links in the QR codes below to see how RWI works with your child in school.

If you have any questions please do come and ask one of our teachers.

Take a look at the video in the link to learn more about:
What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?



Take a look at the video in the link to learn more about:
Understanding phonics



Attendance raffle winners February 2026

Well done to the following children who were our attendance raffle winners this week.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Monday	Freddie Johnson	Isabelle Smith	Thomas Pringle	Sophia Hughes
Tuesday	Amirah Meaco-McGrath	Quinn Jones	Rory Broadhead	Mohammed Rayan
Wednesday	Cassie Laffey Derryn Johnson-Evans	Niall Harris	Arielle O'Kenna	Gracie Knight
Thursday	Archie Todd	Maria Roper	Paul Lavin	Samuel Ola
Friday	Gabriel Paulose	Ivy Shortell	Astid Hale	Laila McGrail
Overall Winner of the week	Nathan Glover			

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Thursday 5th March. Children and staff will celebrate together during the day by dressing up as their favourite character from a book.

If any parents have costumes that no longer fit their children we are asking if these could be donated to school for other children who come in, without a costume.

Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Elias will be sending home a letter with more information about our World Book Day celebrations soon.

RWI READING AT HOME

Just a reminder that our Oxford Owl on line reading passwords have been sent home recently to allow children access to reading at home.

This is linked to our RWI books in school and will help the children develop their reading skills through phonic activities.

If you haven't accessed this yet or have lost your log in and password please speak to your child's class teacher.

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– Max Cleaver	Class 2 - Harry Jones
Class 3 - Ada Walsh-Needham	Class 4 - Leo Mutch
Class 5– Francesco Sorrentino	Class 6 - Finn Rhodes
Class 7 - Paisley Timson	Class 8 - Noah Sullivan
Class 9 - Freddie Thompson	Class 10— Bonnie McGrath
Class 11 - Dvith Sreejith Nair	Class 12—Harry Nelson
Nursery 1 - Amelia Haskell	Nursery 2 – Logan Brown

LEARNING CERTIFICATES

Class 1– Olivia Badrock	Class 2 - Joseph Gorman
Class 3 - Isabella Smith	Class 4 - Jacob Chan
Class 5– Thomas Pringle	Class 6 - Laura Przytula
Class 7 - Theo Williams	Class 8 - Imogen Higgins
Class 9 - Lucia Nee	Class 10—Nola Byrne
Class 11 - Luca Edwards	Class 12—Nola McAdams
Nursery 1 - Archie Todd	Nursery 2 – Aidan Lewis Gray

GROWING CERTIFICATES

Class 1– Paxton McCaughran	Class 2 - Nylah Maher
Class 3 - Leo Whitehead	Class 4 - Myah Hanna
Class 5– Joseph Smith	Class 6 - Rory Broadhead
Class 7 - Leo McKenna	Class 8 - Monty Robinson
Class 9 - Eleena Williams	Class 10—Mason O'Brien
Class 11 - Maryam Binu	Class 12—Dennis Perry
Nursery 1 - Maisey McCaffrey	Nursery 2 – Tejith Sinnathamby

MISSION STATEMENT AWARD

Nursery—Freddie Johnson	Reception—Ella Rae Chapman
Year One—Amelia Harvey	Year Two—Sadie Walsh Caxon

WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Ariella Afzaly	Class 2 - Isabella Nelson
Class 3 - Theo Whyte	Class 4 - Gabby Strzepa
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6 - Charlie Seddon
Class 7 - Dua Naveed	Class 8 - Elliot Brady
Class 9 - Gracie Lea Chadwick	Class 10—Eva Maria Macovei
Class 11 -	Class 12—Rasan
Nursery 1 - Karthi Dipu	Nursery 2 – Cassie Laffey



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET DAY -School Closed
Tuesday 24th February 2026	*Back to school—8.40am doors open *3.30pm History Club Classes 2 and 4
Wednesday 25th February 2026	*9.00am Class 1 Stay and Read *9.00am POPP session in the juniors
Thursday 26th February 2026	*9.00am Class 2 Stay and Read
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 9 and 10 (School canteen—all parents welcome) *3.30pm History Club Classes 2 and 4 *3.30pm Pre loved Book Swap
Wednesday 4th March 2026	*9.00am Class 3 Stay and Read *Story Explorers workshop for Nursery
Thursday 5th March 2026	*9.00am Class 4 Stay and Read *2.00pm Parent SEND Coffee Afternoon session
Tuesday 10th March 2026	*9.15am Prayer and Liturgy—Classes 11 and 12 (School canteen—all parents welcome) *3.15pm School Council *3.30pm History Club Classes 2 and 4
Wednesday 11th March 2026	*9.00am Class 5 Stay and Read
Thursday 12th March 2026	*9.15am Parent SEND Coffee morning
Monday 16th March 2026	*Year 2 at CHET all week Classes 1 and 3—Mon/Wed Classes 2 and 4—Wed/Fri
Monday 23rd March 2026	*Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 24th March 2026	*9.00am Class 6 Stay and Read in our library

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.



St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish

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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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Guest Speakers



St Margaret Mary's
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If you are a parent/carer/grandparent/aunt/uncle of a child with Special Educational Needs, or you have concerns. Even if the child is not old enough to attend our school or if they have moved on to the Juniors, you are welcome to attend one or all of our guest speaker events. We will meet to have refreshments and listen to a guest speaker.

The aim is to give you more knowledge of what is available to help your child at home and in school.

Please note some are **morning sessions** and others are **afternoons**. You are welcome to attend only the ones that interest you or you can attend them all. You can also bring a friend.

The guest speaker events will take place in the canteen at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School.

Date	Time	Guest Speaker
Thursday 12 th March 2026	MORNING 8:50 - 9:50am 	LIVPAC 'Liverpool Parent and Carers Forum (LivPaC) is a group of parents and carers of children and young people with special additional needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who work with education, health and care services to ensure the services they plan and deliver are fit for purpose and meet the needs of children, young people and their families across Liverpool.'
Thursday 26 th March 2026		CANCELLED Knowsley parent carer voice apologise, but they are not able to attend any events for foreseeable.
Thursday 16 th April 2026	MORNING 8:50 - 9:50am 	Early years SEND advisor will come to school to talk about: * Delayed development * Their offer. * General SEND discussion and Q&A.
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	AFTERNOON 2 - 3pm 	ADDvanced Solutions 'We're here to support you and your family to find the answers ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them.'
Thursday 30 th April 2026	AFTERNOON 2 - 3pm 	Parenting Knowsley Give advice on how their service can help parents/carers.
Thursday 7 th May 2026	TBC	
Thursday 14 th May 2026	AFTERNOON 2-3pm 	Knowsley Autism Team 'The team will work with the borough's schools and pupils to provide information, advice and supporting, ensuring that their needs are being met. By supporting the graduated approach and delivering timely, targeted advice, the Autism Advisory Team will help schools identify and meet needs earlier. Strengthening staff confidence and capacity in mainstream settings reduces reliance on reactive support, aims to lower Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) applications, and ease pressure on specialist provision.'

PARISH of SAINT MARGARET MARY

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2026			Sanctuary Lamp burns for: Mark Hughes
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)			Our Lady's Lamp burns for: Peter Simpson
DAY	TIME	SERVICE	INTENTION
Saturday	14th February	16:30 Adoration, confession 17:30 Sunday Vigil Mass	Parishioners
Sunday	15th February	10:00 Mass	James Finnegan
Tuesday	17th February	18:40 Rosary 6.15 followed by Evening Prayer 19:00 Mass	Mass Association
Wednesday	18th February	10:00 Mass ASH WEDNESDAY 19:00 Mass ASH WEDNESDAY	Priests Intention
Thursday	19th February	10:00 Mass	Teresa Walker
Friday	20th February	10:00 Mass	Sandra Preece Swale
Saturday	21st February	16:30 Adoration, confession 17:30 Sunday Vigil Mass	Parishioners
Sunday	22nd February	10:00 Mass	Bryan Collings

PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR

DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Thursday	12:00	Over 55's Lunch Club	Two courses for £7 cooked by Lynne & Peter Fiddler. To book your place phone 0151 481 0032
Thursday	14:15 - 16:00	Knit and Natter Group	Closed for winter 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, Peter Bryan, Mary Jo Davis, Liz North, Frances Woods, John Murphy, Gerry Lowe, Peter Beswick, John May, Kevin Wheatley, Rachel Pickup, Joan Stanton, Malcolm Turner, Betty Rawlinson.

Mass Association: Thomas Williamson, James Cullen, John Devine, Patrick Doran, Vincent Muldoon, Margaret Woodruff.

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Let us pray for a renewal of our Parish here at St Margaret Mary's.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Break us, melt us, mould us, fill us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

SEND Parent Support Drop In



Knowsley Health Visitors/School Health Team, along with Home-Start Knowsley run an on-going SEND Drop-in service, as listed below. This is for any parents/carers of Knowsley children/young people (aged 0-25 years) who have potential or confirmed additional needs. Just pop in for a coffee and a chat and we can advise and link you in with the local support/make appropriate referrals that your child might benefit from at this time. No appointment necessary.

George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, Whiston, L35 3SR

Every 1st Thursday of the month 9.30am-12noon

Thursday 5th February

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 2nd April

Northwood Family Hub at The Pride,

2 Simonswood Lane, Northwood, L33 5YP

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

Thursday 8th January

Thursday 12th February

Thursday 12th March

Thursday 9th April



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

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

Wednesday 21st January

Wednesday 18th February

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 15th April

New Hutton Children & Family Hub, Litchfield Road,

Halewood, L26 1TT

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

Wednesday 28th January

Wednesday 25th February

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 22nd April

For any further information please call Knowsley School Health and Health Visiting

Team: 0151 514 2666 or Knowsley Homestart: 0151 480 3910