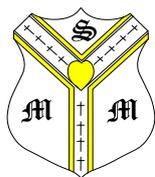


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 27th February 2026



## School Attendance Matters

Class 1	95%	Class 7	94.2%
Class 2	97.4%	Class 8	96.2%
Class 3	96.8%	Class 9	93.8%
Class 4	93.5%	Class 10	97.4%
Class 5	96.2%	Class 11	96%
Class 6	88%	Class 12	95%

### 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 and an improvement—so thank you. 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 10 .

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5 and 8.

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2.

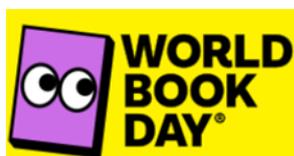
The children in these classes will enjoy a treat of their choice after discussions with their class teacher.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is fast approaching and will take place on Thursday 5th March. The theme for this year is YEAR OF READING.

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character on this day, if they want to.

We look forward to seeing some of the wonderful costumes, related to the children's favourite book or book character.



### **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.

### **RECEPTION VISION RE-TESTS**

On Tuesday 10th March a number of our Reception children will be re-tested as they missed the date when the nurses were last in school.

### **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](mailto:colin.dever@Knowsley.gov.uk)

## HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

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



**Healthy lunches -  
Well done!**

PIC-COLLAGE



**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

- \*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
- \*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
- \*Wednesday 11th March—2.00pm Classes 3 and 4 Healthy Eating workshop
- \*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
- \*Wednesday 25th March—2.00pm Classes 1 and 2 Healthy Eating workshop
- \*Thursday 26th March—4.00pm Easter Bingo—Nursery and Reception families
- \*Monday 30th March—4.00pm Easter Bingo—Years 1 and 2 families
- \*Tuesday 31st March—9.00am Class 8 Stay and Read in our library
- \*Tuesday 31st March—9.00am and 2.00pm Nursery Easter Bonnet parade
- \*Wednesday 15th April- 3.30pm Parents Evening 1
- \*Thursday 16th April—3.30pm Parents Evening 2

## 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



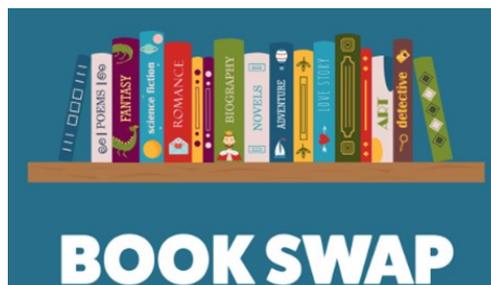
## PRE LOVED BOOK SWAP

On Tuesday 3rd March we will be holding our Pre Loved Book Swap event again. This was extremely popular last year. Books we are asking for could those your child no longer reads or a book you find in a charity shop, for example.

We ask that any pre-loved books are in a good condition. Our Book Swap will take place at 3.30pm in our School Hall. Entry will be through the side entrance of our hall.

Children will donate their book and select another preloved book to take home and enjoy.

We hope you can join us.





## **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– Bareerah Muhammad	Class 2 - Harry Jones
Class 3 - Freya Cross	Class 4 - Anvin Puthussery Tomy
Class 5– Luca Fitzpatrick	Class 6 - Poppy Price
Class 7 - Sandra Jacob	Class 8 - Zaria Elliot
Class 9 - Riccardo Baidoo	Class 10—Riva Forster
Class 11 - John Patrick	Class 12—Nyla Narwin
Nursery 1 - Delilah Sanderson	Nursery 2 – Amily Matojeni

<b>LEARNING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Ariella Afzaly	Class 2 - Lyla Noble
Class 3 - Willow Aiello	Class 4 - Sophia McDonough
Class 5– Robyn Caldwell	Class 6 - Lexi-May McDonagh
Class 7 - Elsie Godwin Smith	Class 8 - Kimberly Aaron
Class 9 - Ivy Shortell	Class 10—Ella-Rose Williams
Class 11 - Lishviga Prabu	Class 12—Oliver Cleaver
Nursery 1 - Ruben Durgan	Nursery 2 – Isabella Kelly

<b>GROWING CERTIFICATES</b>	
Class 1– Ivy Hughes	Class 2 - Mia-Florence Regan
Class 3 - Ibadat Garg	Class 4 - Gladwin Majesh
Class 5– Nancy Gallagher	Class 6 - Ashton Curran
Class 7 - Paisley Timson	Class 8 - Roman Croft
Class 9 - Otis Boradhead	Class 10—Bonnie McGrath
Class 11 - Sofia Birkenhead	Class 12—Reuben Hodgson
Nursery 1 - Isabel Anish	Nursery 2 – Zac Lawless

<b>MISSION STATEMENT AWARD</b>	
Nursery—James Nolan	Reception— Isla Niker
Year One—Leo Kelly	Year Two—Ivy Bailey

## WRITING STARS OF THE WEEK

WRITING STAR WINNERS	
Class 1– Lyla Carroll	Class 2 - Matilda Owen
Class 3 - Harper Willcox	Class 4 - Zach Sheils
Class 5– Luke Mottram	Class 6 - Noah Riley
Class 7 - Evie Campbell	Class 8 - Bobby Nelson
Class 9 - Alba Cross	Class 10—Mason O’Brien
Class 11 - Ella-Rae Chapman	Class 12—Luke Leaverly
Nursery 1 - Ayla Sanderson	Nursery 2 – Melanie Hollis



## HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOPS

Our Family Learning teacher will be running a Healthy Eating Workshop, designed to help parents/carers and their children to focus on Healthy Eating in a fun way.

During the session you will look at Healthy lunch boxes, food groups and sugar.

Numbers are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested in the session, ask at the school office, where you will be told if you have a place.

\*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2:00pm-3.00pm - Classes 3 and 4

\*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2:00pm-3.00pm - Classes 1 and 2

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<b>Tuesday 3rd March 2026</b>	*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
<b>Wednesday 4th March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 3 Stay and Read *Story Explorers workshop for Nursery
<b>Thursday 5th March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 4 Stay and Read
<b>Tuesday 10th March 2026</b>	*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
<b>Wednesday 11th March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 5 Stay and Read *2.00pm Classes 3 and 4 Healthy Eating workshop
<b>Thursday 12th March 2026</b>	*9.15am Parent SEND Coffee morning
<b>Friday 13th March 2026</b>	*Wear Blue for Bobby Awareness Day
<b>Monday 16th March 2026</b>	*Year 2 at CHET all week Classes 1 and 3—Mon/Wed Classes 2 and 4—Wed/Fri
<b>Monday 23rd March 2026</b>	*Odd Socks Day
<b>Tuesday 24th March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 6 Stay and Read in our library
<b>Wednesday 25th March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 7 Stay and Read in our library *2.00pm Classes 1 and 2 Healthy Eating workshop
<b>Tuesday 31st March 2026</b>	*9.00am Class 8 Stay and Read in our library *3.30pm History Club Classes 2 and 4
<b>Thursday 2nd April 2026</b>	*Break up for End of term at 1.15pm *Crazy Hair Day £1.00

## 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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# SMMI PTA INFO PAGE



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On this page is information about upcoming events, fundraising and awareness building from our fabulous PTA.

## FUNDRAISING

So far we have managed to raise the following from our events, which have been

- \*Halloween disco
- \*Christmas Movie night
- \*Valentines Dress up day

**Total Fund Raising = £1708.34**

## FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

- \*Crazy Hair Day (Thursday 2nd April)
- \*Bake Sale (TBC)
- \*Colour Run (TBC)
- \*Super Hero Dress up day (22nd May)

More info to follow soon

## EASTER BINGO EVENT

Our next event is our popular Easter Bingo. Last year this was a great success. The event will be held over two nights on

\***Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** for Nursery and Reception

\***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** for Years 1 and 2

Come along and support our PTA and our children.

Tickets can be bought through ParentPay from next week.

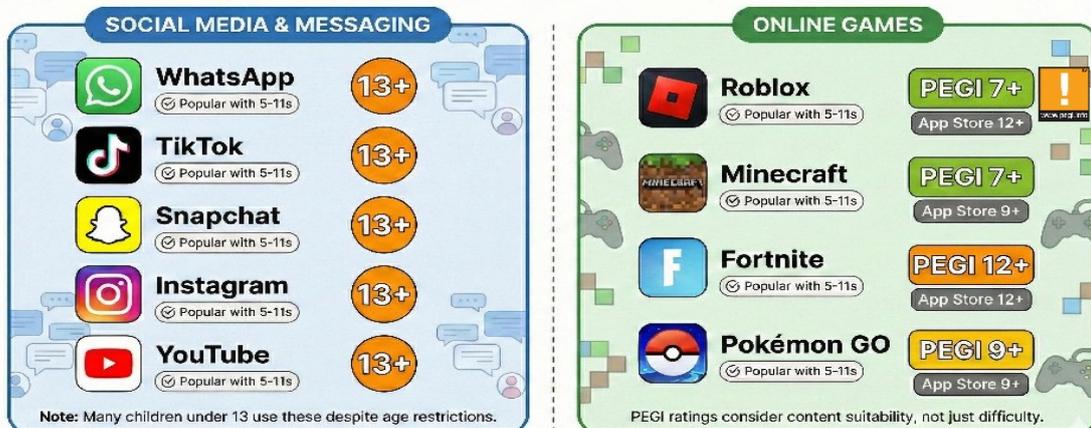


## APP AGE AWARENESS

Following a recent parents event in school we thought it might be useful to share with parents the age ratings for popular apps on social media.

### Popular Apps & Games Among UK Primary Children (Ofcom & Latest Data)

Official Recommended Age Ratings vs. Popularity in 5-11 Age Group



Sources: Based on Ofcom Children's Media Use and Attitudes Reports (2024/2025 data) & industry age rating guidelines. Data indicates significant usage below recommended ages.

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In just three easy steps you will be helping us create a vibrant, fun, and inclusive environment where students can grow and enjoy new experiences.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-margaret-marys-catholic-infant-school/>

Raise free donations for St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School when shopping online with easy fundraising. It won't cost you a penny extra. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-margaret-marys-catholic-infant-school/> and join for free.
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.



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## Holiday Dates 2026 - 2027

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Autumn Term	
Inset days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026</li><li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2026</li><li>• Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026</li></ul>
Term Starts	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026
Half Term	School closes Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 and re-opens on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026

Spring Term	
Inset days	
Term Starts	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
Half Term	School closes Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 and re-opens on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027
Spring Term Ends	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027

Summer Term	
Inset days	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027
Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
Half Term	School closes Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2027 and re-opens on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Summer Term Ends	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2027

## Guest Speakers



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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 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>MORNING</b> 8:50 – 9:50am 	<b>LIVPAC</b> ‘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 <sup>th</sup> March 2026		<b>Knowsley parent carer voice</b> apologise, but they are not able to attend any events for foreseeable.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	<b>MORNING</b> 8:50 -9:50am 	<b>Early years SEND advisor</b> will come to school to talk about: * Delayed development * Their offer. * General SEND discussion and Q&A.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	<b>AFTERNOON</b> 2 – 3pm 	<b>ADDvanced Solutions</b> ‘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 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	<b>AFTERNOON</b> 2 – 3pm 	<b>Parenting Knowsley</b> Give advice on how their service can help parents/carers.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	TBC	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	<b>AFTERNOON</b> 2-3pm 	<b>Knowsley Autism Team</b> ‘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.’

# 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 Hutte 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**



Health and Wellbeing Service in Knowsley  
Parents, carers and families can contact us on our new number... **0151 514 2666**

# Healthy Eating Workshop

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### 2:00pm-3:00pm – For Class 3 & 4

The Healthy Eating Workshop is designed to help parents/carers and their children to focus on Healthy Eating in a fun way.

During the session we will look at Healthy lunch boxes, food groups and sugar.

**Numbers will be limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.** If you are interested in the session, please return your reply slip into the school office, where you will be told if you have a place.

The workshop is for parents /carers of children in class 3 and class 4 only.

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I would like to take part in the Healthy eating workshop - On

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 2:00pm-3.00pm - class 3 and class 4

Parent/Carers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**If interested, please return this reply slip directly to the school office, where you will be told if you have a place.**