

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



Class 1	89.3	Class 7	97.2
Class 2	97.3	Class 8	92.3
Class 3	95.0	Class 9	93.0
Class 4	95.9	Class 10	97.3
Class 5	97.7	Class 11	81.4
Class 6	100	Class 12	98.0

School Attendance Matters **This week's Attendance is %**

**Our target for attendance is
96%**

Attendance Award in Reception
goes to Class 12

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2

**The children in these classes will enjoy an
extra playtime on Friday next week!**



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK

This week in school, we have been celebrating Neurodiversity week.

We have learned about autism, ADHD, down syndrome and dyslexia and celebrated how everyone is unique and everyone is special and wonderful!

We had odd socks on Thursday, no pens day on Friday and every child has visited and experienced our amazing sensory room.

All children have made a kindness pledge and we have been talking about how we can make someone's day by being understanding and kind.

"All brains are celebrated here!"

Holy Week

The days and week before Easter, also known as Holy Week, can be a wonderful time of encouraging children to understand the significance of the days before Christ's crucifixion and the resurrection. Holy Week is the week before Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending on Easter. Next week in school, we are focusing on teaching children to embrace Easter and Holy Week.

Palm 'Monday' 25th March in school.

Palm Sunday (24th March this year) marks the beginning of Holy Week, the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey. The day is called 'Palm Sunday' because the people of Jerusalem threw palm leaves to the floor as a greeting when he arrived.

On Monday, the children will listen to the story of Palm Sunday and make 'palms' in class. We will then greet 'Jesus' on the playground and wave our palms, just as the people of Jerusalem did.



The Last Supper – Tuesday 26th March in school.

We remember that at the Last Supper (28th March this year), Jesus washed his friends' feet and said, "I have given you an example of what you must do."

On Tuesday, each class will take part in prayer and liturgy, listening to and acting out washing feet and the story of the Last Supper. We will wash the children's feet, just as Jesus did to his friends.

Calvary and Stations of the Cross – Wednesday 27th March in school.



We remember Jesus died on Good Friday (29th March this year). On Wednesday, the whole school will listen to and look at the Stations of the Cross (simplified, child friendly version). As the children go forth, they will be given a flower to put at the foot of the cross.

We would like to invite parents/carers to bring their own flowers to put at the foot of the cross on Wednesday as you bring the children to school in the morning to be part of this special occasion. Thank you.

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

[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring & Summer term



Monday 25th March 'Palm Monday' and The Big Lent Walk

Tuesday 26th March 'Last Supper services'

Wednesday 27th March 'Stations of the Cross'

Wednesday 27th March Children Break up for Easter at 3.10pm

Children return Monday 8th April

Wednesday 10th April—Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 12th April—POPP

Tuesday 16th April—Stay and Play—N1Mon—Wed

Tuesday 16th April—School Council

Wednesday 17th April—Stay and Read Class 4—parents and carers welcome

Thursday 18th April—Stay and Play—N1Wed—Fri

Friday 19th April—Year 2 'Big Burn'

Friday 19th April—POPP

Monday 22nd April—Earth Day

Wednesday 24th April—Stay and Read Class 3—parents and carers welcome

Friday 26th April—POPP

Monday 29th April—Prayer and liturgy Class 11—parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 30th April—Prayer and liturgy Class 12—parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 1st May—Stay and Read Class 2—parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 1st May—Prayer and liturgy Class 10—parents and carers welcome

Thursday 2nd May—Prayer and liturgy Class 9—parents and carers welcome

Friday 3rd May—POPP

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

Wednesday 8th May—Stay and Read Class 1—parents and carers welcome

Week beginning Monday 13th May—Foodbank collection week

Tuesday 14th May—School Council

Friday 17th May—School closes for May half term

Monday 3rd June—Children return to school

Please be aware that on rare occasions dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

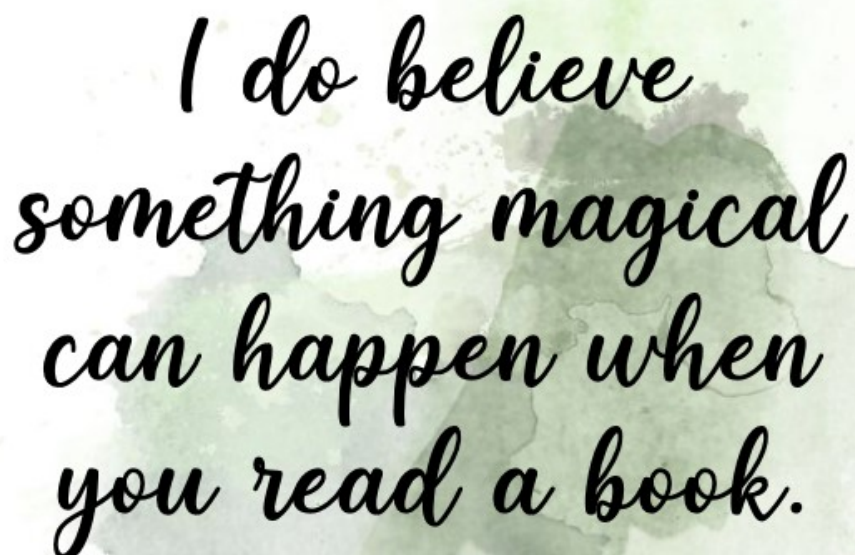
Thank you.

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING WITH CHILDREN

Children love to hear stories. It fires their imaginations and allows them to visit places and people which they may not get to explore otherwise. It widens a child's understanding of the world, their vocabulary and their own reading skills. The modelling of reading from anyone who is more skilful than they are provides something to aspire to and model their own reading after.

A few minutes everyday listening to an adult they have a close relationship with read a story is a loving and calming experience, especially before bed. After a busy day, it is a time to relax and ready a child's mind for sleep.

All the research tells us that the most powerful thing a parent can do to boost their child's academic progress is to read to their child. Each child takes home a bed story book each week. It's a book that they have chosen themselves to share with you.



*I do believe
something magical
can happen when
you read a book.*

J.K Rowling

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Terms and Holidays

Academic Year 2024-25

**Autumn Term 2024 Tuesday 3rd September – Thursday 19th
December 2024**

Autumn Half Term Break up Friday 25th October 2024
Return Monday 4th November 2024
Christmas Holiday Break up Thursday 19th December 2024
Return Monday 6th January 2025

**Spring Term 2025 Monday 6th January 2025 to Thursday
10th April 2025**

Spring Half Term Break up Friday 14th February 2025
Return Tuesday 25th February 2025
Spring Holiday Break up Thursday 10th April 2025
Return Tuesday 22nd April 2025

**Summer Term 2025 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Tuesday
22nd July 2025**

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025
Summer Half Term Break up Friday 23rd May 2025
Return Monday 9th June 2025
Summer Holidays Break up Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Inset Days

Monday 2nd September 2024 / Friday 29th November 2024 /
Friday 20th December 2024 / Monday 24th February 2025 &
Friday 11th April 2025.