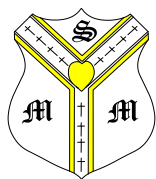


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 1st April 2022

Class 1	89.7%	Class 7	94.3%
Class 2	94%	Class 8	91.9%
Class 3	91.3%	Class 9	89%
Class 4	91.6%	Class 10	80.7%
Class 5	89.3%	Class 11	88.3%
Class 6	81.1%	Class 12	96.7%

School Attendance Matters
This week's Attendance
Our target for attendance is 96%.



Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 7

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents who attended parent evening on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Your support is very much appreciated and through working together we can help all our children make the best possible progress in all aspects of school life.

BIKEABILITY WORKSHOPS FOR RECEPTION

Balance Bike workshops for reception will be taking place next week. Please return your consent form either online or the paper copy to ensure that your child can take part.



It was reported last Friday afternoon that a neighbour was unable to leave her home to attend vital chemotherapy because a parent from our school had parked across her driveway and refused to move. This has been reported to the police.

It is extremely upsetting to hear that someone has missed out on important hospital treatment because of the actions of one of our parents.

Please park safely and legally. Please do not block neighbours driveways.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Financial Donations to Ukraine

The finance team has set up the below text numbers for those wanting to make a financial donation. All donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London to support those in Ukraine. The text numbers are:

- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th April
Animal Take Over Workshops in Year 1

Week beginning 4th April
Bikeability Workshops for Reception

Holy Week Services

Friday 8th April
FINISH FOR EASTER BREAK

Tuesday 19th April

All children return following the Easter break

ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m.

Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and

Sundays at 10.00a.m.

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter

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

Baptisms Please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: smmbaptisms@outlook.com

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If your child turns three before the 1st September 2021, they will be entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision. For working parents, your child may be entitled to 30 hours free provision.

Our nursery offers both 30 hour and 15 hour places.

We are receiving nursery applications now and places are limited.

If you would be interested in your child joining our nursery this year, applications are available in the foyer of school or email school and one can be sent to you.

Please speak to our office staff, who will be happy to help you.



Next week, the children will be taking part in Holy Week services and celebrations in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

On Tuesday, the children will be remembering **Palm Sunday**, making palms and welcoming Jesus to school just as He was welcomed to Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, the children will be remembering the **Last Supper**. Each class will hold their own service in the school hall.

On Friday, we will be solemnly remembering **Good Friday**. Families are invited to lay flowers at the foot of the cross which will be positioned on the small hill. Each year group will be holding their own service remembering the events of that day and will be invited to pray at the foot of the cross.

SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER



Please note that often early in the summer term the weather may still be cold and so on these occasions the winter uniform is still appropriate. The school summer uniform is as follows;

Grey trousers/shorts and yellow school polo t-shirt or yellow and white gingham dress

Grey cardigan or pullover, black shoes.

PE KIT

Yellow t-shirt and black shorts or in cooler weather black tracksuit

Our owl has flown the nest!

Over the past few weeks every member of our school community has helped to decorate our owl. All of the children have heard the Owl and the Pussycat poem by Edward Lear. They were all amazed that a famous author lived near our school.

Everyone who helped to decorate our beautiful sculpture had a special job. Nursery children as the youngest members of our school family, use their eyes and ears to help them to learn. They all decorated the owl's ear tufts and eyes.



In Reception, our children become more independent and learn to stand on their own two feet. Their special job was decorating the feet and legs of our sculpture.

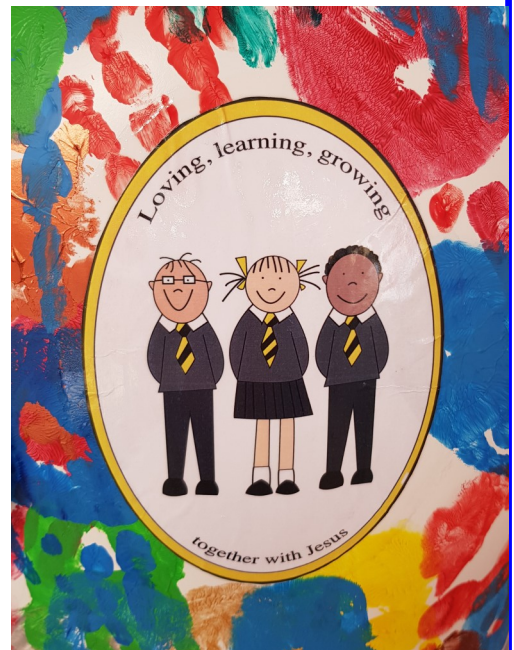
In Year One, our children grow even more and really take off in their learning. Their job was to cover the wings in beautiful handprints.

By the time our oldest children leave Year Two, their hearts are full of love and courage to help them in their journey to our Junior School. They all decorated the heart and chest of our owl.

The adults in our school have all enjoyed decorating our sculpture too. All of the teachers, teaching assistants, Mr Davies, our Site Manager, the kitchen, office and cleaning staff have decorated the back of our owl, to symbolise how they are the backbone of our school community.

Mrs Byrne and the leadership team decorated the top of the owl's head as they

lead our school from the top. Our Governors enjoyed decorating the base of our sculpture to symbolise how they are our solid foundation. Our owl has now started it's final journey to be varnished and hopefully very soon we'll all be able to go and find it, somewhere in Knowsley as part of the Owl and the Pussycat trail during the Borough of Culture celebrations. Our St. Margaret Mary's Infant School Owl should be easy to find as it is wearing our tie and school Mission Statement logo proudly on it's chest.



Family Learning Courses/Workshops for parents of children in Nursery and Reception

All sessions are free and available to all!

Letters and Sounds one off workshop

This one off workshop introduces you to phonics. Find out how your child is being taught phonics in school and how you can help them at home. The session will be delivered via zoom and last for one hour. See the timetable below.

One off parenting workshop

This workshop will explore positive parenting strategies, support you to put boundaries in place and give you suggestions of what you can do when your child misbehaves. A two hour workshop delivered via zoom.

Ready to Learn one off workshop

Ready to Learn is a one- off workshop for parent/carers of children in Nursery and Reception. Throughout the workshop you will be given ideas of how you can support your child to learn. How to give praise and make learning fun. The session will be delivered via zoom and last for one hour.

Making Games for Learning

Making Games for Learning is a three-week course and will be delivered via zoom and will last for one hour. Throughout the course, you will make simple, fun learning games/activities to develop and support your child's English and Maths. All resources will be provided FREE of charge.

If you are interested in any of these courses/workshops, please choose the day and time that best suits you and contact the relevant tutor.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Letters and sounds 3 rd May 10-11am Annmaria Miller	Ready to Learn 4 th May 1pm-2pm Making Games for Learning 11 th , 18 th and 25 th May Ann Curley	Ready to Learn 5 th May 1pm-2pm Making Games for Learning 12 th , 26 th and 25 th May Ann Curley	Parenting workshop Sharon Fitzgerald 6 th May 10-12am
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