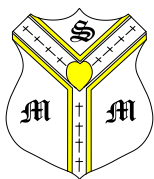


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 2nd December

Class 1	95.2%	Class 7	97.3%
Class 2	89.6%	Class 8	92%
Class 3	98.5%	Class 9	91%
Class 4	87.8%	Class 10	98.6%
Class 5	87.4%	Class 11	93.1%
Class 6	87.6%	Class 12	90%

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



Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 10  
 Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 7  
 Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3



## Year 1 Advent Service

Today, marked our first Advent Service in church, which was led by our Year 1 children and staff. I am sure those who were able to attend, would agree, it was a lovely, prayerful celebration of the Christmas story.

Well done to all our children and Year 1 teachers and teaching assistants.  
 Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

**Christmas list**

- ☒ New phone
- ☒ Video game
- ☒ Headphones
- ☒ **100% school attendance**
- ☒ Clothes

Don't be on the naughty list and make sure 100% school attendance is on your Christmas list.

**#everydaycount**

## 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](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)  
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Christmas eve- 5.30pm, midnight (carols from 11.30)  
 Christmas morning- 10.00a.m.

**Baptisms** Please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: [smbaptisms@outlook.com](mailto:smbaptisms@outlook.com).

# Does your child need care this winter?



**Urgent  
Treatment  
Centre**



**GP  
Surgery**



**Pharmacy**

**Choose the  
right service**



**111.nhs.uk**



**Call  
NHS 111**

If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

## Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: [www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker](http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker)

You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.

## When to go to a doctor

If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first. Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor.

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are;

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain



## When to go to A&E

Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E.

Conditions that require immediate attention include;

- Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing
- Serious animal bites
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Uncontrolled pain



## When to go to a pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with;

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites



## When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help.

Many local centres have x ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E. Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / croup / bronchiolitis)
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



**If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999**



**Urgent Treatment  
& Walk-in Centres**

**Your local centre is closer than you think.**

Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.



### St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm

### Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

### Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre

Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

### Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

### Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre

Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

## The Winter Holiday and Activity Programme

The Winter HAF Programme will be launched shortly - there will be over 3000 places available across Knowsley.

visit <https://oneknowsley.org/snap-healthy-living-activities/> for more details



## On Sunday, we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, the theme of the second Sunday is PEACE. Peace in our families, our communities and in the world.

In the readings on Sunday, we hear about John the Baptist, baptising people in the River Jordan to prepare the way for Jesus. During Advent, we are asked to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

We can prepare for Jesus by being kind and generous to other people. And by saying sorry for all the things that we've done wrong. We can say sorry in prayer to God, and also we can say sorry to the people we have hurt by our actions.

We can get ready to welcome Jesus by making sure our hearts are full of love and care for other people and by not doing things that hurt others.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th December– Year 1 trip to the Pantomime

Tuesday 6th December– Nursery 2 Nativity

Wednesday 7th December– Nursery 1 Nativity (Am and Pm group)

Thursday 8th December– Year 1 Christmas celebration for the children

**Thursday 8th December—Re-arranged Christmas Crafts for Reception**

Friday 9th December– Reception Advent Service in church

Thursday 15th December– Early Years Christmas celebration for the children

Thursday 15th December—Year 1 Christmas Crafts

Friday 16th December– Year 2 Advent Service in church

Monday 19th December—Year 2 Christmas Crafts

Monday 19th December– Year 2 Christmas celebration for the children

Monday 19th December—Reception and Nursery Christmas Party

Tuesday 20th December– Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party

Wednesday 21st December - children finish for Christmas holidays at 2.00p.m.

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



## HOME LEARNING

Well done to **CLASS 9** who  
recorded the most posts on Seesaw last week.  
Keep up the good work.

Well done to everyone who has logged on and completed home learning.

## CHANGES TO THE ONE WAY SYSTEM

We would like to make a change to the one way system currently in place. We ask that all parents continue to use the rear gate access for the church car park to enter the school grounds.

On leaving the school grounds, parents may then choose to use either the rear gate or the top gate onto Pilch Lane.

## APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2023

If your child will turn four before 31st August 2023, you must apply for a reception place now.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.  
Please make the application to the council in which you live.

**For Knowsley residents;**

**<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>**

**For Liverpool residents;**

**<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>**

You must also complete a 'Supplementary Faith Form'.  
These are available from the school office.