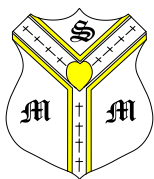


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 9th December

Class 1	88.5%	Class 7	94%
Class 2	90.8%	Class 8	94.7%
Class 3	95.2%	Class 9	84%
Class 4	88.1%	Class 10	88.3%
Class 5	89.7%	Class 11	97.9%
Class 6	87.2%	Class 12	90%

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



Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11
 Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 8
 Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3

WRAPAROUND CLUB (BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL)

We now have a mobile contact number for wraparound club. This number will only be in operation between 4.00p.m. and 5.30p.m. The number is 07385945035



Nursery Nativities

This week, our youngest children performed their nursery nativity for parents, grandparents and little brothers and sisters. They were all wonderful. They sang beautifully and remembered all the things that they had to do. Well done children and thank you to all the staff who helped to prepare the children.

Reception Advent Service

Today, we gathered as a school family in church to celebrate the Reception Advent Service. The children did a wonderful job and led us through a retelling of the Christmas story in a very special way. The children sang beautifully and prayed thoughtfully. Thank you to all the children, the staff and the parents who helped to get the children ready for their special celebration.



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.



CATHEDRAL ADVENT SERVICE

Twelve Year 2 children, joined children from across the Archdiocese to sing at the Cathedral as part of the Archdiocese Schools Advent Service.

The children were seated in a perfect spot in the front row and their singing shone for all to hear. Well done everyone, we are all so proud of you.

Thank you to Mr Townley, our singing teacher, and Mrs Fallon who helped to organise the trip.



Well done to **CLASS 10** 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.

RSHE Questionnaire

Many thanks for your responses to the RSHE questionnaire.

Some of you were not aware of our Relationship, Sex and Health Education policy, please follow this link to access it on our school website:

[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - PSHE & RSHE \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](https://stmargaretmarysinfant.com/PSHE&RSHE)

It is lovely to hear from the feedback that the majority of you feel comfortable to speak to your children about health and wellbeing, different family relationships and mental health matters.

Please be assured that the content of the RSHE lessons are age and stage appropriate.

In Nursery and Reception, the children explore the wonder of being special and unique.

In Year 1, the children focus on families and growing up in a secure and stable home.

In Year 2, the children focus on how they grow and develop in our diverse community.

Please contact Mrs Maddocks if you have any questions or concerns.

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 Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete means 'Rejoice'. It is a day to be joyful about the coming of Jesus. It is marked by the lighting of the pink candle on the Advent Wreath.

We Pray

Loving Lord, as we look forward to Jesus' birthday, help us to remember that you will come into the world again. We want to be acting in a way that shows your love always to others. Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.



Does your child need care this winter?

NHS
St Helens and Knowsley
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust



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. 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

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.