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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Gospel Reflection:

Our Gospel reflection this week focuses upon Jesus' farewell to His disciples. Often with any departure there is a legacy. An agreement and an understanding to keep alive someone's spirit, their achievements, and legacy. Jesus' legacy to His disciples is the teaching He has left them, His commandments. The spirit He leaves them is not just memories and stories. The Spirit of Jesus remains with them as a new form of presence. It will never desert them. It will strengthen them, guide them and give comfort. Jesus assures them that they will not be left alone. Finally, Jesus reminds the disciples that although they will face challenges in the future, if they continue to remain connected with him, and through him to the Father, he will continue to guide and lead them.

From this we can all take great comfort and give thanks. The love Jesus and our Father have for us knows no bounds. No matter what difficulties that we face, we are loved as children of God. Jesus' presence is with us always.



John 14:15-21 "I will not leave you as orphans."

Nursery Places 2026 and Wrap Around Care

For all of our families and wider community a reminder that we are welcoming and still have, places available for our September 2026 Nursery intake. Please see the flyer below with additional information, including the expansion of our breakfast club and wrap-around care this year.



Reception and Nursery Places September 2026

For all of our families and wider community a reminder that we are welcoming and still have, places available for our September 2026 Nursery intake, as noted last week, we are expanding our wrap-around care later this year, this includes before and after school.

Are you looking for a full-time school-based Nursery place for your child for September?

If so, then we warmly welcome you to St. Margaret Mary's RC Primary School.

We are committed to fostering strong, caring, supportive relationships with you and your child that will be built upon as we journey through school together.



Within school we can offer full wrap around care for your child, including breakfast club facilities from 07.30a.m. We will offer (from Summer 2026), full after school club provision until 5.30p.m. every day. In addition to this Holiday Club places will be available throughout the year.

Please get in touch with our school office for any enquiries. We warmly welcome visits in person, which can be booked through the office.

0161 681 1504, alternatively, please email:

contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk

Year 6 SATs Examinations

We would like to say a massive well done to our Year 6 children who have displayed enormous effort and hard work in both the lead up to, and the actual sitting of their SATs examinations this week. We are extremely proud of all the children and know all of their hard work will pay off.

WELL DONE!

Year 6 Residential

We would also like to wish a wonderful time and experience to all of our Year 6 children who will be attending their residential next week at Brathay Hall in the Lake District.

We will be sure to include lots of photographs in next week's school newsletter of all the activities the children will be participating in.

Have a wonderful time Year 6!

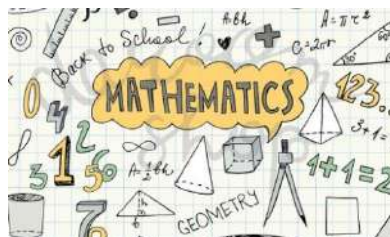


Year 5 Mathematics Competition

A small number of our talented Year 5 mathematicians have been selected to represent St Margaret Mary's at a Year 5 Mathematics Competition to be held at St Matthew's RC High School on Wednesday 20th May.

If your child has been selected you will have received a letter via email.

We wish our children the very best of luck!



School Meal Balances

We would like to ask for your patience in the coming weeks with your child's school meal balance information. We have recently moved to a different software and are waiting for that information to be updated to be able to give both yourselves and school, the most accurate information.

Where accounts need bringing up to date we will send a message to notify you of this.

We appreciate your support and understanding with this.



School Communication via the School Gateway app

School Gateway, our school app, is the main method of communication we use for parents/carers. It is extremely important that parents/carers download the app onto their mobile telephones as we no longer be sending text messages, which incur a charge to school, going forward. This means you will not receive school messages if you do not have the app downloaded.

If you log into your phone and download the app, which is the image below, we would be most grateful.

Should you need any help with this please do not hesitate to call into the school office.



Foundation Governor Vacancies

A reminder that we currently have vacancies for Foundation Governor[s] at the school. If you would be interesting in supporting the school in this important role, please see the attached information sheet from the Diocese of Salford and/or alternatively arrange to speak to myself.





The children in reception were practicing their hopping, jumping and stepping skills in PE ...



Last week, Reception learnt all about David Attenborough for his birthday and went on a mini beast hunt to see what they could find to add to their bug hotel ...



The children in 2M were using their knowledge of plants to design an experiment to investigate how plants grow in different conditions ...





Well done to last week's 'Stars of the Week' ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' which included the whole of Year 6 for their hard work and effort in their SATs examinations ...





Well done last week's children who demonstrated our school virtues – of being “eloquent and truthful” ...





Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues –
“eloquent and truthful” this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners from last week.
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2M are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.3% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
88.4%	95.4%	95.5%	95%	98.2%	99.3%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
93.8%	95%	94.3%	96.9%	94.7%	97.1%

Dates to remember

Monday 18th May 2026: Year 6 Residential week

Wednesday 20th May 2026: Year 5 Mathematics Competition at St Matthew's RC High School

Friday 22nd May 2026: School closes for half-term at the normal school finish time of 3.15 p.m.

Monday 8th June 2026: School re-opens after half-term

Tuesday 16th June 2026: "Great Science Share" at University of Manchester

Wednesday 17th June 2026: Boys' football after school at St Matthew's RC High School

Tuesday 23rd June 2026: Year 5 Taster Morning at St Matthew's RC High School

Tuesday 7th July 2026: Year 3 & 4 trip to "Eureka!"

Thursday 16th July 2026: Year 1 & 2 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Tuesday 21st July 2026: School closes for pupils for summer holidays

Wednesday 22nd July 2026: STAFF INSET Day

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

I hope you all had a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher



**“Lord, we know you are with us.
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