



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love."

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Poppie from 4KL for achieving 1st place in not just one, but two dances at her recent competition! What an incredible achievement - well done, Poppie!



A huge well done to Gabrielle in 5HW who took part in a story telling event in Liverpool Central Library. She read her short story that is now published in an anthology called 'Nature Novels'.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The vast majority of our children always look immaculate in their school uniform and they make us feel really proud. Can we remind all parents and carers that children need to wear their FULL school uniform or FULL PE kit everyday. Trainers can only be worn on PE days or at break and dinner time. Accessories, including false nails, nail polish and make up are not permitted. Thank you for your support.

CLASS DOJO

ClassDojo is a great way for teachers to share class news, updates, and important information with families; it's not designed to work like a text message or instant chat service.

Teachers are unable to respond to messages during the school day (including lunchtime) as their focus is on teaching and caring for the children. If you ever need to get in touch about something urgent, please call the school office.

Class teachers will check Dojo messages when they can, but they are not expected to read or reply during the school day or in their own time. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep communication clear and manageable for everyone.

DELI BAR

We are delighted to share some exciting news about our school dinners. In line with Knowsley's Healthy School Initiative, we will be launching our very own Deli Bar, starting on Tuesday, 4th November.

The Deli Bar will offer a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as wraps, sandwiches, and pasta dishes. Every day, your child will continue to have three meal choices, with one delicious and nutritious option coming from our new Deli Bar.

We hope this addition will encourage healthy eating habits and give children the opportunity to mix and match their favourite foods. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a healthier place for all.



ATTENDANCE

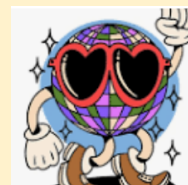
<u>Year Group with the fewest lost days this week</u>	<u>Classes Recognised this week</u>	<u>School Attendance this week</u>	<u>Impressive attendance this week</u>
☀️ Year 4 ☀️	☀️ 3KM ☀️ ☀️ 4SC ☀️ ☀️ 5MQ ☀️ ☀️ 6SA/6PS ☀️	☀️ 93.4% ☀️	☀️ 4SC ☀️

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

All emails relating to pupil absences must now be sent to schools our email address – stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk

PTA DISCO

Thank you to our PTA, DJ Brad and school staff for supporting the school Disco this week. The children had a wonderful time and we raised lots of money that will go directly back to our children to support further events.



SPORTS NEWS



Well done to the girls who competed in the Sylvia Gore Huyton League this week. For some, this was their first time representing school at football. The girls won one, drew one and lost two. Keep up the good effort girls!



Our Y5 and Y6 mixed rugby team had a great time last Friday when they visited Portico Vines Rugby club for some training with the coaches from St Helens RLFC. They even got to play their first ever rugby match. If any child is interested in taking up rugby outside of school, please contact Mr Arnold and he will point you in the right direction. Rugby training will now be on Wednesday lunchtimes between 12.45 and 1.15pm.



Mr Lightfoot took some fantastic role models from Y6 to their first ever hockey tournament on Wednesday at the EiTC Hub. They had a fabulous time and scored plenty of goals. Well done to all who were involved, especially Joseph who was the star player!

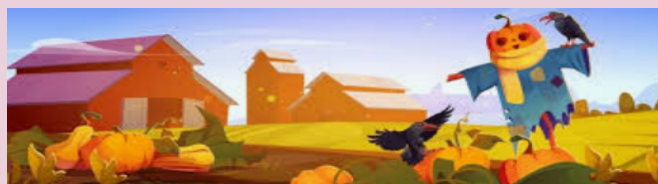
YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2025**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in. Details will be available on the council websites.

Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

Yr 4 HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

A huge well done to all the Year 4 children for their amazing performance in the Harvest Assembly! The children read so confidently, sang beautifully, and danced with such energy and joy. A big thank you to all the family and friends who came along to support the children, and to everyone who generously donated food - you helped make the celebration extra special!



THE PRESCOT ACTIVITY CLUB- SATURDAY

If your child is aged 4-6 and interested in Music, Drama or Sports? The Prescott School is holding a Saturday Club 10.100-12.00pm. Scan the QR code below for more information.



☀️ Can You Help Our School? ☀️

We are always grateful for the support of parents, grandparents and carers, and we're currently looking for volunteers and donations to help us make school life even better.

👉 Volunteer opportunities:

- Driving our school minibus for trips and events.
- Helping in the school gardens to keep our outdoor spaces looking good.

👉 Donations we'd love:

- Compost, plants or gardening supplies for our planting projects.
- Complete sets of board games, card games or puzzles in good condition for children to enjoy during wet play.

If you can help in any way — big or small — please let us know. Your time and generosity make a huge difference to our children. 💚

SUPPORTING ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

As promised, here is the link to the Online Safety for Parents recording and presentation:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DDUX3CKWSa1H0LKffTzJgE-M5yHbRvZB?usp=s_haring

We have also embedded a copy of the video on our website for those who would prefer to watch it via a browser or share this link:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-oct-2025/>

St Margaret Mary's Infant School EYFS Open Day

We would like to invite you to...

Reception 2026 Open Evenings



Wednesday 22nd
October 2025 4-4:30pm
or
Wednesday 19th
November 2025
4-4:30pm

0151 477 8815

- ★ Ofsted rated a GOOD SCHOOL - Nov 2024
- ★ "Positive and caring relationships where pupils feel safe"
- ★ "Pupils with special education needs are supported extremely well"
- ★ Wrap around available from 8am till 5:30pm
- ★ 15 and 30 hour places Nursery from age 3



FULL OF BEANS- Holiday Club

Full of Beans Liverpool are running 2 fun, inclusive holiday camps for primary-aged children from 27th-31st October. The camp supports least-active children, has qualified coaches, and we offer a 10% sibling discount.



AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES FOR DIARY

(Please note that dates are subject to change but, in the event of change, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible)

24th October- Break Up for Half term

NOVEMBER

3rd November- Return to school after half term

w/b 3rd November - Holy Communion Session 2

7th November - Yr 6 trip to Western Approaches (2 classes)

11th November- Remembrance Assembly

11th November - Parent Forum Zoom meeting 6pm

w/b 17th & 24th- November Yr 5 Swimming

18th November - Green Day for The Jamie Leigh Foundation

26th November-Yr 6 trip to Western Approaches (2 classes)

27th November - Parent Meetings for 3ST, 3GM, 4CF, 6TC

28th November INSET day- children are not in school

2nd December - Parent Meetings for 3CD, 4KL, 5DN, 5MQ

4th December - Parent Meetings for 3GM, 4SC, 5RR, 6PS

5th December - Parent Meetings for 4AW, 5HW, 6SA, 6MW

9th December- Yr 3 Nativity Performance for parents 1.15pm

10th December - Yr 3 Nativity Performance for parents 9.15am

11th December - Whole School Christmas Jumper Day

12th December- Yr 4 Reconciliation in the school hall am

13th December - Whole school Carol Concert

16th December- Whole school visit to Pantomime (M & S Convention Centre) am

17th December - Whole school Talent Show 9.15am

18th December- Whole school Christmas Service with the infant school 2pm

19th December- Christmas Coffee Morning 9.15am

19th December- Finish for Christmas 1.30pm

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

