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"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Ávila

RECOGNITION



Esme 3CD has been selected to represent her dance school at the World championships Belfast 2027. She will be competing in the under 11s Ceili team. This will be Esme's first time competing in a world competition. We are very, very proud of you Esme.

CHRISTINGLE MASS LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Mrs Culley and Mrs Rawsthorne had the absolute pleasure of taking a group of 15 children from across the school to the annual Christingle service at the Cathedral on Thursday. Our children were a total credit to our school and their families. They sang beautifully (with actions). Thank you to Eden (Year 6) who read a prayer on behalf of our school and thank you to Mrs Rawsthorne for joining us,



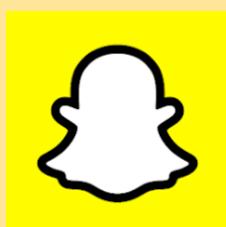
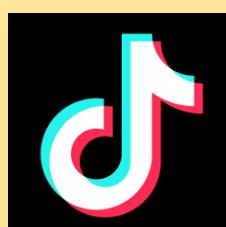
SOCIAL MEDIA

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the growing number of issues in school that are linked to children's use of social media and messaging apps outside school hours. Unfortunately, these online disputes and inappropriate interactions are often spilling over into the classroom, affecting friendships, learning, and wellbeing.

It is essential that parents and carers are aware that apps such as WhatsApp, TikTok and Snapchat all have age restrictions (usually 13+ years) for important safety reasons. Despite this, we are seeing children as young as those in Year 3 using these platforms — something that is both worrying and contrary to the guidance set out by the app providers.

We urge all parents to closely monitor their child's mobile phone and online activity. Please ensure you are aware of what platforms they are using, who they are communicating with, and how they are presenting themselves online. Children need ongoing support and supervision to ensure they use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly.

Our shared goal is to keep every child safe — both in school and beyond it. Your cooperation in helping us tackle this growing issue is vital.



YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION



Well done to Year 5 and 6 boys who represented school at Prescot Soccer Centre this week. For some of the boys, this was their first time representing the school. The boys won one of their matches and unfortunately lost three. Good effort.

PARENT & CARERS ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for next Wednesday (28th January 2026 - 9.30am - 10.15am).

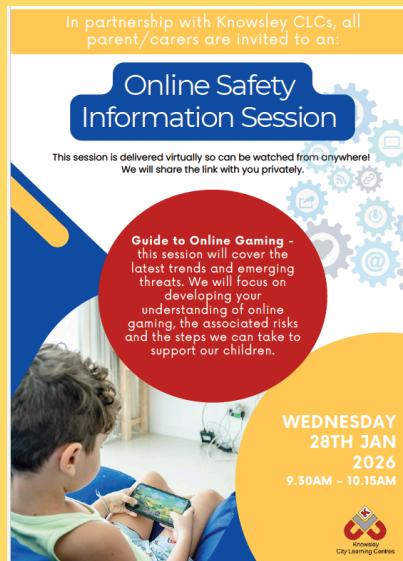
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The focus of this session is a guide to online gaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of online gaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. We are sharing this link below as a guide to our parents and carers in managing their children's digital lives.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Wake and Shake!

Tuesday and Thursday between 8.00am and 8.30am, we run a Wake and Shake club where pupils can join in dancing and games in our hall to get them ready for learning.

All year groups are welcome to join in the fun, just arrive on time at reception and say, 'Wake and Shake!'

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 ✿	✿ 3GM ✿ ✿ 4CF ✿	✿ 93.9% ✿	✿ 3GM - 100% ✿

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

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

SPRING TERM DATES FOR THE 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)

SPRING TERM 1

28th January, am - Boccia competition, All Saints school
w/b 2nd February- Yr 4 Holy Communion Session 5
4th February, am- Yr 5 Football competition, EFC Academy
13th February- Yr 4 Charity Coffee morning
13th February- Finish for half term (normal time)

SPRING TERM 2

23rd February - Whole school INSET day- children are not in school
24th February- Children and staff return to school
2nd March- Yr 6 Residential trip to London (3 days)
4th March- Yr 5 Author visit
5th March -World Book Day
9th March- Yr 4 Swimming (Mon-Thurs)
11th March - Parents Evening
13th March -Wear Blue for Bobby Day
16th March- Yr 4 Swimming (Mon-Thurs)
16th March - Year 5 and 6 Disco 3.15-4.15pm Year 3 & 4 Disco 4.30-5.30pm
18th March - Parents Evening
19th March- British Gymnastic Competition - 30 children to visit
20th March- Yr 6 to visit the Royal Philharmonic
23rd March - 25th March Yr 5 Winmarleigh Hall Residential
27th March - Coffee Morning for Good Shepherd

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

Power Of Parenting Programme (POPP)

Group run by Learning Mentors Jackie Harris & Carmel Perry

Venue: St Margaret Marys JUNIOR School

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world.

Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers and motivators for their children.

The POPP programme aims to build on parenting skills, increase confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviours in children.

Session 1	Wednesday	28th January 2026	9 - 10.30am
Session 2	Wednesday	4 th February 2026	9 - 10.30am
Session 3	Wednesday	11th February 2026	9 - 10.30am
Session 4	Wednesday	25th February 2026	9- 10am

On session 4 Wednesday 25th February your child will accompany you in taking part in some fun practical activities that will help to support them to reduce stress, anxiety and feel a sense of calm.

If you are interested in attending the **Power Of Parenting Programme** please your child's class teacher or Mrs Perry no later than - **26th January 2026**.

Places are limited and will be offered on a

'first come first served' basis