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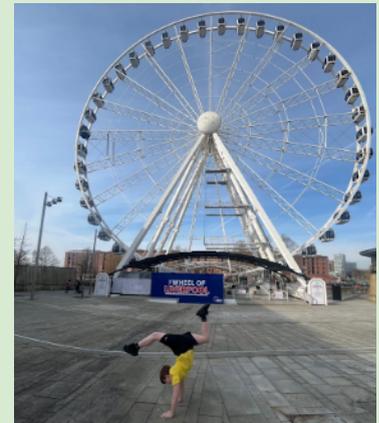
Week ending: Friday 20th March 2026

"Faith without obedience is fragile. Lent is the time to strengthen your foundation—by doing, not just hearing, the Word of God"

(Based on Matthew 7:24-25).

BRITISH GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS M&S ARENA

On Thursday, we took a group of wonderful children from all year groups to come and watch the British Gymnastics Championships at the M and S Bank Arena. We had a fabulous time, so much so, the children didn't want to leave! What a brilliant experience for all the children involved watching some future Olympians. They all displayed exemplary behaviour all day long and made the experience for the staff involved such a positive one.







MERSEYSIDE ATHLETICS FINALS

Well done to the children in Y5 and Y6 who were selected to represent our school at the Merseyside athletics finals on Wednesday. It was a very tough competition with some fine athletes representing their schools. Despite taking some great runners, throwers and jumpers of our own, we were not in the medals on this occasion. Great fun however was had by all!



HUYTON LEAGUE

Well done to the boys who played in the 6th round of the Huyton League on Thursday. Another debut and some more great individual performances in the sunshine. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Mr Lightfoot for his dedicated support with football this year.



HILLSBOROUGH FLOWER BOX

Tuesday 15th April marks the 36th anniversary of the Hillsborough tragedy.

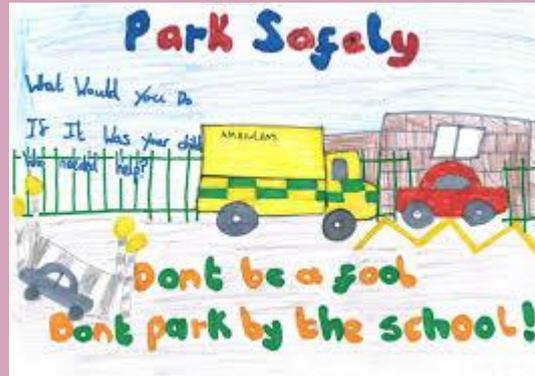
Help us honour the 97 lives lost by sponsoring a Hillsborough flower box. A £3 donation will contribute to a commemorative display in the Memorial Garden.

To sponsor, please donate £3 via Parent Pay and return the slip to school by Friday 27th March.



PARKING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who park so considerately around our school. Your thoughtfulness towards our neighbours in the local community is truly appreciated. As we continue this positive approach, I'd like to gently remind everyone to remain mindful when parking in and around school. Please avoid blocking gates or parking in dangerous positions, and let's continue to be polite and respectful to our local residents. Together, we create a welcoming environment for everyone.



PARENT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

At school we value your feedback to enable us to achieve the best results and outcomes for your children. Could we ask that you use the link below and take 10 minutes to complete this parent survey.

Thank you in advance.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfiGaelvb1iMmTjnz7GyANRMBZFe_EuQV4SjDkkG2QJFtg/viewform?usp=header

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to our parents and carers who attended our second Parent's Evening this week. These collaborative conversations between teachers, parents and carers are vital to support our children with their learning and achieve the best results. Over the two weeks it has been lovely to invite so many parents and carers into school. Thank you for your continuing support.



SCHOOL DISCO

The children had a wonderful time at the school disco this week. We witnessed some impressive moves and great dance routines. Thank you to our DJ Brad, our parents for organising and helping out and our staff for giving up their own time to support the event.



HUYTON VILLAGE - EASTER FUN DAY



MEET THE CHARACTERS

- Beauty and the Beast will bring their fairy tale charm to the village.
- Look out for the colourful stilt walking Roses.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

- Craft Workshop (Village Green, 1 Cavendish Walk, L36 9YG)
- Easter Bonnet making (An Hour For Others, 1 Sherborne Square, L36 9UR)
- Sow A Seed planting Workshop (An Hour For Others, 1 Sherborne Square, L36 9UR)

FAMILY FUN

- Follow the Easter Lamb Trail around the village (collect your form from Village Green)
- Face Painting - bright easter designs

WORKSHOPS ARE DROP IN. AND EVERY ACTIVITY IS FREE!

YEAR 6 ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC VISIT

Year 6 had a fantastic visit to The Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra with fabulous pieces of music.



PARENT PARTNERS



Finch Woods Academy Parent Partners is an opportunity for parents to meet with the expert teams and professionals who support children with SEND, gain a deeper understanding of SEND and how to support their children's needs in the home, and become more involved in the life of the school.

The school offers tailored SEND sessions and an opportunity for parents to gain advice and strategies from experts in the world of SEND.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10th March 2026

Supporting Speech, Language, and Communication skills through games
Chelsie Davies— Speech and Language Therapist

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Sleep Support
Alison Peace—School Health Team

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Understanding Autism: Post Diagnosis Support
Diane Strevens—Autism Advisory Teacher

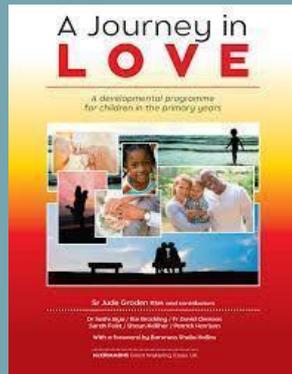
Tuesday 9th June 2026

Supporting Sensory Regulation
Kerry Anne Warburton—Occupational Therapist

All sessions will take place at **Finch Woods Academy, Bailey's Lane, Halewood, L26 0TY**.
The sessions will run for local schools 9:15–10:15am, and for parents of pupils at Finch Woods Academy 10:30–11:30am. Light refreshments will be available. To book a place, please contact: vrhead@finchwoods.mhat.org.uk

RSHE MEETING

There will be a short RSHE (Religious, Sex and Health Education) online meeting on Tuesday 24th March at 5pm. At this meeting Mrs Derryhouse (RE subject lead) and Mrs Culley will talk parents and carers through 'A Journey in Love' curriculum programme that all Liverpool Catholic primary schools deliver. The Zoom link will be shared via email in advance of the meeting. This developmental curriculum focuses on the whole child- physically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially. It is rooted in the Catholic teachings about God's love and dignity of the human person.



Out and About

As you may know approval has been given for the building of 34 homes and a mix of apartments on the old Boundary Pub site. Work is expected to start around June/July with a build period of 10-12 months. This will undoubtedly increase traffic on Pilch Lane, so we would ask families, where possible, to walk to school to reduce traffic to a minimum and improve the safety of our whole community.

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 3 ☀️	☀️ 3GM ☀️ ☀️ 4SC ☀️ ☀️ 5DN ☀️ ☀️ 6TC ☀️	☀️ 91.7% ☀️	☀️ 3GM - 98.9% ☀️

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 2

23rd March - Yr 5 Winmarleigh Hall Residential
 24th March - RSHE online meeting (via Zoom)
 27th March - Coffee Morning for Good Shepherd
 2nd April - Finish for Easter (1.30pm)

SUMMER TERM 1

Year 2 Transition Programme begins
 16th & 23rd April- Yr 3 Road Safety
 21st & 22nd April - Yr 6 Eco Centre Coastal Trip
 w/b 23rd April- Yr 3 Swimming (2 weeks)
 27th April - Yr 4 Condoover Hall Residential
 w/b 5th May- Yr 5 Bikeability
 8th May- Culture Coffee Morning
 11th May- Yr 6 SAT Week
 15th May 4CF & 4KL Holy Communion
 21st May- Yr 6 Road Safety Sessions
 22nd May- Yr 6 Sports Day (am)
 22nd May- 4SC & 4AW Holy Communion
 22nd May Finish School For Half Term (normal time)

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Spring Term. Please see the timetable below: -

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3	Before School					
	Lunchtime					Football
	After School				Rebound Dance	
Y4	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Football	
	After				Choir	
Y5	Before School			Basketball	Boys Football	Bleep Test
	Lunchtime					
	After School			Football	Rebound Dance	
Y6	Before School	Benchball	Bleep Test			
	Lunchtime	Hockey	Table Tennis	Rugby		
	After School	EFC Athletics		Football	Homework Club	Rebound Dance