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"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, God is an everlasting rock."

(Isaiah 26:4)



As we approach the joy of Easter, we give thanks for the blessings of our school community and the light each family brings to it. May the risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, hope, and happiness this Easter season. I would like to thank our staff for their continued dedication and hard work that they bring to our school. I wish all our pupils, parents, and staff a joyful and restful Easter break.

RECOGNITION

A huge congratulations to Cali in Year 6 who won the Start of Season Championship this weekend as Senior Inter Mascot. What a fantastic achievement Cali, well done!



HUYTON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Well done to our upper school footballers who have qualified for the Champion of Champions Regional Tournament later in the year after a very successful league campaign. A fantastic achievement especially considering around 30 children have played for the school this year.



BIG LANTERN WALK

On Monday, we joined the infant children to take part in our Big Lent Walk. The children enjoyed the experience, and the sunshine made the walk even more enjoyable. They demonstrated respectful behaviour throughout.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The children were given the opportunity to visit church for the Stations of the Cross. They were respectful and reverent during their time in church.



GREATEST WEEK ASSEMBLY

The children took part in a special prayer and liturgy, helping them to reflect on the most important week in the Christian Church's year. Known as Holy Week, this is the time when Christians remember the events leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus through special celebrations. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday.



ATTENDANCE RAFFLE WINNERS

Our most recent attendance prizes were awarded to those with excellent attendance in Spring term. Three lucky winners were pulled from the raffle to win a £60 Gravity Max voucher! Well done to our winners!



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.



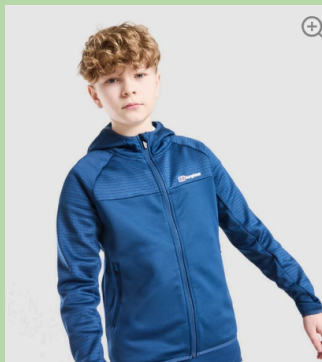
NEW PE KIT!

Following discussions with our school council and considering samples with various materials, we are pleased to inform you that a new PE kit will be introduced from September 2026. Children will be allowed to continue wearing their current PE kit up until September 2027 to give families plenty of time to make the change in a way that is manageable and cost-effective. This will be available from Lisa's Schoolwear with badges soon and further updates will be provided once this is in stock. Samples pictured below...



LOST PROPERTY

Could we please ask parents and carers to check at home for a lost jacket. It is the same jacket as pictured below and has the child's name written in the label. Thanks for your help!



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.



HUYTON VILLAGE - EASTER FUN DAY



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 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

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.

Knowsley Parenting Support Newsletter

Please see the link below to the newest edition of Knowsley's Parenting Newsletter, detailing the parenting programmes and support available for families in Knowsley April- July 2026. Programmes range from antenatal right up to 19 and 25 for young people with SEND. All programmes are FREE to access. Included is information on how to refer to each programme.

[Knowsley Parenting Support Newsletter April- July 2026](#)

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 ☀️ ☀️ 4CF ☀️ ☀️ 5HW ☀️ ☀️ 6PS ☀️	☀️ 93.3% ☀️	☀️ 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)

SUMMER TERM 1

Easter Holiday Club 7th to 10th April
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 Condover Hall Residential
 1st May- Y3 Liverpool Museum & Art Gallery Trip
 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)

SUMMER TERM 2

12th June- Pink Day
 15th June- Yr 3 Sports Day
 16th June - Yr 4 Sports Day
 17th June- Yr 5 Sports Day
 25th June - Yr 3 & 4 Gulliver's World
 26th June- Yr 5 & 6 Gulliver's World
 1st July- Transition Day- Yr 6 visit secondary schools
 10th July- Coffee Morning
 17th July- Yr 6 Leavers Mass 10.00am TBC
 20th July- Yr 6 Awards Presentation 9.30am
 20th July- Yr 6 Leavers Party 5pm TBC
 21st July - Finish for Summer time TBC

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



CREATIVE

ARTS

CAMP

Get involved in fun activities and meet new friends! Free places for children on benefits related school meals.

DATES

Tuesday 7th April
Wednesday 8th April
Thursday 9th April
Friday 10th April

10am - 2pm

ACTIVITIES

- Drama games
- Dance choreography
- Storytelling
- Arts and Crafts
- Acting & performing
- Exercise
- Lunch provided!

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