



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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"Lord, you will show us the path of life."

(Psalm 16:11)

HILLSBOROUGH MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Hillsborough memorial garden is being lovingly given a new lease of life. 🌹

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who has sponsored a flower box in memory of the 97 Liverpool fans who lost their lives 37 years ago. Your kindness helps keep their memory alive in the most beautiful way.

They will never be forgotten.





Watch this space as we keep you updated with our progress.

FACE -FAMILY ADVICE COMMUNICATION EDUCATION

We have received this flyer in school, it provides online recorded sessions that will provide families with support and advice on some key areas. We hope you find them useful. Any feedback to us in school would be greatly appreciated.



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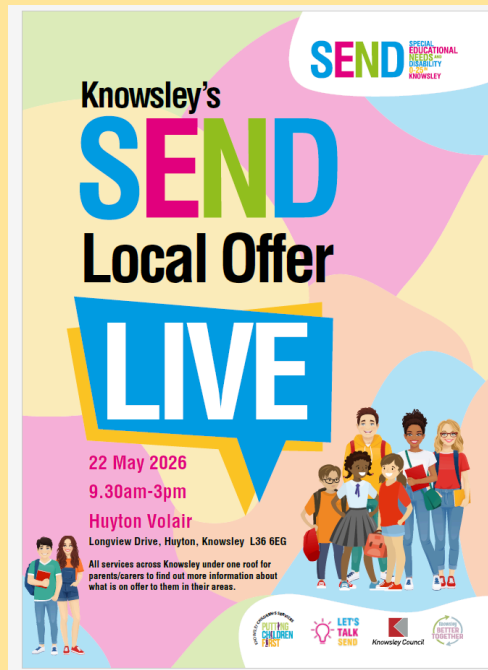
May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
 Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

SEND LOCAL OFFER- LIVE EVENT



The event will be held on 22nd May from 09:30hrs to 15:00hrs at Huyton Volaire, Longview Drive, L36 6EG.

YEAR 6 FOOTGOLF



Well done to our Y6 children who many of whom got their first experience of footgolf this week in Aintree. The sun was shining and they had a brilliant time with Mr Lightfoot.

Olivia's Law

The Korbel family have spent years campaigning for Olivia's Law. This week, they shared with the school that the law has been sent for Royal Assent and, following approval, will soon be officially recognised as Olivia's Law.

The family would like to thank everyone for their continued support, kind words, and encouragement throughout this journey – a fight they should never have had to face.

We are proud to stand with the family and recognise this important milestone.



OLIVIA'S LAW



VICTIMS AND COURTS BILL

We are beyond thrilled to announce that 'Olivia's Law' is FINAL. It is off to Royal Assent for Monarchical approval before being officially announced as Law.

We couldn't be any more grateful of the hard work and support of those who have walked besides us during this fight, a fight that should never have been required. In Olivia's name, no other families will have to face the denial of the beginning of closure in court.

FROM ALL OF US AT OLIVIA'S BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION ✨



LIV's BINGO BASH

To celebrate Olivia's 13th birthday, the Korbel family have organised a special evening in memory of Olivia – a night to come together, share smiles, and honour her life.



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...



YEAR 3 ROAD SAFETY

The Year 3 children participated in Road Safety workshops this week. They watched video clips and discussed the importance of crossing the road in a safe place, as well as the importance of wearing a seatbelt. The children were given an activity booklet to take home to reinforce what they had learned. Their behaviour was impeccable.





St Margaret Mary's

Catholic Infant School



We are now taking places for 3 year olds in September 2026

- ★ Teacher led Nursery
- ★ 15 and 30 hour places available
- ★ Breakfast and afterschool club
- ★ Loving, learning and growing together with Jesus



Contact us to find out more!

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Thank you from Olivia's family to all those in our school community who have supported their fight to ensure Olivia's Law is recognised and 'final'. 💕

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 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

Guest Speakers

Our Infant school is hosting a number of events to support parents with SEND. If you are a parent/carer/grandparent/aunt/uncle of a child with Special Educational Needs, or if you have concerns, you are welcome to attend one or all of the guest speaker events.

There will be refreshments and the opportunity to listen to a SEND professional, helping to share knowledge of what is available to help your child at home and in school. Please note some are morning sessions and others are in the afternoon. You are welcome to attend only the ones that interest you or you can attend them all. You can also bring a friend.

The guest speaker events will take place in the canteen at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School.

Thursday 30 th April 2026	AFTERNOON 2 – 3pm  Knowsley Council	Parenting Knowsley Give advice on how their service can help parents/carers.
Thursday 7 th May 2026	TBC	
Thursday 14 th May 2026	AFTERNOON 2-3pm  Knowsley Council	Knowsley Autism Team 'The team will work with the borough's schools and pupils to provide information, advice and supporting, ensuring that their needs are being met. By supporting the graduated approach and delivering timely, targeted advice, the Autism Advisory Team will help schools identify and meet needs earlier. Strengthening staff confidence and capacity in mainstream settings reduces reliance on reactive support, aims to lower Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) applications, and ease pressure on specialist provision.'

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](#)

School Crossing Patrol / Parking

Many families have enquired about our crossing patrol man returning. At this stage we are unaware of when this will be but we pray it will be soon.

We have been in contact with Liverpool Council regarding the dangers not having a crossing patrol brings to our community. Their advice is that we should use the Zebra Crossing a little further up Pilch Lane towards our infant school.

Please be extra careful when crossing Pilch Lane!

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 ☀️	☀️ 3ST ☀️ ☀️ 4CF ☀️ ☀️ 5RR ☀️ ☀️ 6SA ☀️	93.4 %	☀️ 4CF ☀️

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

Year 2 Transition Programme begins
 w/b 27th April- Yr 3 Swimming (2 weeks)
 27th April - Yr 4 Condoover 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		Multiskills			
Y4	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Football	
	After	EFC Muliskills				
Y5	Before School			Basketball	Boys Football	Bleep Test
	Lunchtime					
	After School			Football	Rebound Dance	
Y6	Before School	Benchball	Bleep Test			
	Lunchtime	Hockey	Table Tennis			
			Booster Revision	Football	Homework Club	Rebound Dance