



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me"

(John 10:14-15)

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.



FACE

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

THANK YOU DESSIAN

We would like to say a huge thank-you to Lewis Callaghan and his staff at Dessian Education, one of the supply agencies we use in school. Lewis is a past pupil who was always incredibly passionate about all areas of sport. Dessian have provided school with a full set of football kits and these were delivered to school last week. They look fantastic and we can't wait to use them for the first time.



SEND LOCAL OFFER- LIVE EVENT

A colorful poster for the SEND Local Offer LIVE event. The text on the poster includes: "Knowsley's SEND Local Offer LIVE", "22 May 2026", "9.30am-3pm", "Huyton Volair", "Longview Drive, Huyton, Knowsley L36 6EG", and "All services across Knowsley under one roof for parents/carers to find out more information about what is on offer to them in their areas." The poster also features the SEND logo, a group of diverse children, and logos for "PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST", "LET'S TALK SEND", "Knowsley Council", and "GETTING TOGETHER".

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

ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

Guide to Social Media & Livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, the associated risks and steps we can take to support our children.

**WEDNESDAY
6TH MAY
2026
4PM - 4.45PM**



Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for next Wednesday 6th May 2026 (4pm - 4.45pm). Please share as required.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWMzYzRmYTYtMDk0NC00MWQ0LWIyMDctNjYzYzNkZTI0MGJj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a

Focus: Guide to social media and livestreaming - this will include latest trends and emerging threats and will focus on developing your understanding of social media and livestreaming, 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.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

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 Korbelt 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...





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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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 7 th May 2026	TBC	
Thursday 14 th May 2026	AFTERNOON 2-3pm 	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.

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>
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☀️ Year 5 ☀️	☀️ 3CD ☀️ ☀️ 4SC ☀️ ☀️ 5HW ☀️ ☀️ 6TC ☀️	92.6%	☀️ 4SC 100% ☀️
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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
- 4th May- Yr 3 Swimming (2nd week)
- 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				
	Before School			Basketball	Boys Football	Bleep Test
	Lunchtime					

Y5	After School			Football	Rebound Dance	
Y6	Before School	Benchball	Bleep Test			
	Lunchtime	Hockey	Table Tennis			
			Booster Revision	Football	Homework Club	Rebound Dance