



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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"I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

## RECOGNITION



Well done to Alfie H and Bobby C in Year 6 on their football awards! For the month of April, Bobby was awarded manager's player of the month and Alfie was awarded parents' player of the month. Well done and congratulations to both boys!



A huge well done to Eimear for her fantastic achievement at the Northern Regional Fleadh! We are delighted that she has qualified to compete at the All Britain Fleadh in both the Tin Whistle competition and 4 Hand Ceili Dancing.

Congratulations also to Áine from Year 6, who will be competing alongside Eimear in the 4 Hand Ceili Dancing competition. We wish them both the very best of luck as they travel to Essex in June for this exciting event!

### **YEAR 6 SATs WEEK**

Well done to all our Year 6 children who handled their SATs this week with determination, resilience and maturity. We are all so proud of every single one of you. There was an ice cream treat to finish the week off, to celebrate and say well done to you all.





## HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our wonderful Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion! It was a truly beautiful and memorable occasion, with a lovely service that was very well attended by families and friends. A special well done to the readers and singers, who did an outstanding job and made the celebration even more special.

The children then enjoyed a fabulous after-party filled with fun, laughter, and celebration. The entertainment was absolutely brilliant, and everyone had a fantastic time marking this important milestone together!

More photographs from this special day will be shared on the Year 4 Instagram page and Dojo.



## ♥ PINK DAY 2026 ♥

This year would have been Olivia's 13th birthday! We will once again be holding our Pink Day in her memory. The children will be invited to wear as little or as much pink as they like for a £1 donation to Olivia's Butterfly Foundation. There will be fun activities planned in her memory throughout the day.

At 2pm we will then be hosting our annual Pink Day Fair, where the theme will continue. Arrangements for collecting children etc will follow shortly.

On Thursday 21st May we invite children to wear their own clothes and donate a tombola prize. Yr 5 & 6 please donate a bottle and Yr 3 & 4 please donate an unwanted and unused toy or gift.


In addition to this, if any parents would like to hire a table for the event to sell items that fit in with a school summer fair please contact the school office.

Finally, if you are able to support the Pink Day Fair on the day, by standing on a stall or setting up in the afternoon please contact the school office too.



## 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.

 <b>FACE</b>	
<b>May 2026 Timetable</b>	
All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a>	
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
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>

## ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS



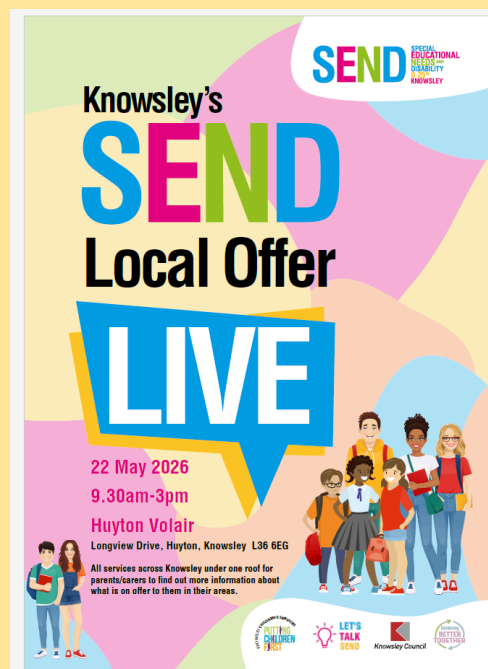
Please find below the link to the recording and presentation of the Parent/Carer session that took place yesterday:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12UgzMQhBnYjiCF9mOpD6lv05MU7tCTz4>

We have also embedded a copy of the video on our website for those who would prefer to watch it via a browser or share this link:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-may-2026/>

## 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.

## SLEEP SURVEY - MHST

If your child struggles with sleep please take a few minutes to take part in a short survey that closes on the 5th July to share your experiences with the Mental Health Support Team. Thank you.



**Does your child have trouble sleeping?**

We're looking at how we can improve support for parents and carers to help their children with sleep.

We've created a survey to find out more about:

- What sleep issues your children have had.
- What has (and hasn't) helped your family.
- What else you think should be available.

If you'd like to help us improve sleep support for children and young people, please share your family's experiences in our short survey here. (Closes Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026)

beyond  
Children and Young People's  
Transformation Programme

RAISE  
MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION TEAM  
MERSEYSIDE  
YOUTH  
ASSOCIATION

## 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. Liv's Bingo will be held on Saturday 13th June in St Margaret Mary's Parish Club.



**LIV'S  
BINGO  
BASH**

**CELEBRATING OLIVIA'S 13<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
13TH JUNE 2026 | AT 7PM TIL LATE  
FANCY DRESS IS OPTIONAL (L OR O)

TICKETS ARE £20 NON-REFUNDABLE BUT ARE TRANSFERABLE  
ADULTS ONLY  
PLEASE MESSAGE US FOR TICKETS 07723655013

**GAMES | RAFFLES | PRIZES**

ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH CLUB, L14 0JG

## 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...



## School Games Mark

St Maragret Mary's are proud to announce our school has achieved the 'Platinum' award for the third year in a row for our contribution to sport in school. We run a number of breakfast, after school and lunch clubs for all children to participate in sport.



## Keeping an Eye on Lunch

This academic year the amount of waste created by our pupils on packed lunches has increased significantly. This is due to some pupils not finishing the lunches that are prepared for them at home. On many occasions pupils are throwing almost whole lunches straight into the bin. We have spent time talking to pupils about the importance of a healthy diet but for some it appears to make little difference.

In line with this we are receiving increased queries from parents asking if their child finishes their lunch each day. Sadly, despite having adequate staff in the canteen we cannot check every pupil's lunch box.

Therefore, from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 we are removing the waste bins from our canteen and pupils with packed lunches will bring home with them the packaging from their lunches and any items of food they have not eaten. This will give you the parent, a clear understanding of how much of the lunch you are preparing for your child is being eaten each day and hopefully ensuring your child is eating a healthy balanced lunch.

# 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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## CHORISTERS at LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Applications are still open for children to audition for the Cathedral Choir at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

Choristers receive a high-quality musical education and take part in regular services and special events in one of the country's most iconic cathedrals. Children also can grow in confidence, develop lasting friendships, and be part of a supportive and inspiring community.

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool

Archdiocese of Liverpool MUSIC

### SING. LEARN. BELONG.

Could your child become a cathedral chorister?

Children in years 2-5 who love to sing are invited to apply to join the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir.

#### Why join?

- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Receive a fully-funded world-class musical education
- Perform in an iconic cathedral

SCAN HERE

## 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](mailto:vrhead@finchwoods.mhat.org.uk)

## FOR ALL YOU BUDDING RUGBY PLAYERS

Please see below details for Sefton Rugby Club who are looking for budding rugby players. They train every Thursday 6pm-8pm at Sefton Rugby Club on Thornhead Lane.



**SEFTON RUFC**  
West Derby, Liverpool.

**Give Rugby a Try**  
Come and learn to play, have fun, make friends and be part of our community

**Boys and Girls ages 5 - 16**

**Sefton Rugby Club**  
Thornhead Lane,  
Leyfield Road,  
Liverpool,  
L12 9EY

**Every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm**  
Contact us for details of specific sessions

Sefton RUFC, Thornhead Lane, Leyfield Road, Liverpool, L12 9EY | [sefton@seftonruffc.co.uk](mailto:sefton@seftonruffc.co.uk) | [f](#) | [i](#) | [@SeftonRUFC](#)

## SCHOOL CROSS PATROL/ PARKING ON PILCH LANE

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 6 ☀️	☀️ 3CD ☀️ ☀️ 4CF ☀️ ☀️ 5DN ☀️ ☀️ 6TC ☀️	90.7%	☀️ 6TC & 3CD ☀️

### ATTENDANCE REMINDER

All emails relating to pupil absences must now be sent to schools our email address - [stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto: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  
 21st May- Yr 6 Road Safety Sessions  
 22nd May- Coffee Morning  
 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- Summer Fair  
 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 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
	Before School					
<b>Y3</b>	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