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"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Psalm 104:30

RECOGNITION

A huge well done to Amelia who was very proud to read in church at the weekend. How special that it was the first offer of a reading this year! We are very proud of you Amelia!



Congratulations to Jenson and Ruben who have won the League Double this season with their team AFCKnowsley Villa U8. This weekend they were crowned winners of their Sunday league at Edge Hill and received their trophy. The boys scored some fantastic goals this season and finished 15 points clear at the top of the table with a goal difference of 89.



YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

This week Year 5 took part in Bikeability. Children have been provided with bikes and helmets and have been taken onto the playground to complete their Level 1 training, before graduating to the road to complete their Level 2. All Year 5 children who want to take part will, we think this is amazing!



Huyton Boys Trials

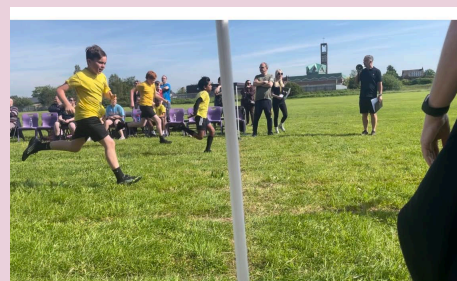
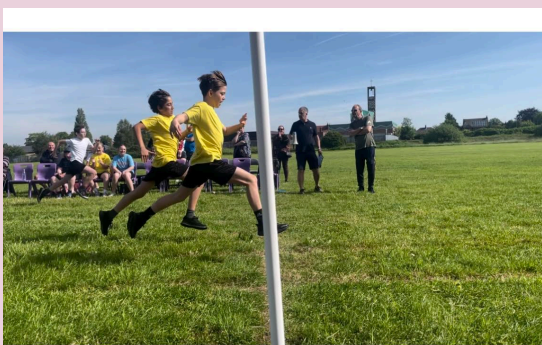
To be held at Malvern Primary School at 5pm on the following dates:



YEAR 6 SPORTS DAY

What a fantastic morning Year 6 had on the field for Sports Day. There was fantastic teamwork on display and a brilliant competitive atmosphere.

Thank you to all of the parents for an excellent turn out and to all of those who took part in the parent races!
Well done children!





COFFEE MORNING

Year 5 hosted coffee morning today, showcasing their 'Internet Safety' assembly. Year 5 have been practicing for a couple of weeks now and hope you enjoyed watching them. The messages portrayed in the assembly show how important it is to stay safe online and to not be influenced by others.



YEAR 4 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.



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

MARY'S MEALS



On Tuesday, the children in Year 3 were extremely lucky to have an assembly from Mrs Rawthorne all about Mary's Meals. The children were respectful throughout the assembly.


MAY PROCESSION



During the May Procession at school, Eimear carried a wooden set of rosary beads while Anna crowned Our Lady. It was a special prayer occasion as the children prayed the Rosary in honour of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

YEAR 6 ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety



STOP
Always stop before crossing. Make sure it is clear before moving from the pavement.
If there is a crossing nearby, use it. Even if it means walking a little further to get to it.

LOOK
Make sure you can see clearly in both directions.
Look for cars approaching - Also make sure you look for motorbikes and bicycles. You should let vehicles pass before crossing.

LISTEN
Listen out for traffic.
Sometimes you can hear vehicles before you see them.

THINK
Do not cross:
- between cars
- on a bend
- or over the crest of a hill (drivers will have less chance of seeing you).
If you are sure it is clear and safe you should cross. If you are unsure - wait!

When crossing, look out for friends and siblings. Try and find the safest route to where you are going. Look out for designated crossing points.

At a traffic light crossing, press the button and wait for the green man to light up and blink to sound.

At a zebra crossing wait until the traffic from both directions has stopped, and then cross.

When crossing with a School Crossing Patrol officer always follow their instructions, and remember to say thank-you.

This week, our Year 6 children enjoyed listening to the Knowsley Road Safety team and learning about how to cross roads safely. These sessions were very beneficial and children can use this knowledge daily when they are crossing the roads. In particular, children can use this knowledge when they begin high school and start crossing roads independently.

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 5th June 2026)



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 13TH 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...



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 8th 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.

School Improvements

We are delighted to share with you the news that from 26th May 2026 the lower end of our school will undergo building works to improve our school facilities. The works will create 4 new learning spaces that will be designed and fitted by Therapeutic Classrooms. Therapeutic Classrooms is a strategy our school have implemented through training and staff development. The facilities are the final stage and will enable us to meet the needs of all our pupils.

During the works the lower end of school will be closed to staff and pupils, meaning that our SEND pupil entrance will be closed until September 2026. In the interim period pupils struggling to come into school via the pupil or main entrance can enter via the school hall, and Mrs Medway will continue to greet pupils from that point.

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

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 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

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 | [f](#) | [i](#) | [d](#) | [@SeftonRUFC](#)

FOR ALL YOU BUDDING PADEL PLAYERS

Padel is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. These sessions are £30 per child and are open to any primary age children from Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th May, 9am-2pm and are strongly recommended by Mr Arnold. It is in St Helens but please mention Mr Arnold if you book as this may help to get us future discounts.



PADEL
HOLIDAY WARRIORS

starting week
commencing 25th May

MINI WARRIORS (PRIMARY SCHOOL) | MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
WARRIORS (SECONDARY SCHOOL) | TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

email info@centrecourtpadel.com to secure your Childs place

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 ☀️ ☀️ 5MQ ☀️ ☀️ 6SA ☀️	93.6%	☀️ 6SA 98.7% ☀️

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 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
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