



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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

Psalm 104:30

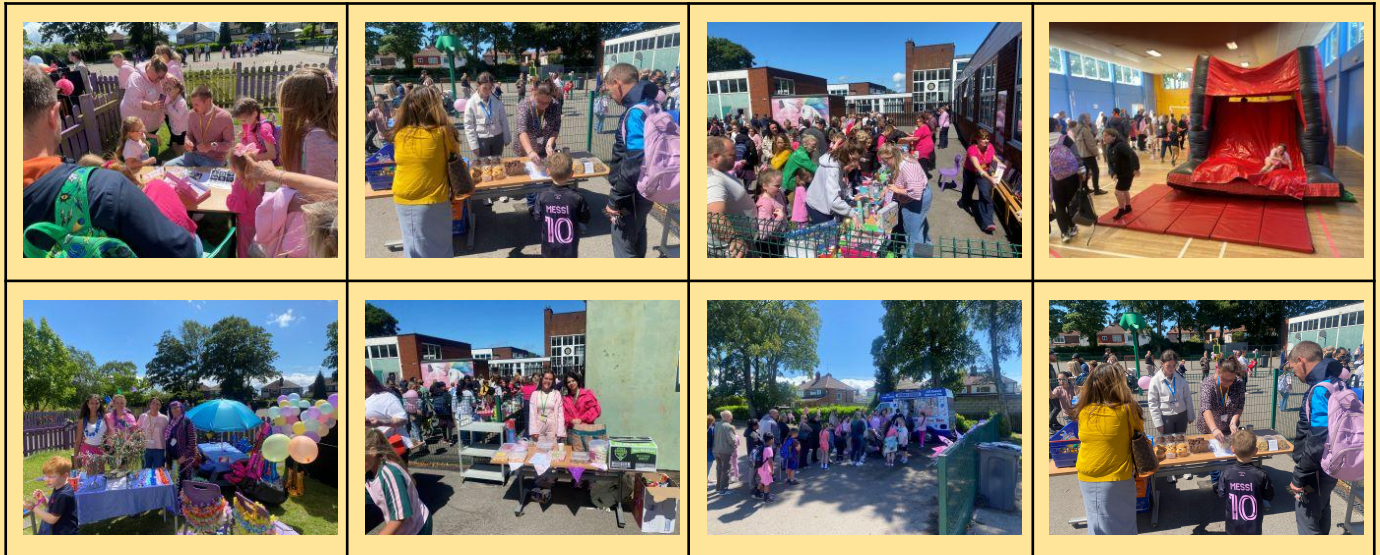
## RECOGNITION

Isla in 3GM sang a solo in her very first musical theatre show . She made her family proud and her teacher , who was lucky to have seen the wonderful videos .



## PINK DAY

Thank you to our school community, once again for supporting our annual Pink Day. Our infant and junior school walked around our school community 'in the pink', our children enjoyed creating collage butterflies in Olivia's memory and competing against classmates in the bouncy castle assault course. This was all finished off with our Pink Fair. We remembered a beautiful girl's 13th birthday in style! Watch this space next week for photographs from the fair.



## YR 5 EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY VISIT

This week Year 5 visited Edge Hill University. We had a tour of the campus and then took part in some fun activities! The highlight for some, getting to go inside their planetarium.



## CLEAN AIR DAY THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2026

Clean Air Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of how air pollution affects health, particularly for children and young people and to encourage simple actions that can help improve the air we breathe.

This links with Knowsley's wider work to improve air quality, including reducing idling near schools and promoting healthier environments through smoke and vape free spaces. Schools play an important role in protecting pupils from exposure to air pollution, particularly around busy drop-off, and pick-up times. We would really appreciate your support in promoting Clean Air Day. So please can we urge parents and carers to turn off the engine if you are waiting for your child.

**SWITCH OFF!**

DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE

**What is engine idling?**  
Engine idling is the unnecessary running of your engine, whether it's on your driveway, outside a shop or at the school pick up.

**Why it's so important to switch off**  
Poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK. It shortens lives and reduces quality of life, particularly among the most vulnerable, the young and old, and those living with health conditions.

Road traffic vehicles are one of the biggest contributing factors to poor air quality in our borough.

**Engine idling:**

- ⊗ Increases harmful emissions
- ⊗ Causes health problems like asthma
- ⊗ Wastes fuel
- ⊗ Creates unnecessary noise

Turning your engine off helps reduce harmful emissions released into the atmosphere.

**Did you know?**  
A study in 2020 found it can cost up to 3p for every minute spent idling!

**5 idling myths**

- ⊗ **False** - Turning your engine off and on uses more fuel and produces more pollution.
- ✔ **Fact** - The opposite is true!
- ⊗ **False** - Turning your engine off and on wears it out.
- ✔ **Fact** - Electronic ignitions have eliminated this issue in modern cars. Engine idling increases wear and tear due to incomplete fuel combustion!
- ⊗ **False** - You need to keep your engine running to keep the battery charged.
- ✔ **Fact** - This is not necessary with modern batteries.
- ⊗ **False** - It's best to warm up your engine by leaving it running for a few minutes.
- ✔ **Fact** - Modern engines do not need to be warmed up before use!
- ⊗ **False** - You need to keep the engine running to keep car and passengers warm.
- ✔ **Fact** - You can heat through the fans with the engine off and the ignition on.

For more information contact Knowsley Council's Environmental Health team on 0151 443 4712 or via [environmentalhealth@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@knowsley.gov.uk)

## 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...



## Girls Football

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls who played in the Huyton League finals this week. The girls were excellent and managed to get to the semi finals. For some of our Year 6 children it will have been their last opportunity to represent the girls team. You have done yourselves proud.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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 3 ☀️	☀️ 3CD ☀️	89.6 %	☀️ 4AW ☀️

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 ☀️ 5RR ☀️  
 ☀️ 6PS ☀️

### 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 2

15th June- Yr 3 Sports Day  
 17th June- Yr 5 Sports Day  
 18th June - Yr 4 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  
 6th July- Yr 3 Meet the Teachers Meeting 5pm  
 10th July- Coffee Morning  
 14th July- Yr 6 Performance for parents 1.30pm  
 15th July- Yr 6 Performance for parents 5pm  
 17th July- Yr 6 Leavers Mass 10.00am  
 20th July- Yr 6 Awards Presentation 9.30am  
 17th July- Yr 6 Leavers Party 4pm  
 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 Disco Timestables	Boxing	Story Journaling Games Club	
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

