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"But I say to you, do not resist one who is evil, but if anyone will have struck you on your right cheek, offer to him the other also

Matthew 5:38-42

RECOGNITION

Jenson and Ruben played a tournament last weekend at the Knowsley Pavilion. The boys played some fantastic football, scored some great goals and went on to win the tournament with their team Knowsley Villa U8. This weekend they're heading to Macclesfield for another tournament against teams from all over the country. Congratulations boys and good luck for the weekend!



IMAGINE MY FUTURE- YEAR 6

The Year 6 children have had a fantastic week taking part in Imagine My Future. They have learned all about what is available in terms of their future and careers and had a brilliant opportunity to meet many businesses on industry day.



CAFOD ASSEMBLIES

On Friday 19th June, we welcomed CAFOD into school to lead an assembly for the children. They enjoyed learning about the important work CAFOD carries out overseas and were amazed to discover that just £12 can help a family grow crops to feed themselves.

The children also learned about Catholic Social Teaching and how its principles encourage us to show kindness, care for others, and help make the world a fairer place. It was a thought-provoking assembly that inspired everyone to think about how they can make a positive difference.



PINK DAY FAIR

Thank you to our school community for supporting the Pink Day Fair. It was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and children from our infant and junior school join us! The final amount raised will be shared with you following the final count! Well done to our winners on the day.

Elvis the teddy bear was won by a classmate of Olivi's from SMMJ- Isabelle

The sweet jar was won by Cadie (Yr4) and Cheryl Korbel (Olivia's mum)

Our raffle prizes were won by Poppy, Isabelle, Autumn, Charlie, Alissa, Noah, Zara, Amy, Caoimhe, Lilla and Felicity.

YEAR 3 SPORTS DAY

On Monday, Year 3 took part in Sports Day. It was a fantastic morning filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of enthusiasm. The children had a wonderful time taking part in the events and enjoyed an ice pop as a treat when they returned to class.

Thank you to all the parents who joined in with the parent races. Your participation made the event even more memorable for the children and helped create a fun and exciting atmosphere for everyone.

Well done to all of Year 3 for their excellent effort and sportsmanship throughout the morning!



YEAR 4 SPORTS DAY

Well done to all of the Year 4 children for taking part in Sports Day! The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event, with some brilliant individual performances as well as excellent teamwork on display.

A big thank you also goes to all the family and friends who came along to support the children and help make the day such a positive and enjoyable experience.



YEAR 5 SPORTS DAY

Year 5 competed in a fantastic morning of sports on Thursday! The children performed to the best of their abilities and behaved well. Well done Year 5!



Year 6 QuadKids Athletics

On Thursday evening, a group of Year 6 children took part in an athletics competition at Malvern Primary School.

The children all competed in four events, long jump, javelin, 100m sprint and 600m long distance running.

Our team did exceptionally well and won the competition! Well done to those who took part!



KNOWSLEY CLC- ONLINE SAFETY PARENT BOOKLETS

Knowsley CLC have been doing a few online safety days recently to raise awareness of online safety. Schools and the parents wanted something to take away. So the CLC have put together a little A5 booklet to share with parents. It's based on the books 'Stolen Focus' by Johann Hari and 'The Anxious Generation' by Jonathan Haidt, and it offers tips on digital parenting.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r-EJ3UzVtXA2mBxqTJ77v5KzwhZ-LM4N2Fg4AaWo02Q/edit?tab=t.0>



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.

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

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 ☀️ ☀️ 4SC ☀️ ☀️ 5MQ ☀️ ☀️ 6MW ☀️	91.6%	☀️ 3CD & 5HW ☀️
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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 2

22nd Wavertree Athletics Competition
 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

