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"Let us immerse ourselves in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and draw from it the grace to be instruments of peace and love in the world."

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

RECOGNITION

India Edwards was nominated for a prestigious education award this week, Knowsley Educate Award and Mrs Culley, Mrs Edwards and India attended the award ceremony at Knowsley Hall. India was nominated in a sporting category for her dedication and commitment to swimming and she won! She trains early in the morning before school, at the weekend as well as competing at a local and national level. She pushes herself hard and consistently aims for excellence in the pool, currently aiming to knock hundreths of seconds off her personal bests. We think she is an inspirational figure to us all and we are so proud of her. Well done India!



WAVERTREE ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Monday, SMMJ competed against seven other schools in the annual Liverpool Catholic School's Association Athletics tournament at Wavertree Athletics Centre. The children had been practicing hard on the build up to the event and performed so well, especially in the heat.

First and second place finishers will now go on to represent the school in the 'Champion of Champions' event in the coming weeks.

Below are a few images of some of our winners with their medals.



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

Admission Free 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

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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>
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☀️ Year 3 ☀️	☀️ 3GM ☀️ ☀️ 4CF ☀️ ☀️ 5MQ ☀️ ☀️ 6PS ☀️	91.6%	☀️ 3GM ☀️
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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

1st July- Transition Day- Yr 6 visit secondary schools
 3rd July - Yr 3 & 4 Rescheduled Gullivers World Trip
 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 5-6:30pm
 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

