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"God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord... but bear your share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

Saint Paul (from 2 Timothy 1:7-8)

BARCELONA FOOTBALL



Well done to Year 5 boys who were rewarded for good behaviour with a trip to Liverpool Academy. The boys took part in a football tournament which included a group of children who had flown to Liverpool from Barcelona. The boys won their final match and worked well as a team. Well done!

TRANSITION MORNING

Whilst our Year 6 pupils visited their secondary schools on Wednesday, the rest of us took the opportunity to meet our new teachers for September. This included Year 2 visiting

their junior school teachers for the morning too. It was a positive morning and hopefully we can now all look forward to the next school year- not before a lovely long Summer though! Change can be a tricky time for us all but Oprah Winfrey sums it up very eloquently, "We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are."

Classes for September 2026

<u>Current Class</u>	<u>New Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
Year 2 mixed	3CD	Mrs Dwerryhouse	Miss Campbell Miss Corlan Ms Goldie Mrs Jackson Miss Lawless Mrs McHale Mrs Murphy Miss Walker
Year 2 mixed	3CG	Mrs Gillespie	
Year 2 mixed	3KH	Mrs Heynemand	
Year 2 mixed	3NH	Mr Higham	
3CD	4CF	Miss Finnegan	Mr Brown Mr Capper Miss Creedon Mrs Graham Mrs Mills Miss Veach Miss Von Bargen
3ST	4SC	Miss Colmer	
3GM	4EA	Miss Atherton	
3KM	4OB	Mr Brownell	
4CF	5HW	Miss Whewell	Miss Cullen Miss Devenport Mrs Finnegan Mrs Hill Miss McDonnell Miss Reid Miss Smith
4KL	5DN	Miss Ndongozi	
4SC	5RR	Miss Rooney	
4AW	5MQ	Miss Quinn	
Year 5 mixed	6PS	Mrs Smith	Miss Hannah Mr Lightfoot Mrs Lucas Mrs Madden Mrs O'Brien Mrs Tedford Mrs McCormack
Year 5 mixed	6LT	Mrs Tansey	
Year 5 mixed	6MW	Mrs Wong	

Year 5 mixed	6ZM	Miss McCarthy	
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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.

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 ☀	☀ 3GM ☀ ☀ 4KL ☀ ☀ 5MQ ☀ ☀ 6MW ☀	81.6%	☀ 3GM ☀

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

6th July- Yr 3 Meet the Teachers Meeting 5pm

10th July- Coffee Morning- Culture

14th July- Yr 6 Performance for parents 1.30pm

15th July- Yr 6 Performance for parents 5pm

16th July- Yr 5 & 6 Gullivers World Trip (rescheduled)

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 Yr 3,4 & 5 finish at 1.30pm Yr 6 finish at 1.45pm

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 Multiskills				
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