



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week:**  
**Love**

**Newsletter Issue 11**  
**Week ending Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

*'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud....'*  
*1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

## ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



### Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**

### Assessment Week

*This week has been Assessment Week in school and the children have worked hard to demonstrate their best work. Parents will receive their child's results at the forthcoming Assertive Mentoring Conversations which will take place on the following dates and times:-*

- 3CF- Friday 16th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 3GT- Wednesday 7th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 3ME- Monday 5th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 3ST- Thursday 8th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 4CD- Tuesday 13th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 4HW- Wednesday 14th December (8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 4PS- Tuesday 6th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 4SC- Wednesday 7th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 5JP- Wednesday 7th December (between 8:00am and 6:00pm)
- 5KN- Wednesday 7th December (between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm)
- 5MW- Thursday 8th December (between 8:30am and 5:30pm)
- 5NW- Monday 12th December (between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.)
- 6AC- Wednesday 7th December (Between 8.30am and 6.00pm)
- 6JK- Thursday 8th December (Between 8.00am to 5.30pm)
- 6LT- Thursday 15th December (between 8:30am and 5:30pm)
- 6SA - Friday 9th December (between 8.30am and 5.30pm)

## Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Brendan	Caitlin	Ethan	96.1%
3GT	Ava	Aimee	Imogen	95.0%
3ME	Rudy	Joseph	Bella	96.3%
3ST	Shea	Joseph	Lottie	96.4%
4CD	Benjamin	Nell	Billy	94.0%
4HW	Eva-Grace	Liam	Oscar	95.4%
4PS	Mikey	Liv	Rosie	96.4%
4SC	Nico	Archie	Thalia	95.5%
5JP	Jake	Ava	Eva-Nicole	97.3%
5KN	Brodie	Nancy	Freya	95.4%
5MW	Poppy	Finley	Joshua	95.3%
5NW	Joseph	Niamh	Cayden	94.6%
6AC	Hani	Luke	Agata	94.3%
6JK	Archie	Mia	Isabella	96.4%
6LT	Mabella	Khloe	Godwin	96.7%
6SA	Harry	Liam	Michael	95.4%

Attendance for the whole school is %

Best Class at lunchtime:3CF,4HW,5MW,6SA

## Golden Ticket Initiative

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners who have gone above and beyond this week-enjoy your hot chocolate!

This week's winners are:-

Year 4 - Shawn in 4HW for helping new classmates to settle in and being an excellent role model.

Year 5 -

Year 6 - Izzy and Lillia for doing their amazing presentation in assembly all about Jamie Leigh. Thank you for raising awareness of cystic fibrosis and for explaining what The Jamie Leigh Usher Foundation is all about.

**HOUSE POINTS -**

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	201	222	217	327	967
St David	211	205	217	331	914
St George	220	219	209	312	960
St Patrick	212	222	200	325	959

### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4CD	5MW	6JK
Most Improved	Ivy	Adon	Amy	Jennifer
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Oliver 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Bella	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5NW - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

## Sport News

This week a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in the LFC Girls' football competition, they played 6 games and only lost 1 of them. We were very proud that they came 2nd in the competition. Great work girls!



For the past fortnight our Year 5 pupils have benefited from Swimming lessons.



### Congratulations!

On Saturday 5th November Myla attended the KUGB Youth Nationals in Grantham. Despite moving up into more difficult categories, Myla was still able to retain 1st place in all competitions this year, making her the National Champion, Youth National Champion and also Northern Region Champion under 16 for the 2nd year running.



A huge congratulations to Molly and Sofia in 6LT who have completed this weekend in a Taekwondo competition, showing excellent skill and determination. Well done girls!



Congratulations to Carter (4CD) for being chosen as the captain of his football team.





## Gallery

This week our remaining Year 4 classes have benefited from working with the CLC. They have been learning about coding and have put a lot of effort into developing their own interactive Minecraft and LightBot game.



## Community Project

We are currently planning a community project with our neighbouring schools (St Margaret Mary's Roman Catholic Infant School, Malvern, Huyton With Roby and Roby Park). Last week a zoom link was sent out to gauge views about the community. The responses from this survey will provide the stimulus for the project. If you have not already completed the survey-please access it via the link below:-

<https://forms.gle/E6UzUwfvvV6sF6QT9>

We ask that responses are submitted by 9am on Monday 28th November

## With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion

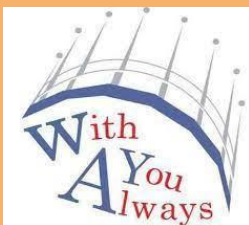
Thursday 1st December Fr Roy will be speaking to our Year 5 pupils. The children will receive the sacrament of reconciliation next Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> December).

Please remember that Fr Roy expects that the children attend mass **at least once a month** as part of your family's commitment to the With You Always programme. Please sign in with the welcome team as you arrive. If families are not seen at mass regularly it may impact on their child being able to receive the sacrament in the summer term.

The dates for First Holy Communions have now been agreed with Fr Roy. A letter will be sent out to all Year 5 parents in **January** enabling parents to sign up for their preferred date and time. There will be a maximum of 30 places at each mass, so you may be asked for some flexibility with dates and times. Requests will be allocated on a first come first served basis as reply slips are returned to class teachers.

**Saturday 17th June 10am & 12pm**

**Saturday 24th June 10am & 12pm**



## Governor Morning

This week, a group of governors came into school and enjoyed the opportunity to speak to some of the children.





### RE Cluster Meeting

This week we invited a host of other Catholic schools to St Margaret Mary's to participate in an RE Moderation Session

### Wellbeing

This week, Mrs Wilkison and Mrs Culley met with Kate Morris, Children & Young People's Mental Health Promotion Worker. We are very excited about the range of opportunities for our children, training for staff and workshops for parents that have been offered to school.

Watch this space for updates.

### Christmas Fair

Join us for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (next Friday). Any offers of help will be gratefully received.

### St Andrew's Feast Day

Next Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup> November) is St Andrew's Feast Day. Pupils in St Andrew's Team have the option to come to school wearing blue. Please note that all own clothes days are 'optional'. The children may wear one item of blue with their school uniform, their own clothes with a blue item or head to toe in blue!

### Inter House Team Bingo

Our House Team Ambassadors have been busy organising our first ever Inter House Bingo Competition. The event will take place during the school day on Thursday 15th December. The children will have the chance to win individual prizes as well as competing as a team to gain their colours on our new House Team trophy. On this day the children can wear their House Team colours, and **NOT** their school uniform. This can be as simple as a pair of socks, or a ribbon. Please do not purchase anything new for the occasion. St Andrew- blue, St George-red, St Andrew, yellow, St Patrick-green. We are sure to have lots of fun and some healthy competition too!

### Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers (Football Association)

Every week millions of children play football, many of them in organised clubs and organisations. As part of its safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a safeguarding course for parents.

The course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively.

This free course can be found here:

<https://learn.Englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

## House Team Feast Days

This year we are looking to heighten the profile of our House Teams in school. Watch this space for news and results of 'Inter House Competitions' as the year progresses. Starting this year, we are inviting our children to wear their saints colours on their feast day. This will begin on Wednesday 30th November with St Andrew's House Team members wearing 'blue'. The children do **NOT** need to wear school uniform on this day but **as much or as little** blue as they like.

St Andrew's Feast Day Colours - Wednesday 30th November - BLUE

St David's Feast Day Colours - Wednesday 1st March - YELLOW

St Patrick's Feast Day Colours - 17th March - GREEN

St George's Feast Day Colours - Friday 21st April (Feast day actually Sunday 23rd April) - RED & WHITE

## Church News

### Thursday Mass at 10am

This week 6JK joined the parishioners at their weekly mass on Thursday. Next it will be the turn of 4CD. Parents are warmly welcome to join the children.

### Children's Church at Sunday 10am Mass.

Tea & coffee served after Sunday 10am Mass  
in the Parish centre - all welcome!



### Dovecot Food Club next to Sayers: Mondays 10am to 1pm.

Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times.



## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all parents for their generous donations for the Tombola. Many thanks to the PTA on their super organisation of the pre-loved book sale this week. Asda's green token giving scheme - we are currently one of three nominated causes and you can vote for us via the link below. You can vote every 7 days until 31st December and we will win £500 if first place, £400 if 2nd, and £300 if 3rd. Monies will go towards playground equipment/improvements.

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5864>

**Friday 2nd December** - Christmas Fair. Can you or someone you know help by providing a raffle prize? If you'd like to be involved contact us via [smmjpta@gmail.com](mailto:smmjpta@gmail.com)

**Easyfundraising** - This is a shopping affiliation scheme, where you sign up and then when you shop online via the browser or app, we receive a donation. There is no monetary cost to the shopper. We have raised £776.98 so far using this scheme. Please support us!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-sch-e2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-e2)

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction	Games Art & Crafts Construction
	After School				Rebound Dance	
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball catch up				Rebound Dance
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help Reading Cafe				
	After School	Rebound Dance Basketball catch up	Tennis		Dodgeball catch up	
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School		6AC and 6JK Table Tennis	Bleep Test	6SA and 6LT Table Tennis	
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help				
	After School	Rebound Dance		Football Squad		Netball

## Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram or Twitter? @smmjjnr

## Autumn Term Dates for Diary

**NOVEMBER**

30th November - St Andrew's Feast Day- House Team members can wear 'blue'

**DECEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> December-5MW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

1st December- Yr 5 Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in school

2<sup>nd</sup> December- Parent Workshop - Spelling (9:15am)

Christmas Fair

5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (dates of individual classes to be released)

5th December - 3ME Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th December - 4PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th December - 5JP Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th December - 6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th December - 4SC Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 7th December - 3GT Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 7<sup>th</sup> December-Full Governing Body Meeting (5pm)  
 8<sup>th</sup> December-5JP to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)  
 8th December - 6JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 8th December - 3ST Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 8th December - 5MW Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 9<sup>th</sup> December-National Christmas Jumper Day  
     Christmas Coffee Morning  
     Christmas Lunch  
 12th December - 5NW Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 13<sup>th</sup> December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (2pm)  
 13th December - 4CD Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 14<sup>th</sup> December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (9.30am)  
 14th December - 4HW Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 15th December- Inter House Bingo Competition  
 15th December - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 16th December - 3CF Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party Day  
 20th December - Whole School Pantomime - Aladdin

**Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus**



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 Make the healthy choice