



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week:
Compassion

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Week ending Friday 30th September

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you). Ephesians 4:32



ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



**EVERY SCHOOL
 DAY COUNTS!**

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement



95% - 90%
Cause for concern



100% - 96%
Excellent



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Frankie	Grace	Isabella	94.7%
3GT	Ivy	Karthik	Daphne	97.7%
3ME	Holly	Mary-Jane	Sienna	95.3%
3ST	Connie	Gabriel	Aine	98.7%
4CD	Oliver	Lucy	Daniel	96.7%
4HW	Jack	Isaac	Kiara	91.7%

4PS	Amelia	Penny	Tom	97.7%
4SC	Alex	Harlie Rae	Olivia	97.7%
5JP	Ivey	Livia	Kenzo	99.4%
5KN	Jacob	Gbemishola	Thomas	93.3%
5MW	Daniel	Isabella	Amelia	94.6%
5NW	Stevie	Maisy	Thomas	95.2%
6AC	Darcie	Sofia	Ava D	90.0%
6JK	Oakley	Cody	Grace C	98.7%
6LT	Nevaeh	Georgia	Molly	98.0%
6SA	Logan	Millie	Ryley	95.0%

Attendance for the whole school is 95.9%

Best Class at lunchtime:

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew					
St David					
St George					
St Patrick					

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lewis Mills
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4HW	5MW	6LT
Most Improved	Finley H	Harley Mc	Livia	Maddison J

TTRS Class Champions	3CF- Isla 3GT- Esha 3ME- Bella 3ST- Max	4CD- Timothy 4HW- Archie 4PS- Jack 4SC - Oscar	5JP- Joseph 5KN- Brodie 5MW- Alvina 5NW-Diya	6AC- Nathaniel 6JK- Lucas 6LT- Harry 6SA- Lakshit
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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sofia in Year 6 who competed in the Taekwondo championships in Sheffield this weekend, leaving with a brilliant bronze medal! Well done Sofia!



Look at all those medals! Bobby from 5JP won Man of the Match this week for his team and brought it along to show his class friends along with countless medals for his many other football achievements - well done Bobby.

Gallery

Theatre Cafe started today in our canteen. All of the children eating witnessed some wonderful performances from our very talented children.

Lucas, Lucy, Daisy, Tess, Hannah, Neveah, Abbie, Harley, Niah.



Faith in Action

A huge well done to Georgia in Year 6 who completed a 5k walk this weekend in order to raise money for charity!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning and for all your generous donations. Well done to our Year 6 pupils who led the morning and entertained us all with their fabulous talents! #macmillancoffeemorning #FaithinAction #SMMJCatholicLife



This week pupils in 6LT attended the Wednesday mass at St Margaret Mary's church.

WOW - WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Our School has become a WOW school- Walk to School.

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

Please support your child walking to school at least once a week for them to achieve their monthly reward badge. You can even park 5-10 minutes away from school and walk the last part of your journey. This is called park & Stride. Help your child to achieve all 12 badges in the collection.



Growth Mindset

THE EXPERT IN ANYTHING WAS ONCE A BEGINNER.

HELEN HAYES

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

School Photograph Day will take place on Monday (3rd October).

Power of Parenting

Mrs Perry and Mrs Harris are currently running a Power of Parenting Course. This takes place at the infant school every Friday morning.

With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year, please ensure you return the enrolment form with proof of Baptism by Wednesday 5th October. Thank you

Theatre Café

This week we started a new initiative at lunchtime. 'The Theatre Café'. The idea is that individuals/groups of children can put themselves forward to entertain their peers as they eat their lunch. The Theatre Café takes place in the school hall every Friday lunchtime between 12 noon and 12.30pm. Please encourage your children to put themselves forward -we would love to watch them perform.

SEND Coffee Morning - Friday 7th

October at 9:15am - 10:15am 

All parents are welcome to join us for our termly SEND Coffee Morning. It will be our first face-to-face coffee morning to be held in school, so it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible. The focus of our morning is Speech and Language. We have arranged for Virginia Johnson, Specialist Teacher, to deliver a presentation in this area. If you have any concerns about your child's understanding of language, their ability to communicate their thoughts or they are having difficulty with their spoken language, please come along and join us.

Finding it difficult to support your child with their homework?

Don't worry, you are not alone! We will be running a series of Parent Courses throughout the year, to offer guidance and ideas of how best to support your child at home. Our first one will take place on **Friday 21st October at 9:15am** and will focus on **Supporting your Child with Reading at Home**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Communication

If any parent has a question/concern/suggestion that they would like to bring to our attention, they should raise it via the class teacher in the first instance. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Group Head (Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mrs Culley (before Christmas/Mr Hurst after Christmas (5NW), Year 4-Mrs Dwerryhouse (4CD), Year 3-Miss Finnegan (3CF) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett):-

E mail addresses are as follows:

YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
3CF	class2026d@smmj.org.uk	4CD	class2025d@smmj.org.uk	5JP	class2024d@smmj.org.uk	6AC	class2023f@smmj.org.uk
3GT	class2026c@smmj.org.uk	4HW	class2025b@smmj.org.uk	5MW	class2024b@smmj.org.uk	6LT	class2023g@smmj.org.uk
3ME	class2026b@smmj.org.uk	4PS	class2025c@smmj.org.uk	5KN	class2024c@smmj.org.uk	6JK	class2023h@smmj.org.uk
3ST	class2026a@smmj.org.uk	4SC	class2025a@smmj.org.uk	5NW	class2024a@smmj.org.uk	6SA	class2023e@smmj.org.uk

SLT (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett)- SLT@smmj.org.uk

Mr Pimblett- Any issues related to finance (eg.
Parent Pay/ Breakfast and After
School Club)

Mrs Culley- Attendance/Punctuality issues
Wellbeing

Mrs Perry- Emotional Support

Mrs Medway- SEND related queries

Church News

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



Community Support Officers' Safety Talk

This week our Year 6 pupils received a talk from the
Community Support Officers in relation to safety
during the Halloween and Bonfire Night season.

Broughton Hall

This week a group of Year 6 pupils visited Broughton Hall
to take part in a few lessons. An enjoyable time was had by
all.

Pupil Leadership Teams

Research has shown that when children are given
responsibilities, this has a positive effect upon their
overall confidence and self esteem. Over the next few
weeks, pupils in years 4-6 will all be put onto a Pupil

Sport News

Well done to Year 5 and 6 boys who won 3 out of 4
matches at the Huyton Football League event!

Leadership Team and will all have a role to play in our school. Our Year 3 pupils will take on a role during the Summer Term once they have completely settled in school.

A shout out to all children attending sport clubs, you have impressed your coaches and teachers over the last four weeks!

Golden Ticket Initiative

Next week, we will be introducing the 'Golden Ticket Award'. One child per class will be awarded with a golden ticket and a hot chocolate treat. It would be lovely if you could tweet a picture of your child enjoying their treat.

@simmjnr

Book Fair



The Book Fair will be arriving in School on **Monday 3rd October 2022**. Parents will be able to attend the Book Fair in the school hall with their children on **Wednesday 5th October 2022 after school 3PM - 3:30PM**. Each year group will also be allocated a day when they can browse the Book Fair with their class and create a 'Wish List' of books that they like the look of. This 'Wish List' will then be brought home, where parents can make the decision as to whether to order some of the books listed.

Every book purchased helps to fill our school library and classrooms with free books!

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
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Lunch Club	Lunch Club	Lunch Club	Lunch Club	Lunch Club
	After School				Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Boxing			Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish (5JP)	Calm room (5JP)	Calm room (5JP)	Calm room (5JP)	Calm room (5JP)

		Homework Help(5KN) Reading Cafe (5MW)				
	After School	Rebound Dance Basketball	Athletics		Dodgeball	
YEAR 6	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish (5JP)				
	After School	Rebound Dance		Football		Athletics

Autumn Term Dates for Diary

October

3rd October-10th October-Book Fair in School
 3rd October-School Photographer in school
 6th October-Governor Morning
 Year 5/Year 6 Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre
 7th October- SEND Coffee Morning
 12th October-National Spanish day (children can wear red/yellow)
 14th October-St Margaret Mary Feast Day
 17th-20th October-Year 6 Swimming
 18th October- PTA Disco
 19th October-Governors' Staffing, Building and Finance Meeting
 20th October-5NW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)
 Variety Showcase pm
 21st October- Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)
 Break up for half term holiday

 31st October-Return to school following half term holiday
 Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

NOVEMBER

3rd November-6SA and 6AC to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 10th November-6JK to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 PTA Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)
 Parent Forum 6pm
 14th-18th November-National Anti-Bullying Week
 14th-24th November Year 5 Swimming
 16th November-Governors' Curriculum Meeting
 17th November- 4CD to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 18th November-PTA Non Uniform Day
 SEND Coffee Morning
 21st-24th November-Assessment Week
 25th November-School Closed-Staff INSET Day

DECEMBER

1st December-5JP to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 2nd December-Christmas Fair
 5th-15th December-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (dates of individual classes to be released)
 7th December-Full Governing Body Meeting (5pm)
 8th December-5MW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)
 9th December-National Christmas Jumper Day
 Christmas Coffee Morning
 Christmas Lunch
 13th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (2pm)
 14th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (9.30am)
 19th December-Christmas Party Day

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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Make the healthy choice