



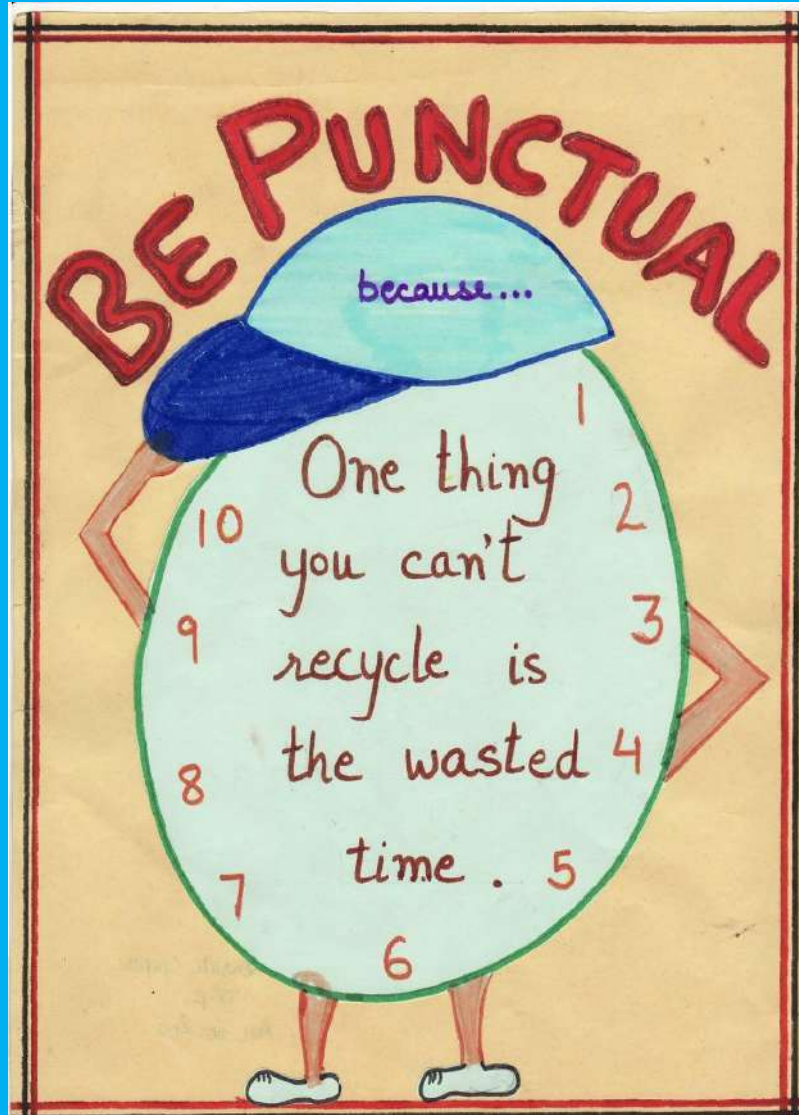
# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week:**  
Love

**Newsletter Issue 17**  
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*'...We love because God first loved us...'*  
1 John 4:19



**Reminder that the gate close at 8.50am and not at 9am.**  
**Even if your child is only 2 minutes late per day, this equates to:-**  
**10 minutes per week**  
**120 mins per 12 week term**  
**380 mins per school year (more than a day's worth of lessons)**

## **Award Winners**

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Sebastian	Mikey	Nancy	96%
3GT	George	Esha	John	97.9%
3ME	Mary-Jane	Emily	Scarlett	94.3%
3ST	Blake R	Aine	Bobby	97.7%
4CD	Mila	Noah	Nell	91%
4HW	Evie	Ella	Robyn	97.7%
4PS	Mikey	Louie	Delia	97.7%
4SC	Ryan	Autumn	Colbie	98.3%
5JP	Loui	Steven	Jake	97.1%
5KN	Frankie	Freya	Orlagh	95.5%
5MW	Kitty	Alvina	Aiden	93.1%
5AH	Emily	Abbie	Diya	88%
6AC	Amjithan	Michael	Joseph	98.6%
6JK	Grace	Archie	Loui	99.7%
6LT	Molly	Evie	Blair	98.3%
6SA	Liam	Ava	Mikey	98%

**Attendance for the whole school is %**

**Dinnertime winners: 3GT,4HW, 5JP,6LT**

## **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 3 - Isobel (3ME) for a fabulous Charity idea raising money for CAFOD (Easter Egg prize).

Year 4 - Delilah-Jae - For living out the school mission statement and supporting others (4PS).

Year 6 - Gabrielle for a fabulous fundraising idea for a Mental Health Charity- Young minds is the number one charity fighting for children's mental health. They make sure that no child feels alone and that they can talk about their problems freely, without fear of being judged. They send out the support that every young person needs to express themselves and face their problems head on. Young Minds help children to put a forever smile back on their faces.

To raise awareness for children's mental health week and to promote diversity within our school, 6SA headed by myself are hosting a 'Be Yourself Day' on Friday the 10th of February. In celebration of this fantastic charity, we are inviting our school family for a voluntary contribution of £1 for the children to wear their own clothes on this day. This can be: best clothes, sporty clothes, fancy dress or whatever defines what they are.

Thanks, Gabrielle Bruder 6SA for your brilliant idea and these lovely words that you have written yourself.



### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Ryley
Class with the best engagement	3GT	4PS	5KN	6JK
Most Improved	Finley	Martha	Sankeerth	Junior
<b>TTRS Class Champions</b>	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Bella	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5AH - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

#### HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	301	311	200	251	1063
St David	298	309	205	288	1100
St George	302	306	211	278	1097
St Patrick	318	300	204	354	1176

# Gallery

## SPORT NEWS

This week has been a busy week sport wise:-

A group of our pupils took part in a Boccia Competition



## Football News

A group of boys and girls took part separately in the LFC Primary Stars Football Tournament on Wednesday! It was possibly the first time that we have ever taken a boys and a girls team to a competition at the same time. Both teams were amazing and both won their leagues. They will now go on to play in the LFC finals at the LFC Academy on the 8th February where they will compete for a place in the finals at Elland Road the home of Leeds United.



## Table Tennis

Wednesday was a very busy day, as we also competed in the Knowsley Schools Table Tennis Tournament. Our children have been working really hard to prepare for this competition giving up their break and lunchtime to make sure that they were ready. We entered two teams and everyone was amazing. We are now Knowsley champions again for the fifth consecutive year.



Well done to Junior who has been taking part in MMA as an extracurricular activity. Keep up the great work!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

### Year 3:

Julia - 3ST

### Year 4:

Bobby - 4HW  
Emme - 4HW  
Logan - 4HW  
William - 4CD  
William - 4PS

### Year 5:

Luis - 5MW  
Aaron - 5KN

### Year 6:

Lakshit - 6SA  
Earon - 6AC  
Callum - 6AC  
Lillia - 6LT



## WORRIED CHILDREN - HOW WE CAN HELP

Growing up is no easy task. We can all remember times when we were children, or maybe a little older when everything seemed too much. Whether it's the demands of the curriculum provoking all too familiar thoughts of 'I don't get it', oncoming exam stress or responsibilities of growing up, children and young people live with lots on their minds. And these worries can impair their performance at school, their ability to socialise properly or their relationship with educational professionals. In these circumstances it is important to know how to help them out of their blue times, so that they can get the most out of their education. Fortunately, Save the Children have published expert-led guidance aimed at aiding educational professionals, in their endeavours to understand and uplift their pupils when they're down. If you would like to find out more please follow the link below:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2023/what-to-do-if-a-child-is-worried>

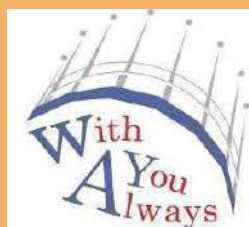
## With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 4 parents on Tuesday evening at the sign up for the next Holy Communion Programme. It is anticipated that the Year 4 children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent of this year with a view to them making their First Holy Communion in September

The dates for the Year 5 First Holy Communions have now been agreed with Fr Roy and a letter has been sent out to all Year 5 parents 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**



## 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. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** Donations are welcomed in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses or can be left in the school entrance.



**A group of volunteers from our school and parish community** go into the city centre on a Tuesday evening to take food, hot drinks and helpful items to the Homeless men and women of our city. Any offerings will be gratefully received. Please leave the school office for Miss Finnegan.

### Thursday Masses

Next week 3GT and 3CF will join the parishioners at the morning service. Please note-parents are welcome to come along to the mass.

### Mini Vinnies

This week, we were delighted to be joined by Catherine Jones (the Young Vincentian Development Officer) who came into school to talk to the children about the Mini Vinnie's program.

### NEU Strike Wednesday 1st February

Parents may be aware from the media that one of the teaching unions (the NEU Teaching Union) is staging a strike next Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> February). Unfortunately this means that we will be closed to pupils on this day-thank you for your understanding.

### Merseyside Violence

#### Reduction Team

Next week the Merseyside Violence Reduction Team will commence some work with our children. The aim of the work is to promote positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

### Online Education

Next week a group of our pupils will attend a Safer Internet Session to be held at Anfield.



## 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
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing Multisport			Rebound Dance Dodgeball	
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School					Rebound Dance Multisport
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime			Multisport		
	After School					
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Multi Sports	Football Squad		

## Social Media

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

## Spring Term Dates for Diary

### JANUARY

30<sup>th</sup> January- Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

### FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> February-Governors' Building, Staffing and Finance Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> February-Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February-Children's Mental Health Week

8<sup>th</sup> February -Year 6 EFC Football Tournament at Finch Farm

9<sup>th</sup> February- Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre

10<sup>th</sup> February-Parents' Coffee Morning (Performance Poetry)

Break Up for Half Term Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> February (TUESDAY)-Pupils return to school after the half term holiday

Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> February-Safer Internet Day

### MARCH

1<sup>st</sup> March-St David's Feast Day-St David's House Team have the option to attend school wearing yellow/ a splash of

Yellow

CLC in school to work with the pupils

Parent Forum (6pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> March-World Book Day

CLC in school to work with pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> March-SEND Coffee Morning

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March-Assessment Week

8<sup>th</sup> March- CLC in school to work with pupils

Governors' Curriculum Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> March- CLC in school to work with pupils

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March-British Science Week

13<sup>th</sup> March-Science Day in school

17<sup>th</sup> March- St Patrick's Feast Day-St Patrick's House Team have the option to attend school wearing green/ a splash of green.

20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (individual class teachers to confirm a time)

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March-Year 5 Residential Visit to Winmarleigh Hall

29<sup>th</sup> March-Full Governors' Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> March-Coffee Morning

#### APRIL

4<sup>th</sup> April-PTA Easter Event

5<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Talent Show

6<sup>th</sup> April-Easter Variety Showcase

The Greatest Week Assembly

Break Up for Easter Holiday

17<sup>th</sup> April-Return to school for the Summer Term

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