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*Value of the Week:
Compassion*

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*'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you...'
Ephesians 4:32*

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Year 5 children who, last weekend received the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Good luck to all the children who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Visit to Edge Hill University

Last Friday, our Year 5 children had a fabulous time visiting Edge Hill University. The children had the opportunity to visit their on-campus beach, visit a virtual reality studio and meet robots, experience what it is like in a courtroom and hold their own debate, visit a real TV studio and gain a good understanding of what campus life is like for the students who go to Edge Hill. All of the children were shocked at the size of the university, and the majority of the children left saying they can't wait to be old enough to apply to go themselves!



Liverpool Phoenix Voices-The Colour of Summer

This week our Year 3 choir were invited to be *Guests of Honour* at a concert 'The Colour of Summer' led by Liverpool Phoenix Voices at St Margaret Mary's Church. Our children really made us proud.





SMMJ University

Congratulations to all our children who achieved an award at our very first SMMJ University Celebration.



	BRONZE (25 hours extra curricular)	SILVER (50 hours extra curricular)	GOLD (75 hours extra curricular)
YEAR 6	Archie C Penny C George H Jennifer H Ella H Harry H Ava M Michael Mc Lily Mc Bobby Mc Romeo Mc Lewis M Shay M Tobie O'C Ryley R Erin S Issy U	Harry M Logan J	Jacob F
YEAR 5	Bobby C Daniel Chacko Sophia C Daisy-Cheryl O Eva-Nicole R Kenzo S Steven W Lucia A Melissa F Isla McC Oscar N Brodie W Zuzanna W Thomas S Frankie H Olivia H		
YEAR 4	Franki-Lil C Franki -Lili C Casey C Scarlett D Evie H Emme H Luca M Harli-Rae O Elza K		
YEAR 3	Holly G A India E Olivia F Sebastian G Imogen K		

	Maisie M Eva R Aine S		
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Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Nancy	Noah	Frankie	93.4%
3GT	Kayden	Finley C	John	92.1%
3ME	George	Nareeza	Jack	95.3%
3ST	Darcie	Sophia	Julia	94.2%
4CD	Rosa	Christian	Carter	93.3%
4HW	Eva-Grace	Shawn	Alvina	95%
4PS	James	Clara	Sophia	98.3%
4SC	Archie	Sophia	Nathan	92%
5JP	Jamie W	Elijah	Isaac	96.1%
5KN	Freya	Sonny	Sophia	97.3%
5MW	Olivia	Luis	Isabella	95.5%
5AH	Lola	Niamh	Jacob	92%
6AC	Ava D	Sofia	Bobby	97.3%
6JK	Maddison	Grace W	Lucas	93.8%
6LT	Lillia	Freya	Harry M	92%
6SA	Thomas	Lilly	Millie	89.2%

Attendance for the whole school is 94.2%

Dinnertime winners: 3ST, 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!

- Eva-Nicole (5JP) - Fantastic fundraising for Zoe's Place

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William M	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4SC	5JP	6SA
Most Improved	Stephen L	Maria	Isla	Teagan

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	292	306	294	305	1197
St David	304	299	280	314	1197
St George	281	308	291	319	1199
St Patrick	311	300	291	304	1206

Online Safety

A gentle reminder to our community to check the age restriction guidance of all on-line services/Apps prior to allowing your child to access them. The vast majority of Apps, such as Tik Tok and Whatsapp, have age restrictions of 13 years in place. This is to keep all children safe and we strongly recommend that all parents adhere to the guidance.

We would also recommend parents check their children's mobile devices regularly to check what they are accessing and the content of their messages from and to other children.

If you have any concerns about who your child is communicating with online, CEOP can guide you through the appropriate action to take.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

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 enjoy your special day!



Year 3:

Joseph - 3ST

Year 4:

Jessica - 4PS

Scarlett - 4HW

Year 5:

Year 6:

Nathaniel - 6AC

Molly - 6LT

Kady - 6JK

Maggie - 6JK

National Wellbeing Award Reassessment

In 2020 our school was one of the first Knowsley school's to achieve the National Wellbeing Award. Three years on, we are being reassessed to retain this important award for our community. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the questionnaire. Could we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey (see the link below). Your thoughts as parents are a vital part of the whole school award.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/648aec4ce8d65>

Many thanks

School Start and End Times

In line with new government guidance we are required to extend the length of our school day to 32.5hrs per week. Following consultation with our community we have decided that, from September 2023 our start and end times will be:

Registration/Start Time - 8.45am

Home Time - 3.15pm

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.⁹



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.

Parent Forum

Many thanks to all who joined us for this week's Parent Forum. We hope you found it to be informative.

Olivia Pratt Korbel Memorial Garden

Parents may be aware from the media that there is currently a fundraiser for a play area to be built in Dovecot, close to where Olivia lived. Any parents wishing to donate to the fundraiser should click on the link below:-

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/charity-champions-liverpool-the-north-west/fundraisers/olivia-pratt-korbel-memorial-garden/>

Sport News

On Monday we took two teams to a Knowsley Rounders Competition. We had great fun despite the downpour, playing some incredible rounders. Our A team won all their matches only conceding 5 rounders in the whole tournament.



Yesterday was our Y6 Sports Day. What a brilliant morning we all had. The weather was glorious and the turnout was fantastic. The children had great fun creating memories for life.

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On Tuesday, some of our Year 3 children were invited to play a few friendly games of football at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School. A great effort was given by everyone. Special praise to Jacob for refereeing. Thank you to the staff who were able to help out and support.



Congratulations to Maisie (3CF) who passed 1st award for freestyle dancing.

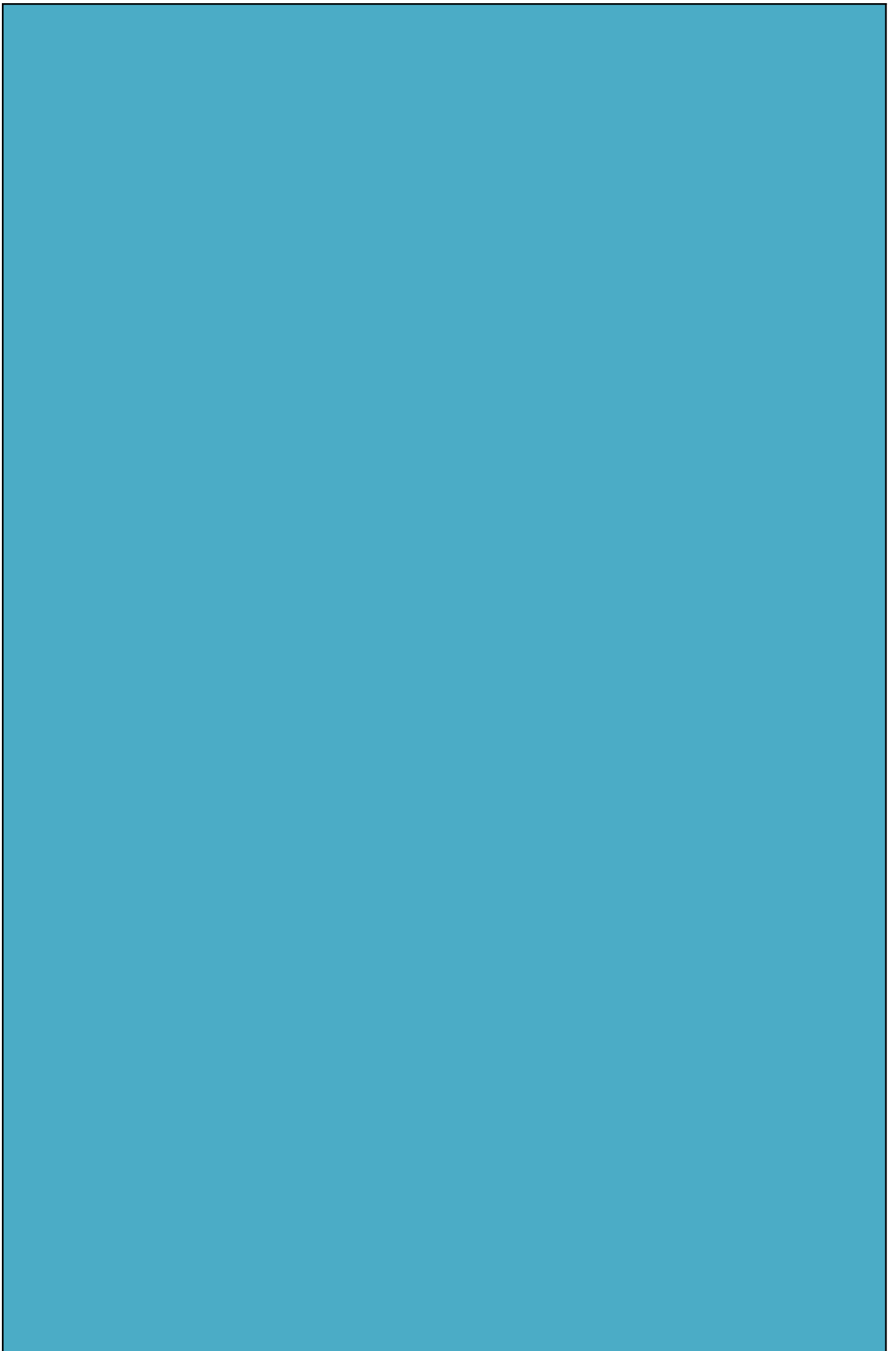


Congratulations to Melissa from 5KN for receiving her sailing award!
We are all super proud of her!



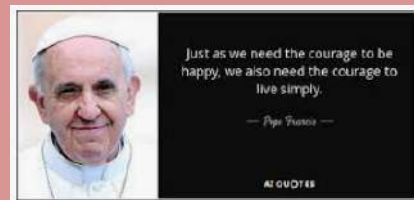
Congratulations to Zuzia from 5KN for winning a medal and coming second place in her most recent Karate competition. We are all super proud of her.





Live Simply Award for Schools

We are working towards achieving the LiveSimply award. It is an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". #smmjcatholiclife #smmjLiveSimply



The Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone. The children have made a class pledge to take action on caring for creation and the environment.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

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

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School		Daily Mile			Daily Mile
	Lunchtime				Rebound Dance	
	After School		Football			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School					
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Table Tennis		
	After School				Boy's football Handwriting Club Girl's Football	
YEAR 6	Before School		Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	
	Lunchtime					
	After School			Boy's football	Girl's Football	

Social Media

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

Summer Term Dates for Diary

JUNE

24th June - Holy Communion Masses (10am and 12noon)

Week Beginning 26th June - National Sports Week

Year 2 Pupils to visit the junior school

27th June - Year 5 Sports Day

28th June - Year 4 Sports Day

29th June - Year 3 Sports Day
29th June - Years 5 and 6 to Gullivers' World
30th June - Years 3 and 4 to Gullivers' World

JULY

Week Beginning 3rd July - Transition Week-Year 2 pupils to come across to the junior school
3rd July - Road Safety Team to Work with Year 6
Adam Ellison Foundation to work with Year 6
3rd July - Meet the Teacher-Year 3
4th July - Lily Jo Project to work with Year 6
Meet the Teacher-Year 4
5th July - Altru Drama to work with Year 6 (Eyes Wide Open)
Mock Court Trial-Year 6
Meet the Teacher-Year 5
Meeting of the Governing Body
6th July - Cells Project to work with Year 6
Meet the Teacher Year 6
7th July - Cells Project to work with Year 6
11th July Reserve Day for Year 3 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in a PE lesson)
12th July - 1.15pm Y6 Production (Junior Children)
12th July Reserve Day for Year 4 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in a PE lesson)
Year 2 to come across for school lunch
13th July - 1.30pm and 6.00pm Y6 Production (Families)
13th July Reserve Day for Year 5 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in a PE lesson)
14th July - Summer Fair-pm
17th July - Awards Morning Years 3-5
Year 6 Leavers' Party 4.30pm - 6.00pm
18th July Year 6 Awards Ceremony 5.00pm - 6.00pm
20th July - End of Term Mass 9.30am - 10.30am