



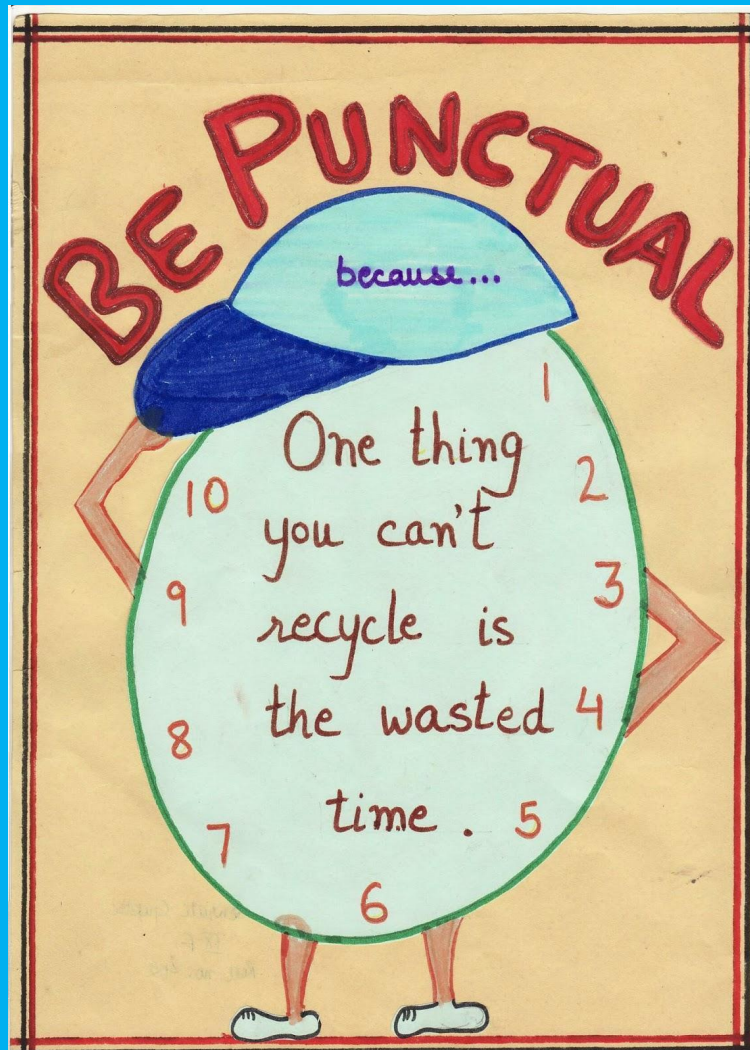
# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week:  
Faithfulness

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Week ending Friday 20th January 2023

'...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness. Goodness and self-control...'  
Galatians 5: 22-23



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	Cali	India	Elsa	94.9%
3GT	Freya	Alfie	George	94.8%
3ME	Lincoln	Nolan	Amelia	96.5%
3ST	Myla	James S	Charlie	95.4%
4CD	Christian	Maria	Faith	93.4%
4HW	Archie W	Scarlett W	Jack	95.3%
4PS	Jack	Rosie	James	95.2%
4SC	Sophia	Nico	Millie	95.2%
5JP	Remi	Ivey	Neveah	95.8%
5KN	Emily-Grace	Zuzanna	Isla	94.8%
5MW	Skyla	Poppy M	Vincent	93.9%
5AH	Vincent	Erin	Joseph	92.6%
6AC	Logan	George	Luke	93%
6JK	Isabella	Maggie May	Mason	95.8%
6LT	Teagan	Kezia	Mabella	95.8%
6SA	Ava	Maddison	Harry	93.4%

Attendance for the whole school is 94.8%

Dinnertime winners: 3ME, 4CD, 5AH, 6AC

## 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:-

**Mr Daniels** - parent of Elijah (Year 5) and Poppy (Year 3). In the absence of Ed (the crossing patrol), Mr Daniels has greatly assisted Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Culley in ensuring that all children were able to cross the road safely. Thank you Mr Daniels!

## HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	205	156	186	197	744
St David	209	135	200	215	759
St George	199	175	174	183	731
St Patrick	196	141	201	209	747

## Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William M	Diya	Lily MW
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4CD	5MW	6LT
Most Improved	Myla	Alvina	Sankeerth	Harley
<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

## Gallery

Year 5 are continuing to benefit from sessions with Altru Drama Company who are working with the children on 'responsibility for their actions and being an upstander'. This week, the children worked on developing their listening, cooperation and confidence skills.



## 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:

Daphne - 3GT  
Stephen - 3GT  
Isabelle - 3ME  
Shea - 3ST

### Year 4:

Nicolas - 4SC  
Amelia - 4SC  
Jace - 4PS  
Christian - 4CD

### Year 5:

Harrison - 5KN  
Nancy - 5KN  
Stevie - 5AH  
Olivia - 5MW  
Alex - 5MW

### Year 6:

Isabella-Mai - 6LT

## CLC Tuition

Our Year 5 pupils are currently benefiting from Computing lessons with the CLC. This week it was the turn of 5JP and 5NW.

## Governor Morning

Some of our governors came into school this week and had a wonderful time walking round the classes.

## 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>

## SPORT NEWS

This week a group of our Year 6 pupils took part in a Dodgeball competition at Kirkby High School. They played really well winning 4 of their 5 group games but sadly lost out on a three way decider. All the children played really well but our star players were Romeo and Olivia.



**Next week a group of our pupils will take part in a Boccia competition at Altbridge Primary School**

### **With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion**

Next week (Tuesday) we look forward to welcoming as many Year 4 parents as possible to sign their child 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 Communion 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**

He warned them not to make him known  
as the Son of God



## 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.

## Spark Singing

Today our school enjoyed a Singing experience with ExCathedra members called Singing Playground. Years 4 and 5 in particular benefited from singing workshops and have many singing games that they will both in class and on the playground.

## PTA News

Many thanks to all parents who attended this week's PTA meeting-it was lovely to see you all. Forthcoming PTA events include:-

- Spring Disco
- Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
- Easter Bingo
- Summer Fair





## **NEU Strike Wednesday 1st February**

Parents may be aware from the media that the NEU Teaching Union are planning strike action over a series of four days, the first being Wednesday 1st February. The Senior Leadership Team are currently undertaking a Risk Assessment to gauge if there will be any impact to our school and parents will be notified by the end of next week if their child's class is likely to be affected.

## **POWER of PARENTING PROGRAMME (POPP) Led by Learning Mentors Carmel Perry and Jackie Harris**

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world.  
Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers  
and motivators for their children.

Pop along to our Power of Parenting group , have a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

The POPP group aims to build on parenting skills, increase confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviours in children.

Session 1 Friday 20th January 2023 9.15—11.15am

Session 2 Friday 27th January 2023 9.15—11.15am

Session 3 Friday 3rd February 2023 9.15—11.15am

Session 4 Friday 10th February 2023 1.15—3pm

Venue: St Margaret Mary's Infant School

On Friday 10th February (4th session) your child will accompany you in taking part in some fun practical activities to reduce stress, anxiety and feel a sense of calm.

If you are interested in attending the Power Of Parenting Programme contact Mrs Perry.

The invitation to take part in POPP is open to extended family members.

## **Parent Workshop**

Workshop - Memory and Organisational Skills.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Parent Workshop this morning on Memory and Organisational Skills. Our Specialist Teacher, Virginia Johnson, delivered a fantastic session to our families, which included working with the children, to try out some of the strategies taught. We are looking forward to the next session which will take place on Friday, the 10th of March and will focus on Fine Motor Control and Handwriting. All are welcome to join us.



## 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? @smmjnr

## Spring Term Dates for Diary

JANUARY

16<sup>th</sup> January-Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition at Kirkby High School

17<sup>th</sup> January-PTA Meeting (3.30pm)

18<sup>th</sup> January-CLC in school working with classes

19<sup>th</sup> January-Governor Morning

CLC in school working with classes

20<sup>th</sup> January-PTA Bags to School Day

Spark Singing Programme in school

Parent Workshop (9.15am)-Help Your Child with Spelling

Spring Term Power of Parenting Course to Commence

25th January - LFC Primary Stars Tournament at Anfield Community Centre (Girls and Boys) 9am -12.30am

25th January - Knowsley Schools Table Tennis Tournament at All Saints School in Kirkby 3pm - 5.30pm

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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