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*Value of the Week:
Peace*

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'Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.....'

Welcome to the Summer Term which, as always, promises to be very busy.

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Molly and Sofia who competed in the Taekwondo Northwest Open Championships this half term. The girls were awarded a gold and silver medal respectively, having competed against each other in the finals! Well done Molly and Sofia!



Well done to Carter who attended an U9s football festival with Blackpool FC against Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion. This was a fantastic experience for the group of boys, who travelled down to Birmingham parent free (with their coaches) and represented Blackpool FC in the highest regard both on and off the pitch.

We are told that Carter behaved well throughout and was a credit to both the parents and St Margaret Mary's Catholic School. What a wonderful report from Blackpool Football Club Carter.



A huge well done to some of our Year 6 children and Mrs Tedford who completed 100 skips a day throughout March to raise money for Dr Barnardo's. They raised a total of £152.60 for a brilliant charity inspired by our reading of Street Child by Berlie Doherty. Well done to all involved!!

Award Winners - Back Next Week!

Class	Attendance Figure
3CF	91.3%
3GT	99.1%
3ME	88.3%
3ST	94.8%
4CD	90.8%
4HW	95.4%
4PS	91.7%
4SC	94.2%
5JP	98.4%
5KN	95.3%
5MW	93.1%
5AH	94.6%
6AC	92.5%
6JK	98.3%
6LT	93.3%
6SA	91.4%

Attendance for the whole school is 93.9%

Dinnertime winners: 3ME, 4PS, 5JP, 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 - Bobby and Ayden in 4HW for going the extra mile and staying behind to help tidy up.

Year 5 - Lucia in 5KN for teaching the class some essential Spanish rules which helps with the pronunciation of words.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Esha	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4CD	5MW	6LT
Most Improved	Abigaile	Billy	Isla	Teagan
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Esha 3ME - Nolan	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	298	301	342	263	
St David	272	321	324	285	
St George	266	320	333	296	
St Patrick	277	311	345	338	

Gallery

This week St George's House Team had the opportunity to come to school in their house team colours.



A huge well done to Lucia from 5KN who has crocheted her own hat. She is a very talented little girl.



FAITH IN ACTION

Congratulations and well done to Mrs Wong, who received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil.



Congratulations to Adon in 4HW who has just returned from India after making his first Holy Communion.



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:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

Ava - 3GT.

Muhammad - 4CD

Charley - 5MW

Louie - 6JK

Heidi - 5AH

Lola - 5AH

Tyler - 5JP

Theo - 5JP

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.

PTA

PTA will meet on Wednesday 26th April in 3CF at 3.15pm - all are welcome to attend.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving in School on **Wednesday 3rd May 2023**. Every book purchased helps to fill our school library and classrooms with free books!



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".
#smmjccatholiclife #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

TRAFFIC OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Liverpool City Council were on patrol outside of school this week and will continue to do spot checks. Please do not stop on the hazard lines (entrance markings) outside of the school, or drop your child off in this area. If you do so you will receive a fine from the Parking Enforcement Team.



STRIKE DAYS

We have received further confirmation that the National Education Union (NEU) have asked their membership to take part in strike action in relation to a dispute regarding pay.

As a result, we have received notification that some staff in our school will be taking part in strike action on the following dates:

Thursday 27th April 2023 &

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Having carefully reviewed the implications of the strike on our staffing levels, we have taken the decision to close the school on 27th April and 2nd May 2023. Parents are therefore asked to make alternative arrangements on this day and pupils should not report to school. With regard to future planned strike actions, we will consider each occasion individually before making a decision to either open or close. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The school will reopen as normal on Friday 28th April and Wednesday 3rd May respectively.

YEAR 4 HOLY COMMUNION DATES

The First Holy Communion Mass dates for Year 4 children were shared with parents this week. Please ensure that you have requested your first and second choice and returned the slip to your child's class teacher. Thank you

KING CHARLES CORONATION CELEBRATION - FRIDAY 5th MAY

In order to mark the historical event of King Charles' Coronation our children will be invited to wear red, white and blue or dress as a king on Friday 5th May. The children will be invited to bring a couple of treats for the afternoon (non-fizzy drink, a packet of crisps, a small bag of sweets). They will take part in 'Coronation Activities' and will have an extra break in the afternoon with their treats and music played on the yard.

EUROVISION CELEBRATION - FRIDAY 12th MAY

On this day, the children will wear their usual school uniform. During the afternoon session each class will work in small groups and select a 'Eurovision Country'. The children will have a set time to put together a presentation to teach other children something new about their country. This can be a poster, power point, song, dance etc. The children will perform their presentation in front of their class. One presentation per year group will be shared with the whole school in an assembly at some point during the following week.

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		Zumba		Rebound Dance	
	After School		Boy's football			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boy's football	Zumba			
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Table Tennis		
	After School		Zumba		Boy's football Handwriting Club	
YEAR 6	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	
	Lunchtime					
	After School			Boy's football		

Social Media

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

Summer Term Dates for Diary

APRIL

24th April-Gardening Opportunity at Court Hey Park (for a selection of Gardening Ambassadors)
27th April-School Closure-Industrial Strike Action
28th April- Parent Workshop (Improving Organisation)

MAY

1st May-School closed for the Bank Holiday
2nd May-School Closure-Industrial Strike Action
3rd May- Year 4 Swimming
Governors' Buildings, Staffing and Finance
5th May- Coronation Celebration
8th May-School closed for the King's Coronation
9th-12th May-End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments
12th May- Eurovision Celebration
Week Beginning 15th May-Arts Week (Cultural Diversity/Eurovision)
15th May-26th May-Year 3 Swimming
16th May-PTA Disco
18th May
Week Beginning 22nd May- School Production Week (Matilda)
23rd May Parent Forum (9.30am)-re-scheduled from 27th April
23rd May-Year 2 to watch Matilda
24th May- Matilda Performance 1.15pm
25th May-Matilda Performance 1.15pm and 6pm
26th May-Coffee Morning -Arts Week Celebration
26th May-Break Up for the Half Term Holiday

JUNE

12th June-Return to School for the second half of the Summer Term
13th June-Pink Day- a celebration day in memory of Olivia Pratt Korbel's birthday
5.30pm-Community Celebration Event at Court Hey Park
17th June-Holy Communion Masses (10am and 12noon)
Week Beginning 20th June-Assessment Week (Years 3-5)
22nd June -Year 6 Sports Day
Parent Forum (6pm)
23rd June-Children's University Celebration
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 and 30th June-Years 5 and 6 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 the children's PE

lesson)

12th July Reserve Day for Year 4 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in the children's PE

lesson)

Year 2 to come across for school lunch

Year 6 Production (time TBC)

13th July Reserve Day for Year 5 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in the children's PE

lesson)

Year 6 Production (time TBC)

14th July-Reserve Day for Year 6 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in the children's PE

lesson)

Summer Fair-pm

17th July-Awards Morning Years 3-5

Year 6 Leavers' Party

18th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Year 6 Awards Ceremony

20th July-End of Term Mass