



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week:  
Courage*

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*'The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?'*

Psalm 27 :1

## Gallery

This week has been World Book Day in School and, with the support of First Act Drama Company, an enjoyable time was had by all.



## Punctuality in School

Good punctuality is very important as the first few minutes of the school day are often used to give out instructions or to organise school work for the rest of the day. Persistent lateness has a detrimental effect on a child's education.

<b>S/he is only missing just...</b>	<b>that equals...</b>	<b>which is...</b>	<b>and over 13 years of schooling that is</b>
10 minutes per day	50 minutes a week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

If a child misses the start of the day, their work for the whole day may be affected. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for the child. We take the view that there are no late children, only late parents.

## Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Caitlin	Mariah	Isla	97.2%
3GT	Niamh	Finley	Eva	93.1%
3ME	Amaya	Samantha	Lucas	97.5%
3ST	Mia	Jude	James S	97.2%
4CD	Billy	Rosa	Dixie	97.5%
4HW	Thomas	Scarlett D	Oscar	96.7%
4PS	Jace	Jessica	Delia	99.2%
4SC	Autumn	Anna	Nathan	97.9%
5JP	Nevaeh	Loui	Florence	96.8%
5KN	Riley	Nancy	Sonny	98.3%
5MW	Shreya	Isla	Nyah	97.4%
5AH	Lola	Cody	Heidi	95%
6AC	Daisy-Lou	Lily	Hani	97.5%
6JK	Dylan D	Erin	Ella	98.3%
6LT	Lillia	Molly	Jennifer	94.2%
6SA	Mason	Logan	Maddison	90.5%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.1%

Dinnertime winners: 3ME, 4SC, 5MW, 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:-

Year 4 -

Year 5 -

Year 6 - Molly and Khloe (6LT) - for living out our Mission and producing a fabulous poster to advertise this

## 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	5MW	6JK
Most Improved	Nolan	Lawrence	Mason	Lucas B
<b>TTRS Class Champions</b>	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 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

## Congratulations!



A big shout out to Eden (3CF) for competing in the fierce and fearless dance competition at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Her class won two trophies, one for best costume (Aladdin) and one for the most promising dance (cartoon heroes). Well done Eden!

**Congratulations!**

**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:**

Darcie - 3ST  
Cali - 3CF  
Freya - 3GT  
Halle - 3GT  
Patryk - 3ME

**Year 4:**

Jack - 4PS  
Ella-Rose - 4HW  
Ava - 4HW

**Year 5:**

Daniel - 5MW  
Isla - 5MW  
Lexi - 5AH  
Sophia - 5JP

**Year 6:**

Erin - 6JK  
Ava - 6AC  
Jil - 6SA

**Bitesize Sessions- Parents**

The RAISE team held the second of their Bitesize session for our parents this week via zoom. The session explored the topic of *Managing your Child's Worries*. Thank you to those parents who attended the sessions. We hope you found it useful. Next week's session will cover *Mental Health and Social Media*.

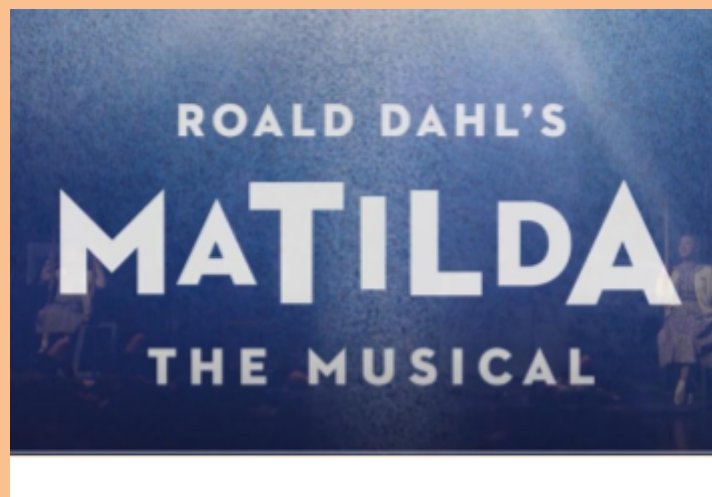
The link to the session will be emailed to all parents on a number of occasions during the next week.

**Parent Workshop-Improving Memory**

A parent workshop on 'Improving Memory' will take place at 9.15am next Friday (10<sup>th</sup> March) in school

**School Production**

This week we commenced our auditions for the school production 'Matilda'. The plan is for the production to go ahead at the end of May and will predominantly feature pupils in years 3-5. Year 6 pupils will have their chance to shine during the second half of the Summer Term (July).



**Singing Playgrounds**

Next week we plan for some of our singing ambassadors to attend the infant school in order to introduce 'Singing Playgrounds'.

**Parent Forum**

Please accept our apologies for the short notice in cancelling this week's Parent Forum. The new date for the meeting is

## St David's Feast Day

This week was St David's Feast Day. Pupils in St David's Team had the option to come to school wearing yellow.

Thank you to Mia-Rose (3ME) for giving a daffodil to each staff member in year  
A very kind gesture, thank you!



## Year 5 - With You Always Programme

Our Year 5 children completed session 4 of the With You Always Programme this week in preparation for receiving First Holy Communion. The children explored God's New Way of Living for us, particularly focusing on The Beatitudes. Please spend some time with your child asking them about the session and complete the last page with them. The children's behaviour for learning in the sessions was exemplary. Well done children!



## Disciples of the Week

Our Disciples of the Week visited the infant school again this week. The staff in the infant school were so complimentary about them all, they loved some extra helping hands. The infant children were delighted to spend some time with the older children. All of our children were a credit to our school and their families. Well done children.



## PTA

Thank you to the PTA on their upper organisation of this week's school discos. An enjoyable time was had by all,



The next PTA meeting will take place in 3CF's classroom at 3.30pm on Tuesday 7th March.

## Sport News

This week children from Year 3 and Year 4 competed in a dodgeball competition at Kirkby High School. The children finished third and rated highly for their honesty and teamwork. Well done!





## 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

This week 5JP took part in Thursday Mass with the parishioners. Next week it will be the turn of 5AH. Please note that parents are welcome to attend these masses with their child's class

### 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 Spring Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Before School		3CF Daily Mile			3CF Daily Mile
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Athletics	Tennis		Rebound Dance	
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Basketball			Netball	Rebound Dance
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				

## Social Media

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

## Spring Term Dates for Diary

### MARCH

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March-Assessment Week (Year 6)

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

9<sup>th</sup> March-Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Mental Health and Social Media

10<sup>th</sup> March-Parent Workshop-Improving Memory

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

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

16<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Worries of the World

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

23<sup>rd</sup> March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Behaviour as Communication

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

30<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Topic TBC

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