



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week:
Love*

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*'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God...'
1 John 4:8*

TRANSITION WEEK

This week has been Transition Week in school with the children having the opportunity to meet their new teacher for next year. It was lovely to welcome the Year 2 children into school.

Year 6 children had the opportunity to work with the Adam Ellison Foundation and also had the opportunity to visit their high school.

Congratulations!



Well done to Max in 3ME!



Well done to Shawn in 4HW!

Sports News

This week, our Year 3/4 football team competed in the Mark Burgan Memorial Event and year 5 took part in a Barcelona Football competition. Both teams came away victorious with the Year 5 team winning all their matches and the Year 6 team winning the trophy!



Re-scheduled Sports Days will take place next week:-

Year 4 12th July at 9.30am

Transition

Meet the Year 5 Teacher (for our current Year 4 parents- **Monday 10th July (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)**)

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:

Caitlin - 3CF
Riley - 3CF
Finley - 3GT
Ryan - 3GT
Brody - 3ME
Dennis - 3ME

Year 4:

Emma - 4PS
Sophia - 4PS
Maria - 4CD
Franki-Lili - 4HW
Louie - 4HW

Year 5:

Poppy - 5MW
Daniel - 5JP

Year 6:

Mason - 6SA
Jennifer - 6LT
Lilly - 6SA

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>

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

Holiday Access Fund

Families in receipt of free school meals will, in the next few weeks, receive a voucher from the government's Holiday Activities Fund (HAF). This is so that during the holidays their child can access locally run activities/schemes and receive a healthy balanced meal.

The aims of the programme are for children to; maintain a healthy level of physical activity, be happy, have fun and meet new friends, develop a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health issues, take part in fun and engaging activities that support their development, feel safe and secure, get access to the right support services & return to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

To help our families understand how to access the activities we have attached a guidance for parents/carers to follow. While SMMJ have requested vouchers on behalf of our families, the scheme is not being run by SMMJ. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Natalie.bonfield@knowsley.gov.uk.

Kind regards

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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, 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.



James Finnegan, a student of the Venerable English College in Rome and a member of SMM parish community, was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on Wednesday 5th July 2023 in Church of Our Lady of the Snows, Palazzola, in the Diocese of Albano, Italy, by Bishop Douglas Crosby (Bishop of Hamilton, Canada). Please keep James in your prayers.

Performance Week

Next week our Year 6 pupils will showcase their end of year production, Rock School. Performances will take place on 13th July at 1.30pm and 6pm

PTA News

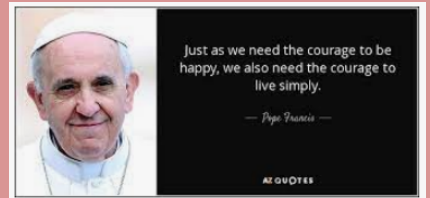
Join us for the Summer Fair on Friday 14th July (from 2pm onwards). Parents have the option to collect their child early from school (from 2pm). Children at the fair must be accompanied by an adult.

Year 4 Arts Week

Next week our Year 4 pupils will take part in a special Art Week

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". [#smm catholiclife](#) [#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					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

JULY

10th July Meet the Year 5 Teacher (for the current Year 4 parents)

12th July - 1.15pm Y6 Production (Junior Children)

12th July 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 Year 5 Sports Day (if it doesn't take place today, it will take place in a PE lesson)

14th July - Summer Fair-pm

10th - 14th July - Year 4 Arts week

17th July - Awards Morning Years 3-5

Year 6 Leavers' Party 4.30-6pm

18th July Year 6 Leavers' Mass (10:30am in church)

18th July Year 6 Awards Ceremony 5.00pm - 6.00pm

20th July - End of Term Mass 9.30am - 10.30am