



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Love

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"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another".

John 13 v34-35

ATTENDANCE

<u>Year Group with the fewest lost days since the start of the term.</u>	<u>Most Improved Class this Term</u>	<u>School Attendance this week</u>	<u>Year Group with the most impressive attendance this time</u>
5HW	3ST	94.7%	Year 6

From Monday 7th April 2025, all emails relating to pupil absences must be sent to schools our email address - stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk, not to Miss Mossman.

This week an external auditor (Wayne Harris) from 'Inclusive Attendance' audited our school. He was very complimentary about the school and awarded the school with a Bronze Kitemark. This is great news for our school. Wayne will be back in school in the new academic year as we work towards the silver Kitemark.



Knowsley Healthy Schools Team

Recently we have made some changes to our school menus to make the meals more nutritious. This is part of a whole school approach to making sure that, whilst in school, our children are provided with healthy and nutritious foods which help them with their learning and growth. For those who prefer packed lunches we would also like to support healthy choices. We will therefore be introducing a 'swap station' after the Easter Holiday.

The swap station aims to encourage and educate pupils on eating well and trying new foods. A range of healthy snacks will be displayed in the swap station during the lunchtime period. Pupils can choose to swap an item such as crisps or chocolate for a healthier alternative. The items that the pupils have swapped will be sent back home with them at the end of the day.

The swap station aims to:

- Support healthy habits that last a lifetime
- Reduce the amount of high fat, sugar and salt pupils consume across the week. This will improve concentration and energy levels throughout the day.
- Contribute to pupils reaching their 5-a-day of fruit and vegetables.
- Encourage pupils to try new foods- great if your child is a picky eater!

We hope to have our whole school community on board with our swap station as we promote healthy eating habits for all our pupils.

May we remind parents that the only snacks that the children should be bringing into school at breaktime are fruit, vegetables or toast. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not permitted during break times.

LENT WALK / PILGRIMS

Next week we will be joining with the infant school for the Big Lent Walk.

Furthermore, our school community have been working towards becoming Pilgrims of Hope since launching the Jubilee Year in school.

We have had sessions with Terry from CAFOD, who taught us more about Catholic Social Teaching and how we can promote fundraising in school.

On Monday, our school will join our infants in preparation for the Big Lent Walk. Any donations to CAFOD will be greatly appreciated.

SHINE

The focus of this week's SHINE lessons has been 'E'-News. The children have been discussing Accepting and Celebrating differences. This fitted in very well with Autism Awareness Day which was celebrated this week.

BOBBY COLLERAN TRUST

Next Tuesday (8th April), we will be holding our 'Wear Blue for Bobby' event in school. The children will have an assembly led by the Trust and then there will be an opportunity to purchase merchandise during playtime and lunchtime. The logo on the image below can be scanned as there is merchandise that can be purchased to support the trust.



Don't forget to e mail the Bobby Colleran Foundation to campaign for a crossing at the junction of Pilch Lane, Dovecot Avenue and Campbell Drive.

The more people that, email the more chance there is of the council doing something about it xx

Slowdown@thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk

School Reception

Due to a change in our admin team, reception will only be covered until 4.00pm each day. The number to contact our After School Club on, is in reception.

After School Mobile Number - 07392 153 263.

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
Y3	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami 12:30pm-1pm	
	After School		Choir 3:15pm-4:15pm Multisport with LFC 3:15-4:15pm	Boxing 3:15pm-4pm		Rebound 3pm-4pm
Y4	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Times Table Club Mindfulness Colouring Club	Times Table Club	Times Table Club	Times Table Club Origami 12pm-12:30pm	Times Table Club
	After School		Choir 3:15pm-4:15pm			Rebound Football
Y5	Before School			Girls' Football 8am-8.30am Bleep Test 8:30am-8:50am		
	Lunchtime				Origami 12pm-12:30pm Comic Book	
	After School		Choir 3:15-4:15		History Podcast Rebound 3pm-4pm	Rebound
Y6	Before School	Table Tennis 8:30am-9am	Bleep Test 8:30am-8:50am	Girls' Football 8am-8.30am	Intra Football 8:30am-9am	Intra Football 8:30am-9am
	Lunchtime				Origami 12:30pm-1pm	
	After School		Choir 3:15pm-4:15pm	Dance Connor - EFC 3:15-4:15	Boys' Football 3:15pm-4:15pm	

			Year 6 booster sessions 3.15pm - 4pm		6JK Booster 3:15pm-4pm Rebound 3pm-4pm	
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SPRING TERM DATES FOR DIARY

(Please note that dates are subject to change but, in the event of change, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible)

APRIL

Week Beginning Monday 7th-Visits to church

7th Lentern Walk

8th Wear Blue for Bobby Day

10th Break up for Easter Holiday (usual time of 3.15pm)

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR DIARY

APRIL

22nd-Return to school for the start of the Summer term

29th 9.30am-Parent Forum Meeting (Zoom)-Sophie Ahearne Healthy Schools' Team to attend

30th-Pm Year 3 Fruit and Vegetable Tasting Workshop

MAY

1st Pm-Year 3 Fruit and Vegetable tasting workshop

2nd-9.15am-Culture Coffee Morning

6pm- Initial Meeting with Year 2 Parents (on Zoom)*

10th Holy Communion (10am and 12 noon)

Week Beginning 12th May- End of Keystage 2 Test Week

13th Year 3 to Liverpool Museum

14th 4.30pm-Governors' Meeting

17th Holy Communion (10am and 12noon)

21st 5pm-Lower School Production (Aladdin)

22nd-9.15am- Year 6 Sports Day

1.30pm and 5pm-Lower School Production (Aladdin)

23rd-Break Up for Half Term

JUNE

WB 9th-Imagine My Future Week-Year 6

Child Centred Reviews-Year 3

13th Liv Fest

WB 16th-Child Centred Reviews Year 4

17th- Height and Weight Checks

9.15 am Year 5 Sports Day

6pm-Parent Forum (Zoom)

18th 9.15am-Year 4 Sports Day

19th 9.15am-Year 3 Sports Day

WB 23rd- Child Centred Reviews Year 6

Year 3-5 Assessment Week

23rd-School Closed-Knowsley 50th Anniversary Celebration

24th-Year 4 Holy Communion School Celebration

26th- Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to Gulliver's World

9.30am Year 6 Sports Day (Reserve Day)

27th 9.15am Coffee Morning led by Year 3
Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Gulliver's World
Week Beginning 30th June-Transition Week
Child Centred Reviews Year 5

JULY

2nd 3.30pm Meet the Teacher Year 4 for Year 3 parents
3rd -9.30am SMMJ University Celebration
Week Beginning 7th-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews
5pm- Meet the Teacher Year 3 (for Year 2 parents)
8th - 9.15am-Year 5 Reserve Sports Day
9th-9.15am-Reserve Sports Day Year 3
3.30pm-Meet the Teacher Year 5 (for Year 4 parents)
4.30pm-Full Governors' Meeting
10th 9.15am-Reserve Sports Day Year 4
3.30pm-Meet the Teacher Year 6 (for Year 5 parents)
11.30am-Year 2 School lunch
16th 5.30pm-Year 6 Production
17th 9.30am- Awards Morning (Years 3-5)
5.30pm-Year 6 Production for parents
18th am-Year 6 Leavers' Mass (time tbc)
21st 9.15am-Year 6 Awards
5.30pm-Year 6 Leavers' Party
22nd-End of Term Mass (time tbc)
Break Up for Summer Holiday -Years 3-5 1.30pm
Year 6 1.45pm

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