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"Pray, hope, and don't worry; worry is useless. God is merciful and He will hear your prayer,"
St. Padre Pio

RECOGNITION

Kallie was invited to the Free From Festival in Birmingham at the weekend to represent the Type 1 Diabetes & Coeliac community. A day filled with amazing gluten free food and inspiring people who navigate life with Coeliac Disease. Having the chance to meet other children and Becky Excell was definitely a highlight of what was an amazing day. We are so proud of you Kallie.



ATTENDANCE

<u>Year Group with the fewest lost days this week</u>	<u>Classes Recognised this week</u>	<u>School Attendance this week</u>	<u>Impressive attendance this week</u>
★ Year 3 ★	★ 3CD ★ ★ 4SC ★ ★ 6TC ★ ★ 6PS ★	94.7%	☀ 6PS ☀

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

All emails relating to pupil absences must now be sent to schools our email address - stmargaret@knowsley.gov.uk

PARENT FORUM MEETING

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the Parent Forum this week and for your patience with a few technical difficulties. The next forum will be held on Tuesday 11th November 6.00pm. The link will be shared with you via email two weeks before the meeting.

Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting

If your child is Year 4 or above and have not celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Communion please attend a short meeting on Tuesday 23rd September at 5pm in the school hall. Please ensure you bring your child's catholic baptism certificate to the meeting and your child will be enrolled for this year's programme.

A Message for Year 6 Parents from Mr Nabil Jamil- Headteacher of Gateacre School

As we look ahead, we are preparing to welcome the next generation of Gateacre students and would be grateful for your help. We have a series of open events planned for Year 6 families, and we believe it's the best way for them to experience the unique, ambitious, and vibrant community we have here. I have included the details of our upcoming open events below. We would be incredibly grateful if you could share this information with your Year 6 parents and carers.

Year 6 Open Events The best way to truly understand what makes Gateacre School special is to experience it for yourself. We warmly invite you to join us at one of our upcoming open events to see our vibrant school community in action.

Year 6 Open Mornings - 08.45AM

- Tuesday, 23rd September 2025
- Wednesday, 24th September 2025

Year 6 Open Evenings - 4PM

- Thursday, 2nd October 2025
- Thursday, 16th October 2025

WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR EVENTS

Year 6 Open Mornings Experience an authentic day in the life of a Gateacre student. Our student ambassadors will lead you on a guided tour, giving you an inside peek at normal lessons and the opportunity to see our passionate teachers in action. You will also hear from a member of our leadership team and have the chance to ask our Admissions Team any questions you may have.

Year 6 Open Evenings This is your chance to get hands-on with life at our thriving Liverpool school. From creative workshops to academic challenges, you will be immersed in the engaging and empowering atmosphere that defines Gateacre School. Whether you're acting out Shakespeare, inventing smoothies, or tackling an Apprentice-style project, you'll get a true taste of our vibrant curriculum. You will also hear from a member of our leadership team and have the chance to ask our Admissions Team any questions you may have.

Online Safety for Parents

Parent/Carer information session-Wednesday 1st October 2025 - 4pm - 4.45pm

This Online Safety Briefing session delivered by Knowsley's CLC will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives. We will share the link with you on the newsletter and via an email the week before the event. As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared.



☀️ Can You Help Our School? ☀️

We are always grateful for the support of parents, grandparents and carers, and we're currently looking for volunteers and donations to help us make school life even better.

👉 Volunteer opportunities:

- Driving our school minibus for trips and events.
- Helping in the school gardens to keep our outdoor spaces looking good.

👉 Donations we'd love:

- Compost, plants or gardening supplies for our planting projects.
- Complete sets of board games, card games or puzzles in good condition for children to enjoy during wet play.

If you can help in any way — big or small — please let us know. Your time and generosity make a huge difference to our children. 💚

5RR PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP

It was 5RR's turn to learn all about making pizza this week when they visited Pizza Express in Liverpool.



SHINE

SHINE is our PSHE curriculum. This week's theme has been independence!

By teaching children about **Safety, Health and Wellbeing**, being **Independent**, current **News** and **Equality and Diversity**, we hope to build children's self esteem, help them develop resilience and empathy, and raise their aspirations.

Sport News

Well done to our girls football team who began their league campaign this week. The girls won two matches and lost one. Keep it up girls!

For any girls in Years 5 and 6 who wish to attend girls football, training is on a Thursday morning at 8am in the school gym.



AUTUMN TERM 1 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)

SEPTEMBER

Week Beginning 8th

11th Sept- 5HW Pizza Express DT trip

15th September - Y5/6 Girls Football - Halewood Leisure Centre - 12:45-3pm

16th September- Parent Forum Meeting via Zoom 9.30am

17th Sept- 5DN Pizza Express DT trip

18th September - Y5/6 Boys Football - Prescot Soccer Centre - 12:45-3pm

23rd September- Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting- School Hall -5pm

24th September - Y6 Boys Football Everton - Finch Farm - 12:45-3pm

26th September- Yr 6 Coffee Morning fundraising for MacMillan

29th September- School Photographer- individual children and siblings

29th September - Cross Country - SMMJ school field - 4-6pm

30th September- 5MQ Pizza Express DT trip

30th September - Y5/6 Dodgeball - Venue tbc - 12:45-3pm

OCTOBER

2nd October - Y5/6 Boys Football League - Prescot Soccer Centre - 12:45-3pm

6th October - Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school

6th October-9th October & 13th October- 16th October- Yr 6 Swimming lessons

7th October- Great Athletes Whole School Assembly

13th October- School Disco Yr3 & Yr4- 3.15-4.15pm Yr5 & Yr6 - 4.30-5.30pm

17th October-Tag Rugby Competition Yr 5&6

20th October- Sylvia Gore Girls Football - Yr 5&6

21st/22nd October- Whole School Immunisations

22nd October- Yr 4 Harvest Festival Performance for parents 9.30am & 1.30pm

24th October- Break Up for Half term

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

