



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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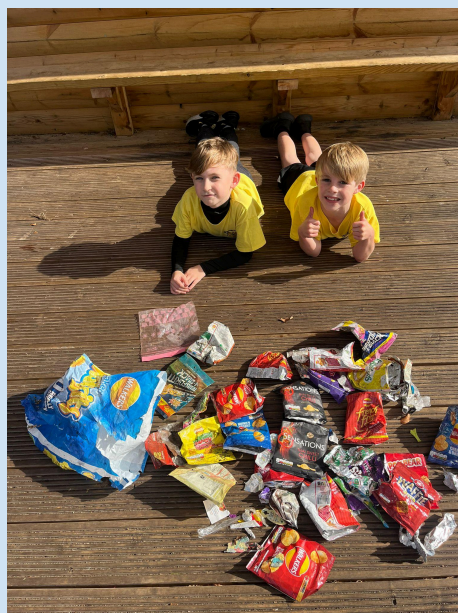
"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).

RECOGNITION

Well done to Jonjo Jenkins on being captain of his age group at Port Vale Football Club. He had the honour of leading out the men's team versus Mansfield Town last Saturday. What a wonderful experience Jonjo!



Well done to Sullivan and Callum! The boys went above and beyond this week using their own time to collect litter off the yard. Thank you so much



Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan

Thank you for all of your kind donations of cakes for coffee morning - we managed to raise £150.54 for Macmillan 🙌❤️

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



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 4 ★	★ 3KM ★ ★ 4KL ★ ★ 5HW ★ ★ 6TC ★	93.9%	☀️ 4KL ☀️

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

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

Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend The Holy Communion Enrolment meeting this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. It is still not too late to enrol, please complete the enrolment form provided by your child's class teacher and bring it along with your child's proof of a Roman Catholic baptism to the front office. A letter will be sent home early next with the important information that you will have missed at the meeting. This year children will celebrate their Holy Communion on a Friday at 10am. You and your immediate family are invited to attend the mass.

Friday 15th May - 4CF & 4KL

Friday 22nd May - 4SC & 4AW

If your child is in Yr 5 or Yr 6 and were unable to celebrate their Holy Communion in previous years please contact the school office.

Flu Immunisation Season

It's that time of the year again, Flu season!

Please visit this link <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> and complete your child's flu form with a consent or decline as soon as possible. You can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu, if required via this link. If you require any further support, please contact the school Immunisation team on 0151 351 8805 who will be happy to help.

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 Evenings - 4PM

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

WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR EVENTS

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.



SCHOOL DINNER - PARTY DAY



On Thursday 2nd October children can order a £1 healthy party lunch for their school dinner. This includes; a chicken mayo/ham & cheese sub, fruit pot, carrot or cucumber sticks and drink. For children who are in receipt of free school meals there will be no additional charge. Please order lunches in the usual way using Parent Pay.

☀ 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. ❤️

SUPPORTING ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for Wednesday 1st Oct 2025 - 4pm - 4.45pm.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NzMxNjhZGMtNjRiMCOONmMyLWIxYjktMGEyYTAyZDVIMzRh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-ae2-9195804f833e%22%7d

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

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St Margaret Mary's Infant School EYFS Open Day

We would like to invite you to...

Reception 2026 Open Evenings



Wednesday 22nd
October 2025 4-4:30pm
or
Wednesday 19th
November 2025
4-4:30pm

0151 477 8815

- ★ Ofsted rated a GOOD SCHOOL - Nov 2024
- ★ "Positive and caring relationships where pupils feel safe"
- ★ "Pupils with special education needs are supported extremely well"
- ★ Wrap around available from 8am till 5:30pm
- ★ 15 and 30 hour places Nursery from age 3



5DN PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP

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



Book Fair



We are excited to let you know that the **Book Fair** will be in school from **Monday 6th - Friday 10th October 2025**. Your child will have a timeslot to visit the book fair with their class but **Parents are able to attend the book fair in the hall with their children after school from Monday 6th October - Thursday 9th October at 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM**. A list of books purchased, along with a payment reference number needs to be back into

school by Thursday 9th October 2025. Purchases made from home need to be paid by card, parents attending the Book Fair in person can pay for books while they're at the Fair using card or cash.

Sport News

Well done to children in Year 5 and 6 who represented school on Wednesday at an Everton in the Community tournament at Finch Farm. The boys won their first four games but unfortunately lost the semi final on penalties.



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

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