



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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*Value of the Week:*  
*Joy*

*Newsletter Issue 14*  
*Week ending Friday 16th December*

*'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice' Philippeans 4:4*

**Christmas list**

- New phone
- Video game
- Headphones
- 100% school attendance**
- Clothes

Don't be on the naughty list and make sure  
100% school attendance is on your Christmas list.

**#everydaycount**

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## Christmas Nativity

Congratulations to our fabulous Year 3 children who performed brilliantly this week in their Nativity. We were incredibly proud of them all.



## Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Noah	Lena	Alfie	92%
3GT	Bobby	Halle	Stephen	93.1%
3ME	Patryk	George	Rudy	96%
3ST	Harris	Amelia	Alex	93.2%
4CD	William	Aithan	Amber	95%
4HW	Louie	Alvina	Isaac	97.7%
4PS	Rosie	Will	Seb	96%
4SC	Isabelle G	Isla	Oscar	94.7%
5JP	Tyler	Tess	Bobby	90.3%
5KN	Oscar	Jacob	Frankie	93.7%
5MW	Olivia	Isabella	Leo	90.7%
5NW	Jacob	Lacey-Mae	Diya	84.8%
6AC	Amjithan	Izabella	Earon	91.8%
6JK	Eliza	Grace	Jayden	99.3%
6LT	Harry G	Heidi S	Joseph M	94%
6SA	Penny	Lydia	Gabrielle	85.3%

Attendance for the whole school is 93%

Best Class at lunchtime:3CF,4HW,5KN,6LT

## 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 3 - Isabella for making a class collection box and encouraging children to put money in it for CAFOD World Gifts. A very kind and thoughtful gesture.

Year 4 - Nell for her wonderful commitment to the school choir and for her wonderful manners to all the staff at Alder Hey hospital. A true role model!

### HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	217	211	204	300	932
St David	196	231	200	304	931
St George	201	218	213	311	943
St Patrick	199	207	209	308	923

Bingo team winners: Year 3 St A, Year 4 St G, Year 5 St A, Year 6 St George

Overall winners: St Andrew

### Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4SC	5NW	6LT
Most Improved	Holly-Grace	Harley M	Laura	Harley F
<b>TTRS Class Champions PLEASE CHECK THESE</b>	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Oliver 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Bella	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5NW - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

## Gallery

Thank you to all our children who competed in our first inter house competition this week. Thank you to our House Team Captains for helping staff to organise it too. Congratulations to St Andrew's who were successful, winning the honour to have their house team colours on the House Team Cup.



## The school choir performed at Brookside Lodge and at Alder Hey Children's Hospital



Last week Ruairi, James and Holly attended the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for Christmas service and sang as part of the choir.



## Congratulations!

Over the weekend, Leo from class 5MW, had his grading in Kuk Sool he Won. He now holds a blue belt after breaking the thicker board! Well done Leo!



Isabella from class 5MW who achieved her red belt in Kuk Sool Won Martial Arts on Sunday 11th December 2022. During her grading she had to show she could break the board in two with her elbow.



'Well done to Thomas Stephens in 5NW who played in his first guitar concert last weekend!'

## **Christmas Party Day**

Christmas Party Day will take place on Monday (19<sup>th</sup> December). Your class teacher/ Year Group Head should have sent a message out re arrangements for the day. Next week, as part of the Christmas festivities, the children will also be treated to a school Talent Show and a trip to the Pantomime.

## **Christmas Activities for Parents/Families**

*Your family is invited to our Christmas 'Stay and Pray' event on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Come to the school canteen as soon as you have collected your child/children. You will be invited to write a prayer on a heart, decorate it and then hang it in our school memory tree in front of the building. There will be tea and coffee available as well as the school choir singing a few Christmas carols for us once the prayer hearts are hung.*

*Join us also for our Christmas Carol Service which will take place in the school hall on Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup> December) at 2pm*

## **With You Always Programme- First Holy Communion**

The dates for First Holy Communions have now been agreed with Fr Roy. A letter will be sent out to all Year 5 parents in **January** enabling parents to sign up for their preferred date and time. There will be a maximum of 30 places at each mass, so you may be asked for some flexibility with dates and times. Requests will be allocated on a first come first served basis as reply slips are returned to class teachers.

**Saturday 17th June 10am & 12pm**

**Saturday 24th June 10am & 12pm**



## **Church News**

This week 5KN joined the parishioners at mass on Thursday morning.



## Church News

The Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm.



Thursday Mass at 10am.

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.



## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all who supported the Christmas fair by donating tombola/raffle prizes and/or attending the event - we hope everyone enjoyed it. Special thanks to those staff, parents and relatives who were involved in preparations or helped on a stall. Father Christmas enjoyed meeting so many of our lovely children, and the amazing grotto was put together by Mr Lightfoot and some helpers who worked extremely hard over a number of weeks.

Thank you to the following businesses who donated prizes: M&S Bank Arena, Jo Collins Holistics, Knowsley Safari Park, Holmesey's Cafe, and Liverpool Comic Con.

After costs almost £2500 was raised which is a fantastic amount. Some parents are applying to their employer to claim some 'match funding' against monies raised.

All raffle winners have been notified.

Asda's green token giving scheme - we are currently one of three nominated causes and you can vote for us via the link below. You can vote every 7 days until 31st December and we will win £500 if first place, £400 if 2nd, and £300 if 3rd. Monies will go towards playground equipment/improvements.

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5864>

**Easyfundraising** - This is a shopping affiliation scheme, where you sign up and then when you shop online via the browser or app, we receive a donation. There is no monetary cost to the shopper. We have raised £776.98 so far using this scheme. Please support us!

## 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					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing Multisport			Rebound Dance Dodgeball	
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School					Rebound Dance Multisport
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime			Multisport		
	After School					
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Multi Sports	Football Squad		

## Social Media

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

## Spring Term Dates for Diary

### JANUARY

5<sup>th</sup> January-Return to School

12<sup>th</sup> January-Parent Forum Meeting (9.30am)

16<sup>th</sup> January-Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition at Kirkby High School

17<sup>th</sup> January-PTA Meeting (3.30pm)

18<sup>th</sup> January-CLC in school working with classes

19<sup>th</sup> January-Governor Morning

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20<sup>th</sup> January-PTA Bags to School Day

Spark Singing Programme in school

Parent Workshop (9.15am)-Help Your Child with Spelling

Spring Term Power of Parenting Course to Commence

30<sup>th</sup> January- Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

### FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> February-Governors' Building, Staffing and Finance Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> February-Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February-Children's Mental Health Week

8<sup>th</sup> February -Year 6 EFC Football Tournament at Finch Farm

9<sup>th</sup> February- Year 5/6 Football League Tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre

10<sup>th</sup> February-Parents' Coffee Morning (Performance Poetry)

Break Up for Half Term Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> February (TUESDAY)-Pupils return to school after the half term holiday

Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Merseyside Violence Reduction Team in school to work with pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> February-Safer Internet Day

## MARCH

1<sup>st</sup> March-St David's Feast Day-St David's House Team have the option to attend school wearing yellow/ a splash of Yellow

CLC in school to work with the pupils

Parent Forum (6pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> March-World Book Day

CLC in school to work with pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> March-SEND Coffee Morning

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March-Assessment Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Happy Christmas

As this is the last newsletter of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very 'Happy Christmas' and Best Wishes for 2023. School closes for the Christmas holiday at the earlier time of **1.30pm** on Wednesday 21st December.

School will re-open on the morning of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January when we look forward to welcoming you all back.

Happy Christmas!

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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