



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week  
Faithfulness

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'.....The Lord is faithful to all...'  
Psalm 145:13

## Recognition Board

***Congratulations to Shawn and Nell who have been elected as this year's Head and Deputy Head Child. We feel sure that they will both do a super job of serving our school.***





*Well done to Kiara's dog who won first prize in a dog show last weekend!*



*Well done to Cali who dances for Kensington Monarchs Majorettes. Cali is pictured here at her end of season awards. Her troupe were crowned Tinie Division 2 overall champions!*



***Congratulations to Freya in 5AH who has achieved her next belt in karate!  
We are super proud of you - well done!***

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to all who joined us for this week's coffee morning. We really appreciate your support for this wonderful cause.



## Attendance Highlight

<u>CLASS IN SCHOOL WITH THE FEWEST MISSED DAYS</u>	<u>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK</u>		<u>CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PUPILS WHOSE ATTENDANCE (SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR HITS OUR SCHOOL TARGET (97%))</u>
<u>CLASS</u>		<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
<u>4MW and 5AW</u>	<u>96.2%</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>97.3%</u>	<u>4KH</u>

We are delighted with the improvement in attendance since the start of term- Thank You to parents for supporting school with our attendance drive

As a rough guide, the impact of missing school is as follows:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE
0 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	0 missed lessons
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	20 missed lessons
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	35 missed lessons
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	45 missed lessons
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	55 missed lessons
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	95 missed lessons
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	145

## SPORT NEWS

Unfortunately, cross country was cancelled this week due to bad weather. As soon as we have a new date, children and parents will be informed.

Our football team have also been busy competing in the Huyton League. Well done to our Year 6 School football team who won all three of their first round league fixtures on Thursday. It sounds this could well be a very successful season.



Next week will bring more sporting opportunities particularly for our football teams. Our girls' team will take part in a league match in Halewood whilst the Year 5/6 team will take part in the LFC Premier League Competition.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

In preparation for Black History Month in October, Year 5 took part in a workshop provided by Everton in the Community about inspirational black heroes. Year 5 children each produced a poster to enter into a competition to win a trip to Anfield and Goodison Park.



### **PARENTS' ONLINE SAFETY SESSION**

Please find below the link to access the parent/carer session scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 - 4pm - 4.45pm.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZDZjNzRkOTQ+NmJjNy00OGY0LWEyYmItZjM5MzEzNWJjYTk2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dadb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-ae2-9195804f833e%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDZjNzRkOTQ+NmJjNy00OGY0LWEyYmItZjM5MzEzNWJjYTk2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dadb1ea5-3b10-49a2-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.

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.



Did you know that if you smoke, your children are three times more likely to smoke too? Why not stop smoking this Stoptober. Stopping for the month of October means you'll be 5 times more likely to stay stopped for good.

By making your home smokefree you'll not only see the many benefits for you but also for your children. For more information on how to stop visit:

[www.smokefreeknowsley.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeknowsley.co.uk)

## **POWER OF PARENTING**

Being a parent is one of the toughest jobs in the world. Parents are teachers, carers, guides, leaders, protectors, providers, and motivators for their children.

The POPP group aims to build on parenting skills, increase confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviours in children.

Session Thursday 3rd October 2024 9 – 11am  
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Session Thursday 10th October 2024 9 – 11am  
2

Session Thursday 17th October 2024 9 – 11am  
3

Session Thursday 24th October 2024 9 – 10am  
4

On Thursday 24th October (4th session) your child will accompany you in taking part in some fun practical activities to reduce stress and anxiety, helping them to feel a sense of calm.

## **SHINE**

### **Personal Development Curriculum**

This week has been I week in school (INDEPENDENCE). The children have been focussing upon Leadership and Democracy with all pupils having the opportunity to elect this year's Head and Deputy Head Child.

**S**afety  
**H**ealth and Wellbeing  
**I**ndependence  
**N**ews  
**E**quality and Diversity

### **Mini Vinnies**

This weekend, there will be a Festival Mass in Honor of St Vincent De Paul

If you are interested in attending the Power of Parenting Programme please contact Mrs Perry, or your child's class teacher. *Places are limited and will be offered on a 'first come first served' basis.*

being celebrated at St Margaret Mary's Church on Saturday 28th September at 12:00. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments in the parish club afterwards.

### **Charity Champions**

Our "Pupil Leadership" group, the Charity Champions met last week. They are asking for donations of Christmas jumpers for their stall that will sell these ( and any other Christmas clothing items you no longer need). This will raise money for charity as well as saving our families money when it comes to buying a jumper for our annual Christmas jumper day. Money for charity, saving our families money and living more simply - all important! A sale will take place just before half term and another in November. Watch this space.

### **High School Admissions**

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2024**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in.

Details will be available on the council website.

Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please note that, unless a Mobile Phone contract has been signed (by the parent and child) and returned to school (for the attention of Mrs Culley), mobile phones will not be allowed in school. Mobile phones will be confiscated should a child without a contract bring one into school. Should this happen, the phone will be returned to a parent/responsible adult at the end of the day. Should parents wish their child to bring a phone into school (because their child is walking home/going home with someone different), please request a contract from Mrs Culley or your child's class teacher.

## Communication

If any parent has a question/concern/suggestion that they would like to bring to our attention, they should raise it via the class teacher in the first instance. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Group Head, Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mr Hurst (5AH), Year 4-Miss Howell (4KH), Year 3-Miss Finnegan (3CF) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett). The SLT email is [slt@smmj.org.uk](mailto:slt@smmj.org.uk)

**We ask that, out of courtesy to staff, emails are only scheduled to arrive between 8am and 6pm (Monday-Friday only). Weekend/holiday emails should not be sent to any member of staff.**

## AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible. **Dates may also be added**

### October

4<sup>th</sup>-Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 6 before other year groups are selected)

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (fr parents of pupils with SEND)

4<sup>th</sup> - 6SA parent workshop - Maths - 11:10am

8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>- Book Fair in School

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October- Yr 4 Holy Communion Session 1 starting with mass in church. See class dojo message for individual class dates.

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup>-Year 4 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

Week Beginning 21<sup>st</sup>-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

18<sup>th</sup> St Margaret Mary Mass

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 4 Harvest Assembly (1.30pm)

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25<sup>th</sup> School closes for the half term holiday

31<sup>st</sup> **Closing Date for Secondary School Applications**

### November

4<sup>th</sup>-Return to school following half term holiday

Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup>-Year 6 Swimming (Monday - Thursday for 2 weeks)

Year 6 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

8<sup>th</sup> Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 5 before other year groups are selected)

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Swimming

Anti-Bullying Week

11<sup>th</sup>-Remembrance Assembly

15<sup>th</sup>-Charity Day-Time for Bed

Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Swimming

Assessment Week in School

22<sup>nd</sup> Theatre Café (priority to go to Year 4 before other year groups are selected)

Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Swimming

29<sup>th</sup>-School Closed for INSET Day

### December

Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Assertive Mentoring Conversations

2<sup>nd</sup> St Andrew's Day to be celebrated today (St Andrew's House Team have the option to wear a splash of blue)

2<sup>nd</sup> 3KH, 6SA, 6AC and 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

3<sup>rd</sup> 3CF, 6LT and 5AH Assertive Mentoring Conversations

4<sup>th</sup> Year Meeting of the Full Governing Body

5<sup>th</sup> 3GM, 4SC & 4MW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5AW Assertive Mentoring Conversations



6th 3ST and 5HW Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC  
6th Christmas Jumper Day  
Coffee Morning  
Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm  
Week Beginning 9th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)  
9th Stay and Pray Event  
9th 6JK Assertive Mentoring  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Nativity Performance for Parents (1.30pm)  
12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (9.30am)  
12<sup>th</sup> 4KH & 4HB Assertive Mentoring Conversations  
13th Theatre Café  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Parent Workshop  
16th Christmas Party  
17th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan  
18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Event for Parents (2pm)  
19th End of Term Mass  
Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England



**Choices** ✓  
Make the healthy choice