



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week**  
**Justice**

**Newsletter Issue 6**  
**Week ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

*"My friends, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, you must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance."*

**James 2:1**

## **Recognition Board**

Ivy (3CF) who took part in a dance competition over the weekend with her dance school - 'Finesse School of Dance' and between them they won a massive total of 30 trophies, and a cash reward prize. They also got the prestigious award for outstanding school of the day.



*Nellie from 3KH had a fabulous weekend whilst playing for St Anne's Rovers Football Team. She received a trophy for Player of the Match.*



Well done to Emme and Evie in 6SA who won a dance competition at the Anfield Lighthouse over the weekend performing a lyrical and commercial dance.

They helped their dance group to win two trophies for the most promising group and for the best choreography in the competition.

## Attendance Highlights

<u>CLASS IN SCHOOL WITH THE FEWEST MISSED DAYS</u>	<u>HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK</u>		<u>MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK</u>
<u>CLASS</u>	<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
<u>6SA</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>97.7%</u>	<u>6SA</u>

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	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	20 missed lessons	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	35 missed lessons	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	45 missed lessons	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	55 missed lessons	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE(in a school year)	95 missed lessons	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	145	GRAVE CONCERNS

## SPORT NEWS

Last week, a group of Year 5 boys represented the school at a football competition at Malvern. The boys played really well but unfortunately lost their games. This was the first time some of the boys had represented the school, all of the boys had a great time.



## PARENTS ONLINE SAFETY SESSION

Here is the link to the parents online safety presentation for you to watch in your own time. We hope you find it useful.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uVtG0EnFD45ZN6gGrmxCCMDHsuqpA2hd?usp=sharing>

## SHINE

### Personal Development Curriculum

This week has been **E-week** in school (Equality and Diversity). This week's theme links closely with our 'School of Sanctuary Work' as well with October's Black History Month

## SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY

This week, our school has been awarded the School of Sanctuary award. The award recognises a culture of welcome, understanding and belonging for all. The awarding panel were particularly impressed with the children's knowledge of current issues and the class SHINE books. Well done to all the staff and children involved, it is a great achievement!

## 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.

Your child will not be allocated a secondary school place unless an application has been submitted

## POWER OF PARENTING

This week, the second of our first Power of Parenting Programme (POPP) sessions took place. The POPP group aims to build on parenting skills, increase confidence and further develop strategies to guide, nurture and encourage positive behaviours in children. The remaining sessions will take place as follows

Session 3	Thursday	17th October 2024	9 – 11am
Session 4	Thursday	24th October 2024	9–10am

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.

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.*

## EDGE HILL STUDENTS

This week, we welcomed a group of students from Edge Hill University to our school. They will spend the next couple of

## PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP

Next week, as part of their Technology work, 5AH will visit Pizza Express on Tuesday 15th October.





months working in our school. We hope that they will be very happy with us.

### **St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass**

Next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> October) the children will be attending church to celebrate the feast of St Margaret Mary.



### **Musician of the Month**

Through our Musician of the Month initiative, we aim to expose our children to a range of composers (living/dead) from a range of cultures as well as to a range of genres of Music (pop/classical/rock/reggae/folk/musical theatre). We were overwhelmed by the children's response to our September composer (Bob Marley) as many children undertook independent work in relation to him. The Musician of the month for October is classical composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky. Some Home Materials will be e mailed out to parents.

### **Child Centred Reviews**

This week, our Child Centred Reviews took place for the parents of Year 3 pupils with SEND. We hope that parents found their meeting to be informative.

Reviews for Year 4 parents will take place next week (week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October).

Year 5 reviews will now be taking place after half term (week beginning 11th November) instead of the week beginning 21st October.

This is due to a number of activities happening during the same week. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Child centred reviews are an opportunity for parents to see how well their child is progressing in line with the targets in their Personal Provision Plan.

### **Follow us on Instagram**

Did you know that each Year Group has their own Instagram account? We would love as many Instagram followers as possible so please follow your child's year group account:-

@smmjyear3

@smmjyear4

@smmjyear5

@smmjyear6

### **Book Fair**

Many thanks to all parents who supported this week's Book Fair. We will be able to share the amount raised in next week's newsletter.

## THE NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

The National Child Measurement Programme happens in schools nationwide every year. The programme measures the height and weight of children in reception and year six, and provides an indication of how your child is growing. The measurements also provide information to help improve environments for healthy lifestyles, and monitor positive change. Please use the link below to watch a short video to explain why this happens.

[https://youtu.be/CY\\_FxtJszrA?si=r8P6ZClqUErrEHZg](https://youtu.be/CY_FxtJszrA?si=r8P6ZClqUErrEHZg)

## AUTUMN DISCO

**Our Autumn Disco will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.**

The PTA Autumn Disco will take place next week:-

3pm-4pm Lower Keystage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

4.15pm-5.15pm Upper Keystage 2 (Years 5 and 6)



We hope that as many children as possible will be able to attend.

- **SMMJ Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** would like to welcome new and existing members on **Monday 4th November at 3:15pm to 4:15pm** in 3CF. This will give parents the chance to meet staff and other parents. There are a few more events planned for this term such as a Movie Night and Christmas Fayre, and we would be extremely grateful for any support in making these events a success. As a school, we are trying to provide the children with as many experiences as possible inside and outside the classroom such as updated technology, library books, residential and trips, and lots more. Any money raised through the PTA is spent with the best interest of our children in mind. Please come along and be part of an ever growing PTA.

## ROWLANDS PHARMACY NOTICE

Rowlands Pharmacy (Pilch Lane) asked that we share the following information with our parents. The pharmacy offers the free NHS service for common ailments, known as Pharmacy First. The benefits include; saving you time booking a GP appointment plus free confidential advice and where suitable treatment from your Pharmacist. The Seven conditions covered in the scheme are as follows:

- sinusitis (for adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (for adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- earache (for adults and children aged 1 to 17 years)
- shingles (for adults aged 18 years and over)
- impetigo (non-bullous, for adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- infected insect bites (for adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection in women (aged 16-64)

## Christmas Jumpers

Thank you for the donations so far for our sale. Please keep them coming (and any other items we can use)

### Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Autumn Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Construction, Games & Creative Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art.	Construction, Games & Creative Art. Origami	
	After School		Choir			
<b>YEAR 4</b>	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School		Choir	Boxing	Art	Rebound Football
<b>YEAR 5</b>	Before School				Girls Football	
	Lunchtime		Times Table club	Homework club	Origami	
	After School		LFC-Dodgeball Choir		STEM Club for girls	Rebound
<b>YEAR 6</b>	Before School				Girls Football	
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School		Choir	EFC - Dodgeball		

### 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.

#### October

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

18th St Margaret Mary Mass

21<sup>st</sup> Autumn Disco

22nd Year 4 Harvest Assembly (1.30pm)

24th Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9:30am & 1.30pm)

25th School closes for the half term holiday

31st Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

## November

4th-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

Year 5 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

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

11<sup>th</sup> (Week beginning) Year 5 Child Centred Reviews (for parent of pupils with SEND)

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

6<sup>th</sup> 3ST and 5HW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7<sup>th</sup> 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

9<sup>th</sup> Stay and Pray Event

9<sup>th</sup> 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

13<sup>th</sup> Theatre Cafe

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

17<sup>th</sup> Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Peter Pan

18<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Carol Event for Parents (2pm)

19<sup>th</sup> End of Term Mass

Break up for the Christmas Holiday (1.30pm)

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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towards Artsmark  
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Council England



**Choices** ✓  
Make the healthy choice