

# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We have some lovely news to share with you all. Mrs Byrne had a beautiful baby girl at the end of last week. Welcome to the world Joanna Rose Byrne!  
I am sure you would like to join us in passing on our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs Byrne and her family.

Mrs Maddocks x



## FUN EASTER CHALLENGES

Nursery and Reception children:



We would like the children to make a bonnet at home during our Easter holiday and either take a photo or short video of the children wearing or parading with it at home and send it back to us via Seesaw by Monday 12th April. We will collate the images and have a 'virtual' Easter bonnet parade by showing the pictures in classrooms so the children can see what all their friends have done.

Year 1 And Year 2 children:

We would like you to design and decorate an egg in which ever way you choose. It could be a real egg or a cut out egg shape that you decorate. Please take a photograph or short video of your child displaying their decorated egg and send it back to us via Seesaw by Monday 12th April. We will share it with their friends in class.



There will be a certificate of participation and small prize for every child who take part.

## PARENTS EVENING VIA SCHOOL CLOUD

There was a letter sent out yesterday to inform you of our Parents Evenings via School Cloud. To book an appointment for your child/ren, please visit <https://stmargaretmaryscatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Nursery 2, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 15th April and Thursday 22nd April from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Nursery 1

Wednesday 14th April and Wednesday 21st April from 3.30pm to 5.30pm—Mrs Codack

Thursday 15th April and Thursday 22nd April from 3.30pm to 6.00pm—Mrs Palmer

## NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If your child turns three before the 1st September 2021, they will be entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision. For working parents, your child may be entitled to 30 hours free provision.

Our nursery offers both 30 hour and 15 hour places.

We are receiving nursery applications now and places are limited.

If you would be interested in your child joining our nursery this year, applications are available in the foyer of school or email school and one can be sent to you.

Please speak to our office staff, who will be happy to help you.

# HOLY



# WEEK

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people who waved palms and shouted "hosanna".

Loving God,  
Give us joy in our hearts as we shout 'Hosanna', welcoming Jesus our King with palms, celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.  
Amen.

## HOLY WEEK IN SCHOOL

### Palm 'Monday' - Monday 29th March

Children will listen to the story of Palm Sunday. They will make palms and have a very special socially distanced visit from 'Jesus' on the playground.

### Last Supper Services—Wednesday 31st March

Children will listen to the story of the Last Supper and re-enact the Last Supper in their classrooms. There will be no washing of feet this year.

### Good 'Thursday' - Thursday 1st April

Children will join in with a whole school virtual Stations of the Cross. The children will be invited to lay a flower at the foot of the cross (on the hill). Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions, we cannot extend this offer to parents this year.

## HOLY WEEK IN CHURCH

**Palm Sunday Masses:** Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10am

**Tuesday: Stations of the Cross** at 6pm

**Wednesday: Mass of Chrism** at 6pm – *live-streamed from the Cathedral*

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper** - 6pm - *no Washing of feet or Watching* - finish with Holy Communion like other Masses during COVID-19

**Good Friday** – *no Walk of Witness; Celebration of the Lord's Passion* - 3pm - *no Holy Communion* - finish with Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** - *no Easter Vigil*

**Easter Sunday** - Masses at 9am & 11am.



## ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Father Ian has confirmed that Church is now open for mass.  
Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m.  
Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m.

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter

[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)

**Baptisms** are postponed until 17th May at the earliest. If you would like to start the process for having your child baptised please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: [smbaptisms@outlook.com](mailto:smbaptisms@outlook.com)

## POLLING STATION MAY ELECTION

We have been informed that the Polling Station for the May elections will not be in the school hall as it has been previously.

The new Polling Station is :  
St Margaret Mary's Club, Pilch Lane, Huyton

In addition to vouchers that have already been provided for eligible families, there are a range of free places for Holiday Activities and Food between 6 – 9 April 2021 – please look out for details of sessions via Knowsley News and the Councils Social Media Channels on Monday 29 March on how to book places.

## WHEN AND WHERE TO GET TESTED FOR COVID 19

### **Reminder about when and where to get tested**

Regular testing for COVID-19 is essential in order to detect people who have the virus – with or without symptoms. Importantly, they can then self-isolate and stop passing on the virus to other people.

Remember if you have symptoms or if you, anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 10 days to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Over the last few months, there have been different testing options introduced, so here's our guide to when and where to get tested depending on your circumstances.

### **If you have COVID symptoms**

If you have any of the COVID symptoms (high temperature, new or persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell), stay at home and book a test through [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or ring 119. There are 3 testing sites in Knowsley for people displaying symptoms (in Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village) and you will be offered the first available appointment at a test centre. Please note, you need an appointment to attend these testing sites.

### **If you don't have symptoms and can't work from home**

There are 7 SMART test sites operating across the Borough offering testing (through Lateral Flow Tests). You don't need to make an appointment, but please only visit these sites if you do not display any symptoms. For the locations and opening times, [click here](#).

Remember a positive test means you have COVID-19 and you (and others in your household, support bubble and close contacts) need to self-isolate for 10 days.

### **If you live or work with children**

If your household includes school children or people who work with school children, you can collect rapid (lateral) tests from Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village to carry out regular testing at home. These sites are open from 1pm until 8pm 7 days per week – no appointment is needed but please only attend during the specified times.

You can find your nearest site here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

### **Positive result from a test carried out at home**

If you receive a positive test result from a test you have carried out at home, you are required to book a confirmatory test through [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or ring 119.

This is not required if you receive a positive test from either the SMART testing site, a test conducted on school premises or a test carried out at the symptomatic testing sites.

### **Importance of testing**

COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person and many people can have COVID-19 without having any symptoms. That's why regular testing is essential – it will identify people who have the virus so that they can self-isolate and stop passing it on to others.

## COVID 19 AND ATTENDANCE

If anyone in a household is showing symptoms of Covid 19, nobody from the household should come near school.

If someone is waiting for a Covid 19 test result, the whole household should not come to school. If you are waiting for a test for your child and this comes back positive over the weekend please email [COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com](mailto:COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com).

If anyone in a household has a cough, a temperature or loss of taste or smell, then a PCR test is needed, at a test centre, lateral flow tests cannot be used!

We do not want anyone put at risk!

## COVID 19 SAFETY IN SCHOOL

Please follow the safety measures we have in place when dropping off and picking up your child to and from school:

- Wear a face mask at ALL times when on the school grounds.
- Please follow the one way system.
- Please ensure social distancing at ALL times.
- Please arrive on time
- Please queue on the path around Church, NOT on the road.
- Please DO NOT park on the Church car park.

This is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

# LOCKDOWN EASING AS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

### STEP 1 8 March

29 March

#### EDUCATION

##### 8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

##### 8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

##### 29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

##### 8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

##### 29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

#### TRAVEL

##### 8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

##### 29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

#### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

### STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

#### EDUCATION

- As previous step

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

#### TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

#### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR TERM DATES IN YOUR DIARIES  
JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT THE INSET DAY IN APRIL WAS  
REPLACED IN DECEMBER AND THAT THE MAY HOLIDAYS WERE  
BROUGHT FORWARD 1 WEEK**

**St Margaret Mary's Infant School  
Terms and Holidays  
2020-2021**

**Autumn Term 2020 Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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| Autumn Half Term  | Break up Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020<br>Return Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020    |
| Christmas Holiday | Break up Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020<br>Return Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 |

**Spring Term 2021 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

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| Spring Half Term | Break up Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021<br>Return Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 |
| Spring Holiday   | Break up Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021<br>Return Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021      |

**Summer Term 2021 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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| May Day          | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021  |
| Summer Half Term | Break up Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021<br>Return Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 |
| Summer Holidays  | Break up Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021  |

**Inset Days**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021