

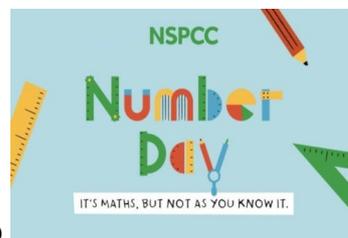
Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the half term, I wanted to say how proud we are of all of our children in school. Once again, we are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our children, families and staff for raising money for the NSPCC. Thank you. The children looked great in their 'number' clothes and have had an exciting 'Number Day', taking part in fun number games and activities. Thank you to Mrs Hedley for organising this special event.



Please note, school closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 7th June. We hope you enjoy the break.
Mrs Maddocks

NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER



We still have limited full time and part time nursery places for September 2021.

Our nursery is in a self contained unit to the side of the main school building, with its own outside learning base. It is led by experienced and talented teachers, nursery nurses and teaching assistants and the quality of provision is excellent. Children get off to a 'flying start' in our Nursery!

If you have a child who will be three years old before the 1st September 2021, please contact the school office for more information and application forms.

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER

Well done to all of our children who have excellent attendance and are on time for school every day.

Regular attendance and punctuality ensure your child receives the best education possible in addition to forming positive friendships and good mental health.

Nothing beats a good book!

– and borrowing not buying makes it even better!

We're delighted to re-open and are ready to help you find your next great read.

The shelves are bursting with great new fiction and titles for all ages and our friendly staff are eager to welcome you back.

With safety measures in place, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Now! Open!

Find out more:
www.yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk

Knowsley Council **More than books**



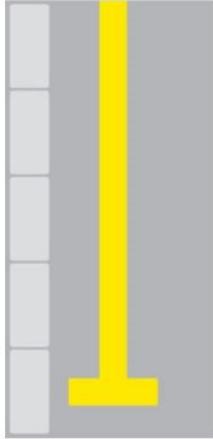
ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m.
 Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m.

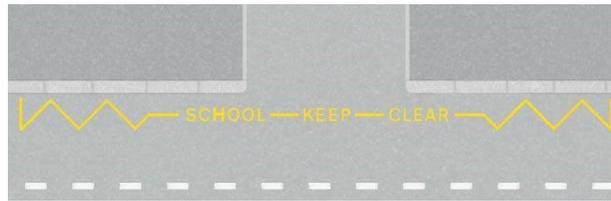
Please follow this link for the parish newsletter
[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)

Baptisms are postponed until the end of May. 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 At the moment, we have about 75 – 80 children waiting for baptism so these will hopefully take place over a number of weeks on Saturdays. Each family will be given 15 minutes for the baptism of their child with up to 15 guests and the Service will take place at the Font.

POLITE NOTICE



It has been noted that some parents are parking illegally when dropping off and picking up their children. This includes parking on the zigzag lines and the single yellow lines outside school (as these are restricted times). Please ensure you do not park on the road / pavement, blocking the church gates. If an emergency service vehicle required access, they would be unable to attend the emergency. Please be considerate and park legally and responsibly. The Police and Traffic Officers have been informed.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID 19 SAFETY MEASURES IN SCHOOL.
This is to keep us all safe. Thank you.

- 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—not early and not late.

If you are waiting for a test for your child and this comes back positive over the half term, please email COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com.

HM Government

STEP 3

NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY
At least 5 weeks after Step 2

BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES	SOCIAL CONTACT	LARGER EVENTS	TRAVEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor hospitalityIndoor entertainment and attractionsOrganised indoor sport (adult)Remaining accommodationRemaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maximum 30 people outdoorsIndoors: Up to 6 people or a larger group from 2 households only (subject to review)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most significant life events (30 people)Indoor events 1,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)Outdoor events 4,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 people or 25% capacity (whichever is lower)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Domestic overnight staysInternational travel (subject to review)

COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES



Letter to Primary Schools for Pentecost 2021

Dear Young People,

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the Disciples.

Feeling afraid and uncertain, the Disciples locked themselves away: Jesus had been their friend helping them and now He was no longer with them. Whilst praying, the Holy Spirit descended on the Disciples and they became Apostles. An Apostle is someone sent out to share the message of Jesus with everyone and that is what the Apostles did - they went out spreading the Good News to everyone. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we must have the courage to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We must stand up for what is right in our own community and in the global community.

Many of you will remember the letter Pope Francis wrote called *Laudato si'* asking all of us in the whole world to take care of our common home.

Pope Francis says that climate change affects us all, but it is the poorest communities who will suffer the most.

We all have a responsibility to take care of our common home, and you can make that change through your choices as an individual in your home, school, parish and local community. Recycling materials correctly, reducing food waste, not wasting water, switching the lights off and thinking about the way you travel to school. Young people are passionate about making these important changes. Not only are you probably already doing them, but through your actions you are also educating others around you!

Two important events are happening in our country this year. In June, the G7 will take place in Cornwall. World leaders from the seven most powerful countries in the world will meet to discuss global issues, such as climate change and recovery from the global pandemic. Their talks will affect all our brothers and sisters in our global family.

In November, COP26, a meeting of world leaders and governments organised by the United Nations, will be taking place in Glasgow. Important decisions will be made about how countries can help tackle the climate crisis.

Our government is hosting this meeting: they represent us. We have the power to make a difference by speaking up and making sure that our voices are heard. Like the Disciples at Pentecost, we need to become Apostles, spreading the Good News of Jesus and building a better future and fairer world for all.

What can I do?

If you haven't already done so, watch the CAFOD assembly: 'Eyes of the World'. Take part in the campaign by making pictures of eyes to show the eyes of the world are watching, and so are we! Write to the government telling them to think about the world's poorest people as they make their decisions! <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Eyes-of-the-world>

Let Us Pray:

We pray for a world where everyone has the chance to live life to the full.