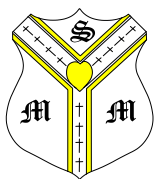


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Thursday 15th November

Tomorrow, Friday 16th November, school is closed to children for an INSET day.

## JAMIE- LEIGH DAY



It was lovely to see all the children today, wearing green to remember Jamie-Leigh and to raise money for her foundation which her family run in her memory.

The Jamie-Leigh foundation seeks to support families with cystic fibrosis or autism and provide family holidays in Wales.

### OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL FOOD BANK VISIT



Today, our school council visited our local food bank to find out how the food we donated is shared and used to help local families in need.

Thank you to everyone who donated. We were amazed at the amount of food we were able to collect.

Thank you to Mrs Harris for organising this special trip.

### Local Environment Walk Year 1

Over the past two weeks Year 1 have been taking part in walks in their local environment and looking at points of local interest. This is to support their work in Geography.

To support your child's learning as you walk to and from school each morning, talk about the buildings and landmarks they can see, such as churches, shops and the library.



### School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	100%	Class 7	92.1%
Class 2	97.5%	Class 8	98.3%
Class 3	98.7%	Class 9	96.7%
Class 4	98.8%	Class 10	97.1%
Class 5	96.7%	Class 11	97.1%
Class 6	96.7%	Class 12	94.2%

**Our target for attendance is 96%.**  
Attendance Award in Reception goes to  
Classes 10 & 11  
Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Classes 8  
Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 16th November</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 21st November	Class 4 Stay and Read
Tuesday 27th November	Year 1 Christmas Crafts (Places are limited, booking is essential)
Tuesday 4th December	Reception Christmas Crafts (Places are limited, booking is essential)
<b>Wednesday 5th December</b>	<b>NURSERY 2 NATIVITY</b>
<b>Thursday 6th December</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BINGO</b>
<b>Friday 7th December</b>	<b>YEAR 1 ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM. ALL WELCOME</b>
Tuesday 11th December	Year 2 Christmas Crafts (Places are limited, booking is essential)
<b>Wednesday 12th December</b>	<b>NURSERY 1 NATIVITY Morning and Afternoon (Times to be confirmed)</b>
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
<b>Friday 14th December</b>	<b>RECEPTION ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th December</b>	<b>YEAR 2 ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM ALL WELCOME</b>
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
<b>Friday 21st December</b>	<b>FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2pm</b>



### How do we teach maths in our school?

At St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School, we follow a mastery approach to teaching maths. This is so maths knowledge and skills are embedded and deeply understood and so that children can apply their knowledge and skills in real life situations. We follow a progression based on concrete, pictorial to abstract or CPA from nursery to Year 2.

1. **CONCRETE**– Children use real things to help them to solve problems such as counters, beans, tens and ones and boards.
2. **PICTORIAL**– Children apply their understanding from using 'real things' to solve problems using pictures. Drawing things out to solve problems.
3. **ABSTRACT**– Children apply their understanding of using 'real things' and drawing pictures and now use symbols and signs to solve problems. For example; +, -, =.