

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Tea and Toast

Thank you to those of you who joined Mrs Barnaville for tea and toast. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. We aim to hold more events like this next term. Keep an eye out for details on Class Dojo and my weekly newsletters.

Christmas Service

Thank you to all of the children who took part in our annual Christmas service at St Margaret's Church. As always, the children were brilliant. The true meaning of Christmas was shared in a beautiful way. Thank you, **Mrs Forde** and **Miss Waller** who worked so hard with the children to prepare the service. Thank you too to those of you who attended, it is really appreciated.

He's behind you!

This week Year 3 and Year 4 visited the Hat Factory Arts Centre to watch **Peter Pan and Me**. The children and staff had a great time. Thank you to all of the parents that supported the trips.

Christmas Crafts

Thank you to the many of you who have attended our Christmas Craft sessions this week. It has been lovely to see so many of you in school supporting your children and getting in the festive mood! Our final session is on Monday for Year 6. This will take place at 8.30 am in the Key Stage 2 Hall.

Pre School Christmas Production

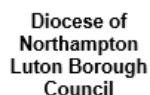
This week our wonderful pre school children celebrated Christmas with a fantastic performance of the Nativity. I was lucky enough to attend and my word I loved it! The children sang their songs with real energy and acted brilliantly! Well done to **Miss Newland** and her team for supporting the children to be amazing! I hope those of you who attended enjoyed it as much as I did!

HO – HO – HO!

Thank you to Father Christmas for sparing the time to visit our school this week! **Mrs Newman** had to pull a few strings but she managed to persuade him to come and say hi to all of us. The children had a great time and even had the chance to ask him some questions. He was able to confirm for us he does not have a favourite reindeer but Rudolph has to always be at the front when pulling his sleigh!

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Next Tuesday 19th December children are invited to come to school in festive dress, this could be a Christmas jumper or a Christmas themed headband! For those that have ordered one, Christmas dinner will be served!



Carols on the Playground!

To finish our Advent Term, you are all invited to join children and staff on the key stage 2 playground at **2.30 pm** next **Wednesday, 20th December** to sing some Christmas Carols. If you would like to join us, please make your way to the gates of the playground at 2.25 pm. We then will tell you where to stand. Please note seating is not available. Please make sure you dress appropriately as it will probably be cold! We hope to see you there!

The St Margaret's Lionesses

This week I had the pleasure of taking our girls football team to the queen Elizabeth School to play their next league matches. What an afternoon! The girls played 3 league games and won all of them without conceding a goal! The girls were amazing and played brilliantly! The wins have put them 3rd in their league of 10 teams. This is a great effort, I am very proud of the girls, we all should be! Keep it up team!

St Margaret's Needs YOU!

You will have recently received information about the need for Parent Governors to sit on our Local Academy Committee. We still have vacancies for a parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about the role and would like an informal chat with me, please do contact the school office who will be more than happy to arrange a convenient time for you to pop in and see me.

The role of a Parent Governor is so important for a school. As a governor you will support the school in making important decisions to improve our school and provide our children with the best possible start in life.

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete the survey below regarding the 2 week half term starting in October 2024. I appreciate your input. The survey closes today, so if you have not had the chance to answer it please do so ASAP. The outcome of the survey will be shared early next term.

<https://forms.office.com/e/y2EAPKPxuZ>

Packed Lunches

I have noticed that a number of children continue to bring in chocolate and sweets in their packed lunch. This is not allowed. Please ensure you do not include these items in your child's lunch. Thank you for your support.

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Attendance

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

CLASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Reception St Bernadette	90%	85%	86%↑
Reception St Clare	95%	87%	98%↑
1 St Francis	92%	85%	86%↑
1 St Clare	92%	87%	85%↓
2 St Francis	96%	97%	95%↓
2 St Bernadette	95%	96%	95%↓
3 St Clare	95%	96%	97%↑
3 St Bernadette	95%	95%	88%↓
4 St Francis	96%	95%	97%↑
4 St Bernadette	94%	93%	92%↓
5 St Clare	95%	95%	97%↑
5 St Francis	95%	95%	←95%→
6 St Bernadette	95%	89%	86%↓
6 St Clare	95%	93%	96%↑
6 St Francis	94%	95%	97%↑

Well done to **Reception St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with **98%**!

Can a class get 100% for this class next week? Go for it!

Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,



Mr Chiswell

Dates for your Diary

(Please note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Mon 18th Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats (By invite)	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19th Dec	Reception Class Nativity Performance to Parents	9.15 – 9.45
	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	School Christmas Movie Night	4.30 – 6.15
Weds 20th Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8th Jan 2024	
Thurs 4th Jan	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Fri 5th Jan	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Mon 8th Jan	1st Day of Lent Term for children	8.15