

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Next week marks the annual Children's Mental Health Week. You can find out more about this initiative here <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Here at St Margaret's, we understand the importance of recognising the mental health of everyone, not only children, but the whole school community.

Next week we have decided to hold a week focusing on Children's Mental Health. The children will take part in a number of activities to support their well-being including:

- Mental Health Workshops
- Physical exercise including the Daily Mile
- Daily prayer sessions
- Poetry performances
- CAFOD Workshops
- Numerous learning activities led by their class teacher

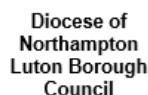
Next **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** as part of the week, children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes. The theme is SHINE BRIGHT and we are asking children to wear bright clothes.

We are asking for a £1.00 donation to wear their own clothes which will be available to pay on ParentMail from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The money raised will support Chums which is a charity that supports children's mental health and well-being.

We are also keen to involve you in this special event next week! **Mrs Barnaville** our amazing family worker would like to invite you to **tea and toast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 8.30 am**. She will also be holding a **Knitting Club** for parents on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm**. For all of these sessions please come to the main reception of the school where office staff will sign you in. We hope you can join us!

I am so excited about this event. **Mrs Forde** and **Mrs Newman** along with all the staff have spent a lot of time and effort planning and preparing for the week. Please ensure your child is in school every day as I would hate them to miss out on all the fun!

Please keep an eye out on **Class Dojo** for photos and updates as the week progresses.



### **Parent Meetings for Year 6 SATs**

On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at **3.15 pm** and **6.00 pm** teachers from Year 6 will be leading a Year 6 parents' meeting providing information in regard to Key Stage 2 SATs. It is really important that Year 6 parents attend one of these sessions. Please put the date in your diary. Thank you for your support.

### **Term Dates**

I am aware that a number of parents are keen to know the term dates for 2024 – 2025. Having reviewed the feedback from our survey regarding a 2 week half term we are in the process of setting the dates. I am keen to provide these to you next week. Thank you for your patience.

### **Young Voices**

Yesterday 53 children from Years 3 – 6 attended a Young Voices concert at Wembley Arena and joined thousands of other children in singing lots of different songs in a massive concert! The children were fantastic and represented our school brilliantly! A big thank you to **Miss Waller** our Music Subject Leader and all of the members of staff that supported the trip!

### **Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Festival**

This week, along with **Mrs Cadger**, I had the privilege to spend the afternoon with a number of children from Years 1 and 2 taking part in lots of different sporting activities. The children participated with 100% effort and worked brilliantly as a team.

### **4 St Francis**

Thank you to the children of 4 St Francis who shared their class assembly this week. It was lovely to see so many family members join us, the most we have seen for a class assembly!

The children reminded us that God has a plan for all of us, we need to put our trust in him and follow him. They also reminded us of the importance of Mary, Jesus' mother and the role she played in his life. In our celebration assemblies today, we have reminded everyone to be grateful for the female figures we have in our lives, and show them the care, love and respect you have for them every day.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

### **Year 3 Celebrating Mass**

Today Year 3 attended mass at St Margaret's Church. As always, our children represented our school beautifully. Well done to everyone.

### **Friday Celebration Assemblies**

A reminder that each **Friday** Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 take part in **Celebration Assemblies**. During these assemblies classes share work, we celebrate birthdays, award certificates and reflect on the week that has passed.

We would like to invite you to these assemblies and join us in celebrating our amazing children! As with class assemblies you will be let in via the main entrance to the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

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**The assemblies start at 8.30 am and will be finished by 9.00 am.**

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following our school virtues will receive a text message on Thursday from school inviting them to the assembly to allow parents to see their child receive their certificate. It would be great to have you join us. **Please do not share this information with your child as we want it to be a surprise for them on the day!**

Each week a class in each key stage will share some work. **Please note if your child's class is sharing work this does not guarantee your child will be involved in the sharing of the work.** Teachers tend to choose small groups of children.

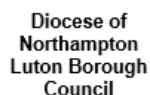
You are welcome to attend any of the assemblies, even if your child is not receiving a certificate or their class is not sharing. Please note we will have to monitor the number of parents that attend to ensure we are adhering to health and safety requirements; we will always prioritise the parents of children receiving a virtues certificate. Thank you for your support.

Below is a table with information regarding the assemblies.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
9.2.24	2 St Francis	6 St Clare
16.2.24	2 St Bernadette	3 St Clare
1.3.24	1 St Francis	4 St Francis
8.3.24	1 St Clare	5 St Francis
15.3.24	2 St Francis	6 St Bernadette
22.3.24	2 St Bernadette	6 St Francis

## Maths Monday

I was blown away by the number of parents who attended our Maths Monday event this week. The final count confirmed we had over 70 of you join us. It was especially lovely to see so many Dads attend. We hope you enjoyed it. Do try to make these types of special events.



## 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.

LASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Reception St Bernadette	89%	81%	86%↑
Reception St Clare	94%	90%	← 90% →
1 St Francis	93%	93%	89%↓
1 St Clare	92%	92%	83%↓
2 St Francis	95%	88%	85%↓
2 St Bernadette	94%	90%	97%↑
3 St Clare	94%	90%	← 90% →
3 St Bernadette	94%	91%	88%↓
4 St Francis	96%	96%	94%↓
4 St Bernadette	94%	92%	95%↑
5 St Clare	95%	98%	93%↓
5 St Francis	94%	94%	96%↑
6 St Bernadette	95%	94%	93%↓
6 St Clare	95%	93%	95%↑
6 St Francis	95%	96%	95%↓

Well done to **2 St Bernadette** who had the top attendance this week with **97%**!

## 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.

God bless,  
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## Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non-Uniform Day for children – CHUMs Shine Bright	
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting</b>	<b>3.30 &amp; 6.00</b>
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass at St Margaret's Church for years 4, 5 & 6	9.30
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Lent Term	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Leading Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass for Y2 at St Margaret's Church	8.30
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Meditation Monday	8.30
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Leading Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	
	Y5 Trip to the British Museum	
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y5 Leading Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 Leading Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5 St Clare Class Assembly	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church	5.00
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tasty Treats	2.00
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4's Last Swimming Lesson	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of Lent Term PLEASE NOTE WRAP AROUND CLUB WILL NOT RUN TODAY	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Pentecost Term for Children	8.15
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATs)</b>	