

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Children's Mental Health Week

WOW, WOW, WOW! What an amazing week it has been! As you will all know this week, we have focused on the mental health of the school community, we have thought about children, parents and staff, I feel we really have made a difference!

The children have taken part in so many wonderful activities, they have included, **Mental Health Workshops, led by a professional company, CAFOD Workshops, Boxing Workshops, themed assemblies led by Boxing Saves Lives, physical activities including the daily mile, raised money for charity by dressing brightly, have had regular opportunities to pray, taken part in a Family Poetry Recital and of course, Wake and Shake to start the day on Wednesday was a real highlight!** This is not everything so please do speak to your children at home!

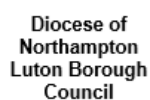
Staff too have considered their own mental health, we have walked the daily mile, **Miss Greene** led a Yoga session, **Miss Waller** led a singing session for staff and we even got some chocolate!

Parents were invited into school for tea and toast during the week and even had the chance to knit with **Mrs Barneville!**

I am truly in awe of our wonderful school, it has been brilliant to see the community come together. Well done everyone!

*The righteous cry out, the Lord hears  
and he rescues them from all their afflictions.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,  
saves those whose spirit is crushed.  
PSALM 34:18-20*

*Loving God, you are always near to us, especially when we are weak, suffering and vulnerable. Reach out to those who experience mental illness. Lift their burdens, calm their anxiety, and quiet their fears. Surround them with your healing presence that they may know that they are not alone.  
Amen*



### **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.

### **KS 2 PLAYGROUND**

Please note on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** the Key Stage 2 playground will be being used as a car park for an event we are holding here at school. This means when you come to pick your children up at the end of the school day cars will be parked. No cars will be driven between 2.45pm and 3.30 pm to ensure the safety of the children and wider school community. Please keep away from the cars. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **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.

**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)
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

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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.

LASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Reception St Bernadette	88%	86%	75%↓
Reception St Clare	93%	90%	91%↑
1 St Francis	93%	89%	94%↑
1 St Clare	92%	83%	97%↑
2 St Francis	95%	85%	97%↑
2 St Bernadette	94%	97%	95%↓
3 St Clare	94%	90%	96%↑
3 St Bernadette	94%	88%	89%↑
4 St Francis	96%	94%	95%↑
4 St Bernadette	94%	95%	98%↑
5 St Clare	96%	93%	99%↑
5 St Francis	95%	96%	95%↓
6 St Bernadette	95%	93%	94%↑
6 St Clare	95%	95%	96%↑
6 St Francis	95%	95%	97%↑

Well done to **5 St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with **99%**!

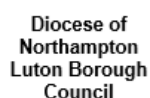
## Term Dates

A letter with the details of our term dates for the 2024 -2025 academic year will be sent out next week.

## 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,  
 Mr Chiswell



## Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
<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>	