

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! It is lovely to be back in school. The children have all settled back to things really quickly.

A polite reminder that **school gates open at 8.15 am** and the **end of the school day is 3.00 pm**. Please ensure you are on time to drop your children off at school and pick them up at the end of the day.

## After School Activities

Next week our after-school clubs and booster sessions restart. **All children including those in Years 5 and 6 must be picked up by an adult or a sibling who is aged 16 years or over**. Children will not be allowed to leave the grounds alone. Please support us in keeping your children safe.

## Our Amazing School Choir!

You may remember that at the end of last term **Miss Waller** and **Mrs Newman** accompanied our school choir to sing at Luton Airport. Lots of schools took turns to sing and raise money for charity. During our Christmas break Miss Waller received this wonderful message from the organiser of the event!

*I am pleased to be able to report that the Programme as a whole raised a total of £4,724.13, to which we have added £5.87 to make it up to a more manageable £4,730, to be split equally between the current airport charity partners, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Luton Food Bank*

*£411.86 was collected during your performance, which is amazing and is this year's record for any of the groups, not just the schools!*

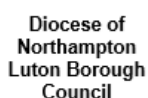
*So well done to you all!*

## Birthdays

Please remember on their birthday, children can come into school dressed in their own clothes (if your child's birthday falls on a weekend, they can wear their own clothes on either a Monday or a Friday). Please **DO NOT** bring in sweets, treats or chocolates as we will have to send them home. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Packed Lunches

Please ensure your child's packed lunches **DO NOT** contain nuts, this includes **peanut butter** and **Nutella**. We have some children at school who are allergic to nuts. **Chocolate, including chocolate mousses and desserts** and **sweets** are also not permitted. Thank you for keeping our children safe.



## PE Lessons

A reminder below of expectations for PE lessons. Children must wear the correct kit to school. This has been better this term but I have noticed some children are not wearing school regulation PE kit. This is as follows:

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
St Margaret's School Jumper	St Margaret's School cardigan / jumper
White polo / plain white t shirt	White polo / plain white t shirt
Bottle Green school shorts / black or navy-blue plain tracksuit bottoms.	Bottle Green school shorts / black or navy-blue plain tracksuit bottoms.
Plimsolls / suitable trainers	Plimsolls / suitable trainers

The only exception to the above are our Year 4 children. **Year 4 are swimming this term so must wear their school uniform to school on swimming days.**

**Please note if the above regulations are not followed, we will have to revert back to children wearing school uniform on their PE days.**

## 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.

<b>CLASS ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>Reception St Bernadette</b>	94%
<b>Reception St Clare</b>	95%
<b>1 St Francis</b>	91%
<b>1 St Clare</b>	98%
<b>2 St Francis</b>	97%
<b>2 St Bernadette</b>	94%
<b>3 St Clare</b>	94%
<b>3 St Bernadette</b>	96%
<b>4 St Francis</b>	93%
<b>4 St Bernadette</b>	94%
<b>5 St Clare</b>	99%
<b>5 St Francis</b>	85%
<b>6 St Bernadette</b>	93%
<b>6 St Clare</b>	95%
<b>6 St Francis</b>	99%

Well done to **5 St Clare** and **6 St Francis** who had the top attendance this week with **99%**!

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## 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
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Lent Term for children	8.15
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan & Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reception children – Vision Screening	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Year 2 Retreat Day at St Margaret's Church	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Maths Monday	8.30
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reception children – Hearing Screening	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Key Stage 2 Young Voices Trip	
	4 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass for Year 3 at St Margaret's Church	8.30
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non-Uniform Day for children – CHUMs Shine Bright	
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	

<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Easter Service at St Margaret's Church</b>	5.00
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent / Teacher Consultations</b>	3.30 – 6.30
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parent / Teacher Consultations</b>	3.30 – 7.00
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Tasty Treats</b>	2.00
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Y4's Last Swimming Lesson</b>	
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>End of Lent Term</b> <b>PLEASE NOTE WRAP AROUND CLUB WILL NOT RUN TODAY</b>	
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Pentecost Term for Children</b>	8.15