

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## The Mini Vinnies and our Environment

Along with **Mrs Brogan** and **Mrs Dilkes** our **Mini Vinnies** are determined to make our school more eco-friendly.

They have signed up with Terracycle and you can now recycle your sweet wrappers and cheese packaging in our school.

Please collect any of the accepted items and send them in with your children to be added to our recycling drop-off point in the KS2 hall. The more items we recycle, the more rewards we can get!

Please note - any brand of packaging is accepted.

### THE CONFECTIONERY RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Every year confectionery packaging ends up in landfill across the UK. Nestlé\* is working with TerraCycle\* to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

By choosing to recycle your waste with TerraCycle\* not only are you helping the environment, but the waste you recycle helps raise money for schools and charitable organisations.

Packaging images are for illustrative purposes only

Collect your confectionery packaging.

Drop off your packaging here and we will send it to TerraCycle\* who will recycle them into new plastic products.

The confectionery packaging sent will allow us to earn points which will be redeemed as a financial donation to

(name of the school or charity)

Learn more at [www.terracycle.co.uk](http://www.terracycle.co.uk).

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## The Cheese Packaging Recycling Programme

**yes**

- ✓ Any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging, tubs and pouches
- ✓ Any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film
- ✓ Any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers
- ✓ Labels from Cathedral City Minis packs of 6
- ✓ Any brand of plastic tubs for mini cheeses

**no**

- ✗ Plastic cheese tubs and trays
- ✗ Non-flexible plastic cheese packaging (eg. cardboard, aluminium or paper packaging)
- ✗ Cheese slice holders
- ✗ Squares cheese tubs
- ✗ Labels from other Cathedral City tubs products or from other brands of mini cheeses

When in doubt, leave it out.

Learn more at [terracycle.com/cheesepackaging-uk](http://terracycle.com/cheesepackaging-uk) or scan QR code

Next half term we are going to work really hard to improve our school environment, look out for more information after half term!



### **This Week at School**

A big thank you to all of the parents who supported Y1 on their trip to Whipsnade Zoo! As always we really do appreciate your help. The children had a great time and the weather was very kind! On Wednesday Year 6 took part in a Team Building Day. Our Year 6 children have started the school year very positively and Wednesday provided the opportunity for them to work together to complete various challenges, such as the Tug of War, tent building and built different structures. I am sure the skills they developed will help them to work together for the rest of the year.

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all of you who supported our Harvest Appeal this term. All of your donations will support Noah's Enterprise in their fantastic work in the community. This week children shared harvest songs in a whole school assembly. It was a wonderful event, we really do have some talented singers!

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

You will have received a letter from **Miss Greenwell** our Maths Subject Leader regarding Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). It is important that children learn their multiplication facts and TTRS is a great way for children to learn them. Please do download the TTRS app or visit the website <https://trockstars.com/> and allow your children to practice as much as you can! Good luck everyone!

### **Keep in Touch**

You can follow our school on 'X' – formerly known as Twitter. Search for @SMOSschool and click follow. We are also on Instagram, search ST\_MARGARETS\_SHOWCASE and follow to get lots of amazing pictures of the work our amazing children do.

### **Keeping Children safe online**

As you know, recently children in Reception to Year 6 all participated in workshops focusing on online safety. The sessions really were brilliant, the feedback from children was really positive. Staff also received training, we all found it very informative.

Below is a link you can click on to access a parent presentation. This will be live until **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. It lasts 1 hour and can be watched at your own pace. Please do take the time to watch it. You will find lots of really important information and guidance within the presentation. As a parent myself I couldn't believe how much I learnt so I urge you to find the time to watch it.

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/1593303833430393949>

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## Attendance

We all know how important it is for children to attend school every day. I understand there may be times a child is unwell and unable to attend school, however as parents we need to ensure our children are in school each day and are on time, which is in school ready to learn by 8:30am.

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.

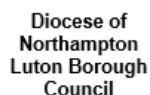
CLASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Reception St Bernadette	92	89	91% ↑
Reception St Clare	97	96	92% ↓
1 St Francis	92	90	92% ↑
1 St Clare	93	87	90% ↑
2 St Francis	97	96	93% ↓
2 St Bernadette	94	90	← 90% →
3 St Clare	93	97	95% ↓
3 St Bernadette	96	91	98% ↑
4 St Francis	97	97	92% ↓
4 St Bernadette	94	95	91% ↓
5 St Clare	94	91	95% ↑
5 St Francis	95	93	96% ↑
6 St Bernadette	97	96	99% ↑
6 St Clare	95	94	← 94% →
6 St Francis	94	93	← 93% →

Well done to **6 St bernadette** who had the top attendance this week with **99%**!

Can a class get 100% this half - term? Go for it!

## Half Term

Today is the final day of our first half term of the school year, the weeks have flown, but it has been a great start to the year! The children have settled well in to their new classes and are working hard. I hope everyone has a well-earned rest over the half term and I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**, the school gates will be open at 8.15 am.



## 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 noted dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term Break – Return to school Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Y1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	Y5 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9:00
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Odd Socks Day	
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	St Margaret's Feast Day – Mass at St Margaret's Church Y4 – 6	10.00
	Tea at 2	2:00 – 3:00
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
<b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	6 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Y4 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9.00
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Meditation Monday	8.30 – 8.45
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day</b>	
	School Movie Night	5.00 – 6.45
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	<b>End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	