

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term. It is great to be back and the first week has been very busy!

## Our Virtue for this Half Term

As you know, in our school we are learning about gospel virtues. This half term we are all trying to be HOPEFUL. At the moment the world feels very scary and there are lots of sad and upsetting things happening. In my assembly I spoke to the children about never giving up and to be hopeful that we can always make a difference. Please do take the time to speak to your children about the meaning of hope.

## Anti – Bullying Workshops

On Wednesday we were treated to a visit from Lily at Openview Education who delivered an Antibullying Show to children in Years 1-5 followed by workshops for Year 6. The children were captivated by the creative way she introduced the theme to them! Lily commented to one of our staff members that our children were one of the best behaved out of all the schools she visits so well done children of St. Margarets!! Please take the time to discuss what they learned through this engaging activity!

## Mass at Church

Today I accompanied Year 5 to St Margaret's Church for mass. The children were first class and represented the school impeccably. I lost count of the number of parishioners who commented on their behaviour and participation in mass. I am a very proud headteacher! Well done Year 5!

## Bikes and Scooters on School Site

Please note there is to be no riding of bikes or scooters on school site at any time. This is the rule for both children and **adults**. I have been advised that this week an adult was riding their bike on the school site and nearly ran into a mother and her child. **Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site.**

## Sweets and Cakes

Please note children are not allowed to bring in cakes and sweets when it is their birthday. Due to allergies and medical conditions, it is not safe to share these with class mates. When it is your child's birthday they are allowed to come to school dressed in their own clothes. We also celebrate birthdays in our Friday assemblies. Thank you for your support in this matter.



### **After School Clubs**

I am delighted that so many children enjoy the clubs we run after school. It is important that children are picked up on time after these clubs. **A reminder, children are not allowed to bring food for the after school clubs.** If you want your children to have something to eat, please bring a snack with you when you come to pick them up. Again, thank you for your support.

### **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**

Do you know what Apps your children are using?

Below is a simple table detailing the age children are legally allowed to use platforms / Apps online.

Platform	Age Rating
Threads	12+ years old
Remini	12+ years old
Facebook	13+ years old
Instagram	13+ years old
Snapchat	13+ years old
Tiktok	13+ years old
X (Formerly Twitter)	13+ years old
Wink	13+ years old
Mylol	13+ years old
Youtube	13+ years old
Discord	13+ years old
Twitch	13+ years old
ChatGPT	13+ years old
Omegle	13+ years old
Kick	17+ years old
Holla	18+ years old

The reason I draw your attention to these platforms and apps is because in our recent staff training we were made aware of them. If you are like me there will a number in the list you have never heard of!

Please do take the time to check your children's mobile phones and tablets to make sure you are comfortable with what your children are accessing. If you need any advice do not hesitate to contact school.

Don't forget you can still access a parent presentation about how to keep your children safe online. The link is below and is live until this **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have not found the time to watch it, please do before we lose the access to it on Sunday.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1593303833430393949>

### **Class Assemblies**

Next Thursday we have our first class assembly of the school year. **Year 6 St Clare** will be kicking us off and I know they have been working very hard. Please remember this year class assemblies start at **8:30 am, please support your children by making sure they are in school on time.** We hope to see as many of our Year 6 St Clare parents as possible.

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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.

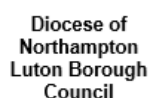
Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

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	90%	89%	<b>84%</b> ↓
Reception St Clare	95%	96%	<b>95%</b> ↓
1 St Francis	93%	90%	<b>94%</b> ↑
1 St Clare	93%	87%	<b>95%</b> ↑
2 St Francis	96%	96%	← <b>96%</b> →
2 St Bernadette	94%	90%	<b>92%</b> ↑
3 St Clare	94%	97%	← <b>97%</b> →
3 St Bernadette	96%	91%	<b>97%</b> ↑
4 St Francis	97%	97%	<b>96%</b> ↓
4 St Bernadette	95%	95%	<b>98%</b> ↑
5 St Clare	94%	91%	<b>94%</b> ↑
5 St Francis	95%	93%	<b>97%</b> ↑
6 St Bernadette	96%	96%	<b>92%</b> ↓
6 St Clare	96%	94%	<b>98%</b> ↑
6 St Francis	94%	93%	<b>96%</b> ↑

Well done to **4 St Bernadette and 6 St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with **98%**!

Can a class get 100% this half - term? 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
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Margaret's Feast Day – Mass at St Margaret's Church Y4 – 6	10.00
	Tea at 2	2:00 – 3:00
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Y4 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9.00
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30 – 8.45
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day</b>	
	School Movie Night	5.00 – 6.45
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	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>	