



St Margaret of Scotland
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Schools' Diocesan Mass

Today **Mrs Greene** our school Chaplain and I attended the Diocesan Schools' Mass. This is when children from all schools in our diocese come together to celebrate the amazing people in our schools. We were accompanied by our wonderful Faith Ambassadors.

The children represented our school community beautifully. I was a very proud Headteacher!

Out and About!

This week I have had the pleasure to attend 2 sporting events. The first was with our girls football team who played their first matches in their league. They were brilliant! They played 3 games winning 1 and drawing 2! I was so impressed with how quickly they got into their stride and took the game to their opponents. Well done to all of you!

Later in the week I spent time with children from Key Stage 2 at a bocchia tournament. Bocchia is a bit like bowls but played with lighter bowls. The children showed a lot of skill and won a number of their matches. Spending time with our children in different settings is always a joy.

Thank you to our PE Subject Leader **Mrs Dilkes** for organising the trips.

High School Application Drop-ins for Year 6 Parents

Our Family Worker Miss Barnaville will be holding drop-ins if you need support to complete your high school application for your child. The drop-ins will be held in the family room where laptops will be available. The deadline for applications is 3 weeks today, **Friday 31st October 2025**.

Miss Barnaville will be available to support you next week at the following times:

Tuesday 14th October - 8.30 - 9.30am

Wednesday 15th October - 8.30 - 9.30am

Thursday 16th October - 2.00 -3.00pm

Please do make the most of this offer of support.

Oracy October – Black History Month

On **Thursday 16th October** we will be holding a special assembly to mark Black History Month. Classes will be presenting work linked to an inspirational black person from history that they have been learning about. This will be an opportunity for children to share their fantastic oracy skills!

The assemblies will start **2.15pm**. There is limited space for parents, we can only allow 30 adults in each hall. We will let you know on Monday via Class Dojo how you can sign up to attend.

The hall your child's class is in is listed in the table below.

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Luton Borough
Council



KEY STAGE 1 HALL	KEY STAGE 2 HALL
6D	6A
5K	5T
4G	4U
3A	3W
2M	2C
1G	1Z
RA	RD

Maths Monday

Thank you to all of you who attended our first Maths Monday of the new school year. We had over 50 of you join us and your children to take part in mathematical activities. Thank you for your support!

Birthdays at St Margaret's

We love to celebrate birthdays at school. On your child's birthday or a Monday or Friday if their birthday lands on a weekend, children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes. Children are also presented with a birthday certificate at one of our assemblies to mark their special day. Please note children must not bring in sweets / food in for their friends on their birthday, this is due to allergies. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Well done!

Thank you so much to all of you who this half term have massively reduced the amount of single use plastic we have in school. The reduction in plastic litter on the school site is significant. Please continue to use the school water bottles each child was given at the start of the school year. We are looking after God's Earth; I am proud of our efforts.

Snacks for Morning Break

Now that we have battled single use plastic, we turn our efforts to another important issue, the health of our children and keeping our school tidy.

I have noticed that snacks children are consuming at morning break are not healthy. They include crisps, cakes and other items that are not conducive to giving our children the energy they need for the remainder of their learning time before lunch. It also causes a real problem with litter.

After our half term break children will not be allowed to consume these snacks. The only snack that will be permitted will be fruit.

Children in **Reception – Year 2** do not need to bring fruit in as this is provided by the school. Children in **Years 3 – 6** if they wish will be permitted to bring in a piece of fruit.

Thank you for your anticipated support in this new initiative.

School Photographs

We have sent home today the proofs received from the school photographers, please check your children's bags for these if you wish to buy copies. Order forms will be collected from school on **Monday 3rd November**.

Parent Teacher Consultations (Pre School – Year 6) – Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th October 2025

A reminder we have Parent / Teacher consultations next Tuesday and Wednesday. You are still able to book an appointment online until Monday 13th October. Bookings will close at 4.00pm.

Please do make sure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend our school.

Please note: after school clubs and Year 6 boosters will not be running on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Friday Celebration Assemblies

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 of the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

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

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following the St Margaret's Way will receive a Parentmail on Thursday from school inviting them to the assembly to allow you to see your 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.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
17.10.25	2C	5T
7.11.25	1Z	4G
14.11.25		
21.11.25	2M	6D
28.11.25	1G	3W
5.12.25	2C	5K
12.12.25	1Z	4U
19.12.25		

2 Week Half Term

A reminder that we have a **2 week half term in October**. We break up for half term a week today, **Friday 17th October** and return on **Monday 3rd November**.

Term dates for this year are below.

TERM	FIRST HALF TERM	HALF TERM BREAK	SECOND HALF TERM
ADVENT TERM	Weds 3 rd Sept – Fri 17 th Oct	Mon 20th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec
LENT TERM	Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 th Feb	Mon 16 th Feb – Fri 20 th Feb	Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th Mar
PENTECOST TERM	Tues 14 th Apr – Fri 22 nd May	Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	Mon 1 st Jun – Tues 21 st Jul

Attendance

Below is important information regarding attendance at school. It is so important that children attend school when they are well enough. Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

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

Class Attendance	Last Week	This Week
Reception ND	90	90 ←→
Reception AD	100	97 ↓
Year 1G	96	96 ←→
Year 1Z	95	94 ↓
Year 2M	91	99 ↑
Year 2C	98	97 ↓
Year 3A	96	98 ↑
Year 3W	93	97 ↑
Year 4G	97	96 ↓
Year 4U	96	95 ↓
Year 5K	99	96 ↓
Year 5T	93	85 ↓
Year 6A	99	99 ←→
Year 6D	97	98 ↑

Well done to **2M** and **6A** who had the top attendance this week with **99%**!

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

Date	Event	Time
Tues 14 th Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.00
Weds 15 th Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.00
Thurs 16th Oct	Y6 Heights & Weights Checks	
Fri 17 th Oct	End of 1 st Half Advent Term	3.00
Mon 3 rd Nov	Start of 2 nd Half Advent Term	8.15
Thurs 6 th Nov	6A Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 7 th Nov	1 st Friday Mass for Year 5 at SMOS Church	8.30
Thurs 13 th Nov	4U Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 14th Nov	St Margaret of Scotland Feast Day Mass	10.00
Thurs 20 th Nov	6D Class Assembly	2.30
Thurs 27 th Nov	3W Class Assembly	2.30
Mon 1 st Dec	Meditation Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Fri 5 th Dec	1 st Friday Mass for Year 4 at SMOS Church	8.30
Fri 12th Dec	Y3 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Reception & Y3	8.30
	Christmas Service at Church	5.00
Tues 16 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Nursery & Y6	8.30
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Y2 & Y4	8.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00
Fri 19 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Y1 & Y5	8.30
	Carols on the Playground	2.30
	Y2 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	
	End of Advent Term	3.00
Mon 5th Jan	All Children Return to School for Lent Term	8.15