



St Margaret of Scotland
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

2 Week Half Term

A reminder that today we start our **2 week half term**. We return to school 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

Black History Month Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many of you yesterday for our Black History Month Assembly. This was a new event and an opportunity for our children to share their fantastic oracy skills! Each class presented work focusing on an important person from Black History. These inspirational people included Rosa Parks, Bob Marley, Martin Luther King and even Marcus Rashford!

The children performed poetry, songs, plays and even a rap! It really was a wonderful event, A big thank you to our Oracy Lead, **Mrs Ahmed** for organising the event. The children really were fantastic!

Diwali

This week our children took part in Diwali workshops. The children learned about the festival of lights and how Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The company that led the workshops were blown away with the effort and joy the children put into their work. Happy Diwali to those of our school community that will celebrate the festival on Monday.

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.

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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

A reminder that order forms for your choice of school photos will be collected from school on **Thursday 6th November**.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended their appointment this week. I hope you found your meetings useful and informative. We really do appreciate everything you do to support your children.

It is Good to be Green (GTBG)

This half term children have been working hard to gain GTBG tokens for their families. I have been really impressed with how well the children have taken to our new behaviour policy. Lots and lots of children have stayed 'Green' all half term! Well done to all of you.

I am delighted to say that the **St Patrick Family** achieved the most GTBG tokens this half term and have won the GTBG Cup and today were awarded an extra playtime for their efforts. The competition starts all over again after half term, so good luck to all of the families!

Family Heads

Today in our sharing assembly I was delighted to present special ties to our new family Heads for this academic year. They are as follows

St George	Tommy Pola
St Andrew	Ifechuku Kimbely
St Patrick	Daksh Victoria
St David	Adrian Korede

Well done to all of them, I know they are going to do a brilliant job!

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)
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		

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
RD	90	85↓
RA	97	93↓
Year 1G	96	91↓
Year 1Z	94	95↑
Year 2M	99	98 ↓
Year 2C	97	96↓
Year 3A	98	95↓
Year 3W	97	97↔
Year 4G	96	98 ↑
Year 4U	95	92↓
Year 5K	96	98 ↑
Year 5T	85	95↑
Year 6A	99	93↓
Year 6D	98	90↓

Well done to **2M, 4G** and **5K** who had the top attendance this week with **98%**!

Thank you for your continued support, it has been a very busy half term but as always, your children have worked hard and been a credit to their families and our school.

I do hope during the half term you all get the chance to rest and spend time with each other. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**.

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
Mon 3rd Nov	Start of 2nd 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 14 th 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	1st Friday Mass for Year 4 at SMOS Church	8.30
Fri 12 th 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
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 5 th Jan	All Children Return to School for Lent Term	8.15