



St Margaret of Scotland
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Please note the end of the school year for children will be **Monday 20th July 2026**. School will now be closed for children on Tuesday 21st July 2026. This is to allow for staff training. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Updating Your Contact Details

Thank you to those of you who have returned their contact details with up-to-date information.

We still have a significant number of parents though, that have not returned their forms. (Currently we cannot confirm we have the correct details for over 50% of the children in our school.) I cannot overstate the importance of the information we hold being accurate. This information is one of many ways we can ensure we keep your children safe. Please return your forms **As Soon As Possible**.

It is really important that we have 2 adults we can contact regarding your child so please ensure you list a second person when completing your form.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Water Bottles

Over the past week I have noticed an increase in the single use plastic in school. A reminder that we do not allow single use plastic bottles in school. During this year all children have been given a St Margaret water bottle for use in school to help with this issue of single use plastic. Please do make sure in the new term your child is bringing to school a reusable bottle.

To help with this from January you will be able to buy a new St Margaret water bottle via the ParentMail for £2.50.

Please also note children can only put water in their water bottle. Squash or other drinks are not allowed. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A Busy Week for our School Choir!

On Monday evening our wonderful school choir shared the Christmas story with members of our school and the parish. The children acted and sang beautifully.

On Thursday they spent the morning at Luton Airport singing lots of Christmas carols and raising money for charity. Well done to all of the children and to **Miss Waller** and **Mrs Deacon** who do such a fantastic job supporting our choir!

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Christmas Crafts

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Crafts events this week. They really are lovely events and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your children completing festive activities.

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful staff that do so much in preparation for the activities. It really does take a lot of effort and preparation. We are lucky to have such committed staff that want to provide memories for your children.

The Importance of School Uniform

Wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of upholding the high standards and values of our school. It fosters a sense of unity, equality, and pride among pupils, while ensuring a focused and respectful learning environment. We kindly remind parents and carers that all children are expected to attend school in the full and correct uniform each day.

From the start of next term, if a child is not wearing the appropriate uniform, a formal letter will be sent home to reinforce this expectation. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining these standards.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

It was our annual Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day on Wednesday. The children and staff looked very festive and many enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner. We also took part in a Santa Dash, more information below!

Santa Dash!



A fantastic festive well done all the children who took part in the annual extravaganza St Margaret's Santa Dash on Wednesday 17th December. From Pre School to Year 6 the children walked or ran off their delicious chistmas lunch with a festive mile walk. Well done everyone!



Christmas Movie Night

Thank you to all of you who supported our Christmas Movie Night, lots of children returned to school in pyjamas holding their teddy bears! We hope everyone had a great time!

Good to be Green (GTBG) Winners for this Half Term

As you know we try hard at St Margaret's to follow the St Margaret's Way.

- **To be Safe** – We keep ourselves safe and look after one another – just as Jesus taught us.
- **To be Good Listeners** – We listen with open hearts and minds, learning and flourishing with God and the world around us.
- **To be Kind** – By our just actions and kind words. We love God and we love each other.
- **To be Honest** – a sense of responsibility and the strength to speak up truthfully.
- **To be Hard Working** – developing lively, enquiring and independent minds and the resilience to embrace the challenges we face.
- **To be Respectful** – Well rounded individuals who have a positive impact on others near and far, especially those who are less fortunate.

Children are rewarded with GTBG tokens for following the St Margaret's Way. At the end of each half term the winning family are given extra play. This half term the winning family was **St David!** Well done to all of the children in St David family. Certificates and badges for those children who have earned them will be given out at the start of next term.

He's Behind You!

Our Year 2 and Year 3 children have all been to the Grove Theatre in Dunstable in the past week to watch Peter Pan. The production was brilliant and the children had a great time. Not only did they have a great time but as always, the children represented our school immaculately.

Father Christmas!

Today the children were excited to receive a message from the man himself, Father Christmas! The message can be watched at home via Class Dojo! A big thank you to **Mrs Newman** for pulling a few strings and getting the message sent to us! Father Christmas also sent some presents for the children which they are bringing home today!

Class Dojo

Thank you to those of you that engage so well with Class Dojo, it is appreciated. Please note staff will not be engaging with the app over the Christmas break, so please do not send messages as they will not be read. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

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	93	77↓
Reception AD	87	88↑
Year 1G	91	89↓
Year 1Z	88	87↓
Year 2M	92	95↑
Year 2C	92	73↓
Year 3A	95	84↓
Year 3W	94	93↓
Year 4G	96	96↔
Year 4U	90	92↑

Year 5K	95	94↓
Year 5T	97	98 ↑
Year 6A	99	98 ↓
Year 6D	94	89↓

Well done to **5T and 6A** who had the top attendance this week with **98%**!

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a very busy and successful term. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic school filled with brilliant children and adults.

On behalf of everyone at St Margaret's I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

'But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2 v10-12.

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. **Updated events are in BOLD**. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

God bless,
Mr Chiswell

Date	Event	Time
Mon 5 th Jan	All Children Return to School for Lent Term	8.15
Fri 16 th Jan	Parents' Forum	2.15
Fri 13 th Feb	End of 1 st half of Lent Term	3.00
Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of 2 nd half of Lent Term	8.15
Fri 27 th Feb	Children in St David Family to wear yellow to school for the day to mark his feast day – 1 st March	
Fri 13 th March	Children in St Patrick Family to wear green to school for the day to mark his feast day – 17 th March	
Fri 27 th March	End of Lent Term	3.00
Mon 13 th April	School Closed to Children for Staff Training	
Tues 14 th March	All Children Return to School for Pentecost Term	
Fri 24 th April	Children in St George Family to wear red to school for the day to mark his feast day – 23 rd April	
Fri 22 nd May	End of 1 st half of Pentecost Term	3.00
Mon 1 st June	Start of 2 nd half of Pentecost Term	8.15
Mon 20 th July	End of School Year for Children	3.00
Tues 21st July	School Closed to Children for Staff Training	