



**St Margaret of Scotland**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Anti-Bullying Week – Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> November – Power for Good**

Next week we will be marking Anti – Bullying Week with daily activities at school. You can find more information about this initiative by visiting the official website: [Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](https://www.powerforgood.org.uk/anti-bullying-week)

**We are starting this on Monday, by inviting children to come to school in odd socks and their own clothes. This is to highlight it is good to be different and that we should celebrate our diversity.**

The activities that children will undertake will support them in understanding what bullying is, what to do if they are being bullied and how we can prevent bullying happening at school, away from school and very importantly online.

Please do speak to your children at the end of each day next week to discuss with them what they have learnt.

**Seats and seatbelts**

It has been brought to my attention that some children who should be, are not sitting in child seats when being driven to and from school. The law is as follows:

**Children must use a child's car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.**

A link to this important information is here: [Child car seats: the law](https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats)

All passengers and drivers in vehicles must also wear seatbelts. A link to this information is here: [Seat belts: the law](https://www.gov.uk/seatbelts)

Please do adhere to these laws, members of the SLT will speak to parents if we have concerns. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

**Updating Your Contact Details**

Next week you will receive the contact details we have on our records for you via an envelope. It is vital that you update the records and send them back to school as soon as you can. This will ensure that if we need to contact you during the school day for important matters we will be able to quickly. Thank you for your anticipated support.

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Northampton  
Luton Borough  
Council



### **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 sweets / food in for their friends on their birthday, this is due to allergies. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **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.

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.

### **Straight Back to it!**

It has been a busy first week back after half term. This Wednesday children in **Years 3 and 4** attended a **Sportshall Athletics** competition. The children were fantastic and represented our school beautifully.

Today I joined **Year 5** at our parish church to **celebrate mass with Father Ugo**. As always, the children were so reverent. Father Ugo asked us to pray to God and to be thankful. Try this weekend to have some quiet time and remember all the things we must be thankful for.

### **Remembrance Day**

On Thursday **6A** led our first class assembly of the school year focusing on Remembrance Day. The children read and sang superbly and shared the importance of this special day.

This Sunday we remember all those that have lost their lives in conflict. November is also a month we remember all people that have died.

On Monday we will mark Remembrance Day as a school by holding a minute silence on our playground at 11.00 am.



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:**

**Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning**

**We will remember them.**

### **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)
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		

### **Appointments During School Hours**

We kindly ask that, wherever possible, appointments for your child (such as medical or dental) are scheduled outside of school hours to minimise disruption to their learning.

We understand that sometimes this isn't possible, but we expect your child to attend school for the remainder of the day either before or after the appointment.

Please note that if your child is absent for the entire day, and could have reasonably attended for part of it, the absence before or after appointment will be recorded as unauthorised, (the portion of the day missed unnecessarily).

Please inform the school about the time and date of the appointment and provide us with a copy of the appointment letter/email/screenshot.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in prioritising your child's education.

### **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 (before half term)	This Week
Reception ND	85	91↑
Reception AD	93	94↑
Year 1G	91	96↑
Year 1Z	95	93↓

<b>Year 2M</b>	98	96↓
<b>Year 2C</b>	96	98↑
<b>Year 3A</b>	95	98↑
<b>Year 3W</b>	97	99↑
<b>Year 4G</b>	98	99↑
<b>Year 4U</b>	92	99↑
<b>Year 5K</b>	98	99↑
<b>Year 5T</b>	95	<b>100↑</b>
<b>Year 6A</b>	93	99↑
<b>Year 6D</b>	90	97↑

Well done to **5T** who had the top attendance this week with **100%**!

### 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
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4U Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Margaret of Scotland Feast Day Mass -Years 4 – 6 to attend mass at church	10.00
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Reception Parents – a workshop focusing on how to support your children to develop their fine motor skills in the Key Stage 2 Hall.</b>	<b>2.00 – 2.45</b>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6D Class Assembly	2.30
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Assembly for parents of Mini Vinnies</b>	<b>2.30</b>
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3W Class Assembly	2.30
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children in St Andrew Family to wear blue to school for the day to mark his feast day – 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Meditation Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass for Year 4 at SMOS Church	8.30
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Reception Nativity to Parents</b>	<b>9.30</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Reception & Y3	8.30
	Christmas Service at Church	5.00
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Nursery & Y6	8.30
	<b>Christmas Crafts for Afternoon Nursery</b>	<b>12.30</b>
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Y2 & Y4	8.30
	<b>Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day</b>	
	<b>Christmas Movie Night (Y1 – Y6)</b>	<b>5.00 – 6.30</b>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Y1 & Y5	8.30
	Y2 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	am
	Carols on the Playground	2.30
	End of Advent Term	3.00
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All Children Return to School for Lent Term	8.15