



St Margaret of Scotland
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year!

I do hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year! I am sure you agree it all seems a long time ago. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have quickly settled and got back into the swing of things!

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. 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

Don't forget you can buy new St Margaret water bottles via ParentMail for £2.50. Please see the school office if you wish to buy one,

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.

New Arrangements for Late Collection of Children

We have introduced a new system for managing the late collection of children at the end of the school day to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and to make the process more efficient.

- At **3:10pm**, any children who have not been collected will be taken to the **KS1 foyer by the KS1 Hall**.

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- **Miss Barnaville and Mrs Kopaci** will supervise the children and manage late collections.
- When your child is collected, the following information will be collected: reason for lateness, and the name of the person collecting.

Why are we making these changes?

- It is becoming a safeguarding issue to have large numbers of children waiting near the staff exit door.
- Teachers and office staff are spending valuable time supervising late collections, which impacts their other responsibilities.
- We have noticed an increase in children being collected late, sometimes by siblings from Stockwood Park Academy. While we understand occasional delays, regular lateness is not acceptable.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. If you anticipate being late, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe and ensure the smooth running of our school.

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. **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.

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	Before Christmas break	This Week
Reception ND	77	90↑
Reception AD	88	92↑
Year 1G	89	88↓
Year 1Z	87	88↑
Year 2M	95	89↓
Year 2C	73	92↑
Year 3A	84	97↑
Year 3W	93	97↑
Year 4G	96	94↓
Year 4U	92	95↑
Year 5K	94	95↑
Year 5T	98	94↓
Year 6A	98	92↓
Year 6D	89	90↑

Well done to **3A** and **3W** who had the top attendance this week with **97%!**

Vacancy

We are currently looking for someone to join our Midday Supervisor team. The person would need to be able to work Thursday and Friday 11.15am – 1.00pm.

If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office who will be able to provide further information.

Diary Dates

An updated list of diary dates will be provided in my newsletter on Friday 16th January.

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
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	