

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I do hope you all managed to have a restful Christmas and New Year. It is lovely to be back at school, we are already at full throttle! I pray that 2025 is a positive year for the school community as a whole.

## After School Clubs

Over the coming days information regarding which clubs your children have been given a place in will be sent to you via ParentMail. Please note if you do not receive an e mail your child has not got a place and therefore **MUST NOT ATTEND THE CLUB**. On occasions children are attending clubs they do not have a place in. This is causing significant issues. I will be monitoring attendance at clubs so please ensure your children only attend clubs they have places in.

## Boosters for Children in Years 1, 2 and 6

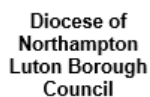
We are very lucky that we have committed staff that are willing to run booster sessions after school. Booster sessions support children to make further progress in reading, writing and maths. If your child is invited please do your best to ensure your children attends. They really do make a difference. Thank you for your support. Booster sessions take preference over after school clubs.

## Parent Forum

I would like to invite you to a parent forum next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at 2.30 pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. The focus of the session will be an opportunity for you to share what makes you proud to send your children to our school and also a chance for you to share any ideas that you think will improve our school. It would be lovely to see you there if you can make it. I intend to make this a regular event so please do not worry if you cannot make next week's session.

Connected to this is some great news. An article released by Luton Today has highlighted the fact based on our end of Key Stage 2 SATs results last year we performed amongst the top 10 schools in Luton in 2023 – 2024. This is fantastic news and highlights the brilliance of our children, staff, families and wider school community. Please continue to support your children at home, it really is a team effort!

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/education/revealed-the-best-primary-schools-in-luton-4924983>



## Mini Vinnies – Spreading Christmas Cheer

At the end of last term, our fantastic Mini Vinnies were out in our local community once again. This time they were delivering Christmas cards and spreading Christmas cheer to our neighbours. It was lovely to be able to wish people a Merry Christmas and for them to know that everyone at St Margarets is thinking of them at this festive time. We were also lucky enough to bump into our lovely Community Police Officer and let her know how much we appreciate the hard work she does for our community. Merry Christmas everyone!



## Friday Celebration Assemblies

Each **Friday Reception, 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 to the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

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

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following our school virtues will receive a text message 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.

You are welcome to attend any of the assemblies, even if your child is not receiving a certificate or their class is not sharing. Please note we will have to monitor the number of parents that attend to ensure we are adhering to health and safety requirements; we will always prioritise the parents of children receiving a virtues certificate. Thank you for your support.

Below is a table with information regarding the assemblies.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
17.1.25	2 St Bernadette	3 St Bernadette
24.1.25	1 St Clare	3 St Clare
31.1.25	2 St Francis	6 St Bernadette
7.2.25	1 St Francis	5 St Clare
14.2.25	2 St Bernadette	4 St Francis
28.2.25	R St Bernadette	6 St Clare
7.3.25	R St Francis	5 St Francis
14.3.25	2 St Bernadette	4 St Bernadette
21.3.25	1 St Clare	3 St Bernadette
28.3.25	1 St Francis	3 St Clare

Weekly newsletters and past correspondence can be found on our school website at this [link](#).

God bless,  
Mr Chiswell

## Dates for your Diary

(Please note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent Forum in KS 2 Hall	2.30
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents	3.15 & 6.00
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y2 Retreat Day at St Margaret's Church	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Maths Monday for Years 1 – 6	8.30 – 9.00
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 Trip to WWII Museum in Watford	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 St Bernadette Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass for Year 4 at St Margaret's Church	
	Non-Uniform Day for Chums – Shine Bright	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices Trip	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term Break Starts	3.00
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to School	8.15
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character	
	Y1 Trip to Stockwood Park	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass for Year 3 at St Margaret's Church	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Meditation Monday Y1 – 6	8.30 – 8.50
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
	Y3 / Y4 Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	1.00
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church	5.00
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tasty Treats	2.00
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y1 & Y6 Easter Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Y2 & Y5 Easter Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	YR & Y4 Easter Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	YN & Y3 Easter Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Fantastic Finishes Walk Around for Parents	3.00 – 3.30
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of Lent Term PLEASE NOTE WRAP AROUND CLUB WILL NOT RUN TODAY	3.00
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Children Return to school for Pentecost Term	8.15
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Half Term Break Starts	3.00
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to School	8.15
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	END OF SCHOOL YEAR – SUMMER BREAK STARTS	3.00