

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

2 Week Half Term

A reminder that we have a 2 week half term starting **next week, Friday 18th October**. School is closed from **Monday 21st October** until the children return on **Monday 4th November**.

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
Advent Term	Weds 4 th Sept – Fri 18 th Oct	Mon 21st Oct – Fri 1st Nov	Mon 4 th Nov – Fri 20 th Dec
Lent Term	Mon 6 th Jan – Fri 14 th Feb	Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb	Mon 24 th Feb – Fri 4 th Apr
Pentecost Term	Weds 23 rd Apr – Fri 23 rd May	Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	Mon 2 nd Jun – Weds 23 rd Jul

Supporting Our School

This week I was lucky enough to join Year 2 on their trip to Whipsnade Zoo. I and the children had a great time! As I always say trips cannot happen without the support of parents and carers. So, a big thank you to all of you who supported the trip this week, we really do appreciate it! There are lots of photos to view on our [Instagram](#) page.

To ensure future trips go ahead please look out for a letter next half term asking for volunteers to support school trips during the year. I will also be asking for volunteers to come in and listen to our wonderful children read. Please do help out if you can.

New Appointments

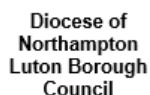
At the end of last academic year **Miss Chance** and **Miss Greenwell** were appointed as Assistant Headteachers to support the work of our Senior Leadership Team. I would like to thank them for their hard work so far this term.

Celebrating our Faith

Today our Faith Ambassadors attended the Schools' Mass at St Mary's Church in Dunstable. Bishop David celebrated mass and the work all of the schools in Northampton Diocese. Our children represented our school brilliantly!

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Below is a table with information regarding the assemblies you are invited to. **Assemblies start at 8.30 am and finish by 9.00 am.**



Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
18.10.24	2 St Francis	4 St Francis
8.11.24	1 St Francis	5 St Francis
15.11.24	2 St Bernadette	6 St Clare
22.11.24	1 St Clare	3 St Francis
29.11.24	2 St Francis	3 St Bernadette
6.12.24	1 St Francis	4 St Bernadette

Maths Monday

Wow! We had over 80 children represented by family members on Monday for our Maths Monday event. It really is brilliant to have so many of you join us. We hope you enjoyed your time in school. We hope you can join us next time.

Morning Snacks and Packed Lunches

Please be reminded that children can bring a piece of fruit to school for morning break. No other food is permitted. Staff will not allow children to eat any other types of food.

Please be reminded you must not include nuts in your child's packed lunches. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Harvest Festival

As part of our Catholic social teaching, the Mini Vinnies are collecting non-perishable goods that will be donated to Vinnies Pantry at Our Lady's Catholic Church in support of those in need in our local community.

Thank you for the donations received so far, please keep on sending them into school with your children. Donations can be left in the KS2 hall.

Pre School and Year 3

This year we have supported the local authority by opening a third Year 3 class. This is a year group that has a significant number of children living in Luton that need a school place. We still have places for children in Year 3, **children who were born between 1st September 2016 – 31st August 2017 are welcome to apply for a place at our school.**

It has been a year since our wonderful pre-school joined our school. **Miss Newland** and her team provide a fantastic service. We accept applications for children from 2 years old. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

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

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

Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
Fri 18th Oct	End of Advent 1st Half Term	3.00pm
Mon 4th Nov	2nd Half of Advent Term begins for all children.	8.15am
Thurs 7 th Nov	Y6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30am
Fri 8 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Y6	
Weds 13 th Nov	Wear Odd Socks to School for Anti Bullying Week – It is good to be different!	
Thurs 14 th Nov	Y4 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Fri 15 th Nov	Feast Day Mass at St Margaret's Church Years 4 - 6	10.00am
	Tea at 2	2.00pm
Thurs 21 st Nov	Y6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Tues 26 th Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Weds 27 th Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 28 th Nov	Y3 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Mon 2 nd Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30am
Fri 6 th Dec	First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church – Y5	9.00am
Thurs 12 th Dec	Fantastic Finishes	3.00pm
Mon 16 th Dec	Reception & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5.00pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
Weds 18 th Dec	Nursery & Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Tasty Treats	2.00pm
	Christmas Movie Night Y1 – Y6	5.00pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 19 th Dec	Y2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Reception Christmas Nativity Performance to Parents	2.00pm
Fri 20 th Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30pm
	Final Day of Advent Term	3.00pm
Mon 6th Jan	1st Day of Lent Term	8.15am