

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Parking on Rotheram Avenue and Surrounding Streets

I have had a number of parents contact me in regard to dangerous and irresponsible parking by our families at the start and end of school days. Cars should not be parked on pavements. I am very concerned that someone will get hurt and cars damaged if we are not more considerate of each other. Please respect each other's safety and of course that of our children.

## Anti Bullying Week

**Mrs Dilkes** our amazing Year 6 teacher and leader of our Mini Vinnies writes,

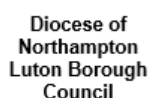
*As part of our Anti Bullying Week, our wonderful Mini Vinnies have been hard at work during breaktimes and lunchtimes spreading kindness across our school. The Mini Vinnies have been a support for any child in need, a helping hand for our younger children, or just someone to play with during our breaktimes.*

Well done to all the Mini Vinnies – what a fantastic job you have done!



## School Lunches

Please note from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, children who are having a school meal will be required to choose what they would like to eat at the start of each day. Staff will support children in making their decisions but please do take the time to look at the weekly menus with your child to help them make a choice. Menus can be found on our school website at the following link: [School Dinners](#)



## **Term Dates 2025 – 2026**

At the bottom of this newsletter are our term dates for next academic year. Please take the time to review them.

## **Harvest**

We had a wonderful Harvest assembly in school last week. Classes shared some beautiful songs and shared the importance of harvest around the world. 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. **The final day for donations is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **Children in Need and Celebrating Being Me!**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need / Good to be Me event this Wednesday. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need. If you have not made your donation, please do so via [ParentMail](#). Thank you for your support.

## **Our Feast Day**

Today is the Feast Day of St Margaret of Scotland our patron saint. We really have had a lovely day. Children have attended assemblies to learn about St Margaret, some have attended mass at our parish church. We also welcomed lots of you into school this afternoon to spend time with your children learning about St Margaret, completing fun learning activities. Thank you for your support, it is lovely to have you in school.

***St Margaret of Scotland, Pray for Us.***

## **Remembrance Day**

On Monday, to mark Armistice Day all of our children and staff stood in a minute silence to remember those that have lost their lives in conflict. The silence was marked beautifully by all of the children, I was very proud.



## **Rise Theatre Company**

This week the Rise Theatre Company visited our school. The company lead assemblies and also along with our children, held a performance for the whole school. The focus of the day was God's Planet. The children had a great day and represented the school beautifully.

## **Parent Teacher Consultations (Reception – Year 6) – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

From 6.00 pm this evening via [ParentMail](#), you will be able to book appointments to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in their new class.

Please do make sure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend our school.

## **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.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)</b>
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

## **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.

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
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Y6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30am
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church – Y5	9.00am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fantastic Finishes	3.00pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5.00pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery & Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Tasty Treats	2.00pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Movie Night Y1 – Y6	5.00pm – 6.30pm
	Y2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8.30am
	Reception Christmas Nativity Performance to Parents	2.00pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30pm
	<b>Final Day of Advent Term</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Lent Term</b>	<b>8.15am</b>

## Term Dates 2025 - 2026

<b>Advent Term 2025</b>	<b>Lent Term 2026</b>	<b>Pentecost Term 2026</b>
Wednesday 03 Sept to Friday 19 Dec	Monday 05 Jan to Friday 27 March	Tuesday 14 April to Tuesday 21 July
Half Term Week commencing Monday 20 Oct (2 weeks)	Half Term Week commencing Monday 16 Feb	Half Term Week commencing Monday 25 May
Training Days (School closed to children)  Monday 01 Sept Tuesday 02 Sept	Training Days (School closed to children)	Training Days (School closed to children)  Monday 13 April