

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

## 2 Week Half Term

A reminder that we have a 2 week half term starting **today**. School is closed from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** until the children return on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

## Supporting Our School

Thank you to all of you who supported our Year 1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo this week. The children saw lots of animals and participated in a life cycle workshop.

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.

## Family Heads

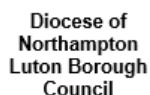
In our Key Stage 2 celebration assembly today, we were delighted to appoint our Year 6 Family Heads for 2024 – 2025. **Cherish** and **Isabel** are Family Heads for **St Clare, Ann** and **Ciaran** for **St Bernadette** and **Liam** and **Zuzanna** for **St Francis**. These children will lead their families all year and represent their peers at different events. We are very proud of all 6 of them. Well done!

## Recycling

This Week we were joined by **Riki Cycle** who led an assembly for Key Stage 2 children all about recycling. The children learned a lot and had a great time. Please do talk about recycling at home and involve your children in this worthwhile activity.

## Harvest

We had a wonderful Harvest assembly in school on Thursday. 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.

### **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>
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

### **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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

**A reminder we now start our 2 week half term. I hope you enjoy the extended break and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>End of Advent 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Advent Term begins for all children.</b>	<b>8.15am</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30am
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Y6	
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wear Odd Socks to School for Anti Bullying Week – It is good to be different!	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30am
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Feast Day Mass at St Margaret's Church Years 4 - 6	10.00am
	Tea at 2	2.00pm
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
	Christmas Movie Night Y1 – Y6	5.00pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	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>