



St Margaret of Scotland
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Schools Inspection

Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to complete the parent survey for our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. The inspectors told us they had never had so many parent surveys completed and they were really impressed with the positivity shared by you.

Thank you for your support, the children, staff and Governors really appreciate it.

As soon as the report is available, I will share it with all of you. I am so proud of our school and feel very lucky to be the headteacher of it.

As part of the inspection **3 St Clare** shared a beautiful assembly on New Year Resolutions. The children acted, sang and read beautifully, well done to everyone connected to the class!

Our New School Badge

During last academic year we ran a competition asking the children to design a new school badge.

So many of our children took part and designed some brilliant badges. We were then able to work with a design company to incorporate some of the ideas the children had come up with to design a new badge.



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A recurring thought was St Margaret of Scotland was a Queen and to signify that, lots of people suggested a crown should be part of our badge. We now have a crown as part of our badge!

To represent Jesus, we have a cross and to represent Scotland and tartan which was part of our old badge we continue to use the same colours.

I really do hope you like the new design; I think it is a fantastic update and modernises the previous badge.

In time, new school uniform and other items with the new school badge will be available to purchase. Please be assured though uniform with our old badge continues to be perfectly acceptable. Please only buy new uniform when it is necessary to do so, for example when your child's uniform is too small for them. We will keep you updated in regards to when new uniform etc is available to purchase.

Maths Monday

This **Monday 27th January** we have our first Maths Monday of the school year. We are inviting families of children in **Years 1 – 6** to this event. Maths Monday is an opportunity for families to spend a short time with their children in school learning how they are taught in maths.

If you would like to attend, please drop your children off as normal and then make your way to the Key Stage 2 Hall to sign in. You will then be taken to your child's class to spend time with them. You will only be able to attend 1 class due to the short period of time you are in school, so if you have more than 1 child attending the school you will need to decide which class you will visit this time and then maybe visit another at a later event.

Please note you will not be able to join the session if you arrive at the Key Stage 2 Hall after **8.35am**. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Retreat Day at St Margaret's Church

This week Year 2 had the privilege of spending the day at our Parish Church on a retreat. This was an opportunity for the children to spend time with each other and their teachers and reflect on the fact that each and everyone of us is special in God's eyes.

A big thank you to Year 2 staff and **Mrs Forde** for arranging such a beautiful event.

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 8.30am and will be finished by 9.00am.

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!**

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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.

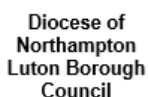
Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
31.1.25	2 St Francis	5 St Clare
7.2.25	1 St Francis	4 St Francis
14.2.25	2 St Bernadette	6 St Clare
28.2.25	R St Bernadette	5 St Francis
7.3.25	R St Francis	4 St Bernadette
14.3.25	1 St Clare	3 St Clare
21.3.25	2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

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

God bless,



Mr S Chiswell
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

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

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