

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Half Term

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term; it is lovely to have the children back at school. We have already had a very busy week!

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 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.

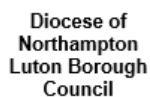
Thank you for the donations received so far, please keep on sending them into school with your children. Donations can be left in the KS2 hall. **The final day for donations is Friday 29th November.**

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 St Clare class who led an assembly focusing on Remembrance Sunday this week. The children were amazing and beautifully shared their knowledge. Thank you to the children and staff for their hard work

This Sunday we remember all those that have lost their lives in conflict. November is also a month we remember all people that have died. On Monday we will mark Remembrance Day as a school by holding a minute silence on our playground at 11.00 am.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**



Poppy Appeal 2024

We have been selling items for the Royal British Legion's (RBL) poppy appeal in school this week, these have been very popular with the children again this year!

The boxes will be going around one last time on Monday 11th November if children would like to buy any remaining items.

RBL will inform us in the coming weeks the total amount we have raised for them. Thank you everyone for your generosity again this year.

Children in Need and Celebrating Being Me!

A week today it is Children in Need. This year to support this worthy cause we are inviting children to come to school on **Wednesday 13th November** in their own clothes. As this is **Anti Bullying Day** as well, we would like children to wear clothes that mean something to them and make them who they are!
It really is good to be different!

When helping your children to decide what to wear please ensure they do not choose clothes that will make it difficult to learn and get in the way! I will be wearing some colourful socks and maybe something linked to Plymouth Argyle!

We are asking for a **£1.00 donation payable via [ParentMail](#)** for the privilege of wearing our own clothes. All money raised will go to Children in Need. Thank you for support.

Our Feast Day

The feast of St Margaret of Scotland is next **Friday 15th November**. To mark this special occasion some children from our Key Stage 2 classes will be attending mass at our parish church.

We are also inviting you to spend some time in your child's class. If you would like to join us, please make your way to the Key Stage 2 hall at 13.50pm to allow us to escort you to the correct classroom. You will learn a little about our patron saint and maybe even have a cup of squash! We hope you can join us!

St Margaret of Scotland, Pray for Us.

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.**

Please note there is no Celebration Assembly for Years 3 – 6 next Friday 15th November.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
15.11.24	2 St Bernadette	
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
Weds 13th Nov	Children in Need / Wear your own Clothes to School Day	
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 & 5	10.00am
	St Margaret of Scotland event for Parents	1.50pm
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

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Advent Term 2025	Lent Term 2026	Pentecost Term 2026
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