

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Poppy Appeal

A huge well done to all of you! Last week I was contacted by the Royal British Legion to advise me that during the month of November we raised over **£700.00** buying our poppies and other items. This is a fantastic amount of money.

Harvest Festival

Mrs Forde writes 'Thank you for all your generous donations to our Harvest Appeal. Fr Brendan Seery came to school on Tuesday to collect them for Vinnie's Pantry, an initiative run by the St Vincent de Paul Society from Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Fr Brendan was overwhelmed with the donations and offered his thanks to everyone who kindly donated. Some of our Year 4 pupils helped Fr Brendan to load the boxes into his car.'

Reconciliation

Fr Brendan and **Fr Ugo** joined us this week to hear the individual confessions of our pupils and myself as part of our preparations during this season of Advent. The priests commented on how well prepared the pupils were to receive the Sacrament and said how nice it was to see some familiar faces from their parishes. Likewise, the pupils loved seeing their parish priest in school!

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Thank you to those of you who have attended our Celebration Assemblies this term. We hope you have enjoyed sharing with us all of the amazing things your children do each week!

Please note there are no more Celebration Assemblies this term. We look forward to welcoming you next term!

Christmas is Coming!

This week Early Years and Key Stage 1 were treated to a performance of Cinderella by a professional theatre company. The children had a great time and really got involved in the performance. Thank you for your support in enabling this wonderful event to take place.

Fantastic Finishes!

On Thursday after school you are invited to come into school with your children and spend a bit of time in their class and have a look at the amazing work they have completed this term. Please collect your children as you normally would, wait with them and then staff will invite you back into school. We ask that by 3.30pm you have left the school site. We hope you can join us.

Futsal

This week I took a group of Year 5 and 6 boys to a Futsal tournament. (Futsal is exactly like football apart from it is played with a smaller, heavier ball). The boys played brilliantly and finished with a record of played 5, Won 3, Drew 1 and Lost 1. Well done to all of the players.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note there are no extracurricular clubs in the final week of term. **Friday 13th December** is the last day for clubs apart from Wrap Around Club, which runs until Thursday 19th December.

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 11 th Dec	Nursery Class Singing Carols for their Parents	8.45am
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 – NO WRAP AROUND CLUB	3.00pm
Mon 6 th Jan	1st Day of Lent Term	8.15am