

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

First of all I would like to apologise for the lack of newsletters over the past 2 weeks. It is lovely to be writing to you today with lots of exciting news from our wonderful school.

## Next Year

At this time of year we begin to prepare for the next academic year. As is often the case in schools we say goodbye to members of staff. At the end of this term we say goodbye to **Miss Caulfield**. Miss Caulfield who has spent many years at St Margaret's, has been an influential figure in many aspects of school improvement. We will work hard to continue to build on this. She was appointed as our Assistant Headteacher in September 2022 and has been a massive support to me personally. We will miss her!

We also say goodbye to **Mrs Halpin and Mrs Sathyamoorthy**. We also thank them for their commitment to our children. Good luck to you all.

Last week your children will have spent some time with their new class teacher for September 2024. This is to support transition for when the children return in September 2024.

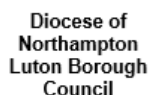
At the end of each year teachers and senior leaders review the make up of classes and where we feel it is in the best interests of children, we may change the class children are in. These decisions are made with great care and at all times children are kept at the centre of them. This has proved to be a successful strategy in previous years.

I have received a very small amount of communication from parents raising concerns that their child is concerned that they have been placed in a class that does not include a particular peer. Friendship groups are considered when making these decisions and I am very confident that all children will settle well in their new classes. Once the new year starts, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

We are delighted to be welcoming 3 new members of staff to our teaching team in September. They are **Mrs Deacon** who will be teaching one of our Reception classes and **Mrs Kinch** and **Mr Van Wyk** who will both be teaching in Year 5. Mr Van Wyk has already started teaching in our school and is getting to know the children in preparation for next year. I am sure you join me in welcoming all of them to our school.

I am delighted to say next year we will be having 3 Year 3 classes. There is a real need for school spaces in our community and the Local Authority have asked us to provide an extra Year 3 class.

We also will have a new Nursery Class starting in September. This again is an exciting development and will support our Early Years provision.



Please find below a table for classes and teachers for next academic year.

Year	St Bernadette	St Clare	St Francis
Pre School	Miss Newland		
Nursery	Mrs Cook & Mrs Durkinn		
Reception	Miss Chance & Mrs Morris	Mrs Deacon	
Year 1		Mrs Greene	Miss Zulfiqar
Year 2	Mrs Hatchell		Miss Greenwell
Year 3	Miss Waller	Miss Thelwell	Miss McCabe
Year 4	Mrs Dinghile / Mrs Brogan		Miss Urquhart
Year 5		Miss Atkinson & Mrs Kinch	Mr Van Wyk
Year 6	Mrs Dilkes	Mrs Ahmed	

### Science Week – Marble Run

Thank you to all of you supporting our children and bringing in resources for our children to take part in a Trust competition to create a marble run. The children and staff had a great afternoon in creating lots of interesting and exciting routes for their marble to travel! Thank you to our wonderful Science Subject Leader **Miss Thelwell** for organising the event.

### Keep on Running!

Our annual sports days have now taken place for another year. This is always a wonderful opportunity to bring the school community together. The children love showing off their sporting prowess. A big thank you to all of the staff for preparing for the events. A special mention to our fantastic PE Subject Leader, **Mrs Dilkes**, who oversaw the running of the event.

### School Games Mark

**Mrs Dilkes'** hard work for PE has also been recognised this year. This week we were informed that we have successfully earned the **School Games Gold Mark**. This is a wonderful achievement and indicates the fantastic opportunities we provide for our children linked to physical activity. Well done to everyone!

### Year 6 Production

Our talented children in Year 6 treated us to wonderful performances of Pantastic. The children and staff worked so hard to bring the epic show together. I am sure we had many proud family members in the audience at each show. A big well done to everyone! I am sure we have some budding actors in our midst.

### Brilliant Club

Well done to all of our members of our [Brilliant Club](#). This week Mrs Newman took the group to Kings College London where they 'graduated'. The children worked extremely hard throughout the programme and really were brilliant!

### Pre-School Graduation and Reception End of Year Assembly

Talking of graduation, I was thrilled to be invited to our Pre-School graduation event this week. Families and staff joined our amazing children to congratulate them on finishing Pre-School. The children looked wonderful in their gowns and there were many proud parents in attendance! A big thank you to **Miss Newland** and her **team** for all of their hard work throughout the year!

Also a big well done to our Reception children for a wonderful assembly this week. The children have worked so hard this year and I know are all looking forward to moving in to Key Stage 1. We are lucky to have such committed Reception staff.

**Year 6 Activity week**

This week Year 6 have taken part in a number of activities to mark the end of their time at St Margaret's. They have included a visit to Chessington, pizza and a movie and also a retreat. The highlight has maybe been a visit to the theatre in London to watch The Lion King. The children were mesmerised by the production and were a credit to our school. I was a very proud Headteacher.

We look forward to enjoying their final week with them next week and of course the Year 6 prom!

**Tea and Toast**

There will be no Tea and Toast on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tasty Treats**

Tasty Treats will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the KS2 hall at 2pm. This is a wonderful event held for our grandparents and older family members. You will be treated to a performance from our Year 6 children of songs from Pantastic. Please do invite grandparents to come along.

**Wrap Around Club**

Please be reminded there will be no Wrap Around Club next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All children will need to be picked up at 3.00 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Tasty Treats	2pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass @ School with parents	10.00am
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Party	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of the School Year	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Advent Term for children in Pre – School, Nursery & Years 1 - 6	
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Children in school until 1.00 pm	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Children start school full time	

