

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Starting School on Time**

In September school gates will continue to open at 8.15am. The school day as always will start at 8.30am. I do urge you though to do your best to arrive for school at 8.15am. The first part of the school day allows children time to read and settle before the business of the day starts. Too often we have children arriving for school past 8.30am, this is very unsettling for the child and results in loss of learning time. Please make it your new school year resolution to get your child to school on time!

In the new school year, we will also be monitoring times children are picked up. Please note children must be picked up at 3.00pm from either the Key Stage 1 or the Key Stage 2 playgrounds.

## **Well Done Year 6**

All children in Year 6 across the country take part in SATs each year. We have recently had our results and the children did brilliantly!

Our results for Reading, Writing and Maths were all **above** the national average! This is amazing and highlights just how hard our children and staff work. Well done everyone!

## **Leavers' Mass**

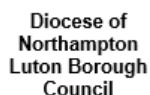
Father Eustace joined us this week to celebrate mass for our leavers. It was a lovely service, children had the chance to lead prayers and thank God for their time at St Margaret's. It was made even more special as Father Eustace is leaving our Parish to serve another, so it will likely he will not visit our school again. We ask Jesus to guide and support Father as he starts his new role.

## **Goodbye!**

Today we say goodbye to Karen Crisp our school cook who has worked at our school for 28 years! Just think of all the hot meals and packed lunches Karen has prepared over the years! On behalf of everyone at St Margaret's we wish Karen all the best and hope she enjoys her well earned rest!

## **Year 6 Prom**

This Wednesday Year 6 held their prom. This was held at [Crescent Hall](#). Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Dilkes and Miss Waller prepared an amazing evening for all of the children. There was even a 'Pin the tie on Mr Chiswell' game. The children were served wonderful food, they made speeches and were presented with certificates and of course there was song and dance too! I can honestly say it was the finest Y6 prom I have ever attended. Thank you so much to all who made it possible. Photographs are on our [Instagram](#) page.



## Classes Next Year

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 Durkin     |                |
| 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

Congratulations to **Miss McCabe's** and her class **3 St Bernadette** who won our KS 2 St Thomas Trust Marble Run competition. All of the classes did a great job! We received a £50 voucher to spend on science equipment. Well done all!

## Tasty Treats

It was lovely to have so many members of our families at Tasty Treats this week. Our visitors were treated to some fantastic singing from our Year 6 children as well as cake and tea! A big thank you to **Mrs Forde** for organising the event.

## Breakfast and WrapAround Provisions

Please find below pricing for our Breakfast and After School Club Provisions from September 2024.

Breakfast Club (7.30am – 8.15am)

**£3.00** per session

After School Club

**£4.00** for 1 hour

**£8.00** for 2 hours

**£12.00** for 3 hours

Payments must be made in advance via Parentmail. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Thank You

We come to the end of another school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. Schools are great places to be and we all play a part in making our school great!

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been a wonderful year group; they have been nothing short of amazing. They are a credit to their families and our school. They will achieve so much in their lives, and I can't wait to hear all about their achievements. Our doors are always open to them, and I really do hope they come back to visit us.

*One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.*

It only leaves me to wish you all a wonderful summer break, I hope you all get to spend time with the people who are special to you. I look forward to September when we are all refreshed, ready for the start of another exciting school year. **Children in Pre – School, our new Nursery Class and Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

Term Dates for 2024-2025 can be found below.

**Diary Dates**

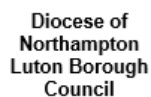
Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

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 |
|--|--|------|
| 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  |      |



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## Term Dates 2024 - 2025

| Advent Term<br>2024   | Lent Term<br>2025  | Pentecost Term<br>2025  |
|---|--|---|
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept<br>to<br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan<br>to<br>Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April<br>to<br>Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July         |
| Half Term<br>Week commencing Monday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> Oct – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November<br>(2 weeks)        | Half Term<br>Week commencing<br>Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb      | Half Term<br>Week commencing<br>Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                       |
| Training Days<br>(School closed to children)<br><br>Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept & Tuesday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept |  | Training Day<br>(School closed to children)<br><br>Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April |