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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Reports and Transition

Last week you will have received your child's class report alongside other important assessment information for pupils Rec/Y1/Y6. I do hope that you found this useful in providing you with an update on your child's progress this year as well as many other aspects of their learning, school-life and development.

The children also completed a transition morning last week, as they settled into their new class bases ahead of September.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our children and staff on the fantastic results that they have achieved during the statutory tests and their in-year assessments this year. Once again, I am very proud of our fantastic children and the dedicated, committed staff team. These are just a very small snapshot and celebration of their wider journey and experience at St Margaret Mary's but deserve celebrating nevertheless.



Year 5 Fiver Challenge

A special well done to all of our Y5 pupils who took part in their Enterprise – Fiver Challenge on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all parents who helped to support this and to all who came along to buy the products. All monies raised are to be donated to the Caritas Diocese of Salford Charity.

Once again thank you and well done Year 5!



Reminders and Important Notices

School will close for the holidays tomorrow, on Tuesday 22nd July at 1pm ahead of the summer break.

School will re-open on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:45am.



School Meal and Breakfast Club Price Increase

Breakfast Club will re-open at 7.45 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd September.

After school clubs will re-commence week beginning Monday 8th September.

Please note from September Breakfast Club will increase to £3.00 a day which will be £15.00 for the week.

Also, our School Meals will increase to £2.65 per day which will be £13.25 a week.

All school meals must be paid a week in advance.

Uniform Reminders

As the summer holidays approach, we ask that you please ensure that ahead of the new academic year, all children have their full school uniform including appropriate black, school shoes, not black trainers [see the attachment and school website for full list and further details]. Please support us in ensuring that your child wears black shoes, not black trainers from September. Thank you.

A reminder that the children are to wear a pair of plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt for PE, not branded or other sportswear. This is to support affordability and ensure that all of children are in the same PE kit. Many thanks for your support with the above.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Holiday Calendar and School Attendance Policy

As always, we ask that you please consult the School Holiday Calendar 2025-2026 to ensure excellent attendance during the next academic year [a copy of which is attached with this newsletter].

A copy of this will be available to download from the website.



Thank you and Good Luck

A final word of thanks and good luck to a number of staff who will be leaving us this summer. As mentioned in a previous newsletter we say goodbye to Miss Kehoe, Miss Taylor, Miss Hallam and Miss Campbell. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their commitment, support and efforts over the years, in their roles. We send them our love, best wishes and thanks ahead of them starting their new roles in September.



Year Six Reflection

I would like to take this final opportunity to congratulate our Year Six cohort of children as they come towards the end of their journey at St Margaret Mary's. Last Thursday we came together to share a special Leavers' Liturgy. During this, we listened to reflections, prayers and sang hymns, giving thanks for our shared experiences and looking forward to the future. This morning we have celebrated mass as a year group with Fr Andrew, reflecting upon the foundations, which have been built and established during their time at St Margaret Mary's.

On behalf of all at St Margaret Mary's, we feel very fortunate to have worked with them and their families during this journey through primary school. I urge all pupils and parents to keep in touch and they will remain in our hearts and minds moving forward. I hope that their experiences are ones that they will remember and that the relationships, memories and bonds that have been made over the last eight years stay with them.



School Messages and Communication

We would like to inform all parents/carers that we send all our messages, emails and communication via our school app, School Gateway. We know that the vast majority of parents/carers are signed up to the app or at least one parent per family is, but we ask that you ensure you are signed up as we will no longer be sending text messages. We will only be sending messages via the School Gateway app and so it is extremely important that you are signed up to make sure you receive all our methods of communication.

Thank you for your continued support.





Reception had a lovely morning colouring with their buddies ...



4C have been researching a European country of their choice and have presented their findings to the class ...



Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the Jorvik Viking museum and exploring the wonderful city of York ...



Year 5 preparations for their Fiver Challenge ... lots of excitement, excellent enterprise ideas and creativity on show ...



In their map skills lesson, 6W used their learning about compass points to try and copy their partner's drawing ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



Curious and Active



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'curious and active' this week ...



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

6G were last week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98% attendance!

Nur W 92.7%	Nur/RecW 89.7%	Reck 89%	1T 94.8%	1/2H 95.9%	2M 91.7%
3S 97.7%	3/4D 97.9%	4C 91%	5C 88.2%	5J 91.3%	6G 98%
6W 96.4%					

Dates to remember

Tuesday 22nd July 2025—School closes for summer at 1.00 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025—School re-opens for children



Finally, I would just like to say how very proud I am of all of the children, staff and governors of St Margaret Mary's. As a school community, we continue to work together towards our Mission and purpose of sharing the Good News of the Gospel, finding and nurturing our gifts and talents and living a life of compassion and love.

It is important to take a moment to reflect on all of the achievements, hard work and the shared experiences that we have had together this year. It is a real privilege to work with our children and you, their parents and families as a school community. Once again, thank-you for all of your support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated!

I wish you all a very enjoyable, restful summer break and look forward to seeing you and our children again in September.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

"Be a beacon of hope, a sign of peace and hope throughout our world." Pope Leo XIV



Uniform Reminders

At St Margaret Mary's, we ask that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school-organised events outside normal school hours. We ask children to take pride in their personal appearance; we promote the belief that school is an important part of life and should be viewed accordingly.

The agreed uniform list:

White short/long-sleeved shirt

Green jumper or cardigan (jumpers or cardigans embroidered with the school logo can be purchased from Ziggy's, these are optional.)

Grey long trousers, grey shorts, a grey skirt, grey pinafore or a green gingham summer dress

Red tie

Flat, black shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit

Black shorts, black jogging bottoms, black leggings (No brand logos)

Plain white t-shirt (No brand logos)

Green hoodie with embroidered logo

Trainers/Black pumps

Jewellery is not permitted; this includes rings, chains, earrings and stud earrings. Nail varnish is not permitted.

Long hair is to be tied back.

Wristwatches may be worn but only for the purpose of telling the time. Smartwatches linked to mobile phones are not permitted.

School uniform can be bought from most high street shops and supermarkets. If you would like to buy uniform with the school logo embroidered on it then this can be purchased from Ziggy's School Wear, details below:

Unit 20, North City Shopping Centre, Manchester, M9 4DH, UK

0161 205 6171

<https://ziggysschoolwearmanchester.co.uk/category/schools/primary-schools/st-margaret-marys/>