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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. It has been lovely to start the term with the warm weather that we are currently enjoying. The children have returned and settled into school really well following the summer break, renewing friendships, making new ones and showing a focus to their work and calmness in their behaviour. Well done everyone!

As always, our staff and class teachers are available at the start and end of the day to deal with any queries and provide support. There will be an opportunity on Wednesday 13th September for you to catch-up further with your child's class teacher, if you wish to. This is an informal drop-in from 3:05-3:20pm when they will be available to speak to parents.

– WELCOME –
BACK TO SCHOOL

Uniform Reminder and PE Kits

The children have returned to school looking so smart at the start of this new school year. If you require any further guidance on our school uniform please see the school website for further information under the heading '**Uniform**'. A reminder from previous correspondence at the end of the summer term, that our pupils will now bring their PE kits into school at the start of the week and leave them here for the full week. They **will not** come to school in their PE kit or trainers. Our school PE kit is a simple plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts. Children are not to bring t-shirts of any other colours, any branded clothing or football shirts etc... Footwear for PE is a plain pair of black pumps or trainers. Please ensure that the children do not wear this footwear to school but that it comes in their bag, along with their PE kit to be kept in school like previously.

School uniform

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring that pupils arrive at school on time and ready to start the day without disruption. A reminder that the school building opens from 8:45am to support a calm beginning to the day with a school start of 8:55am. From this time the register will be taken. As always it is really important that pupils arrive within these times for a smooth transition for them and to ensure that they are not missing out on or disturbing learning time and sessions. The gates will be secured from 9:00 a.m. If your child arrives later than this time please accompany and sign them in at the Main Office. For obvious safety reasons they are not to be left unattended at the gate.

A reminder that if your child is unwell and cannot attend school for any reason you must inform the School Office as soon as possible and by 8:00 a.m.

Not doing so will trigger our Safeguarding Procedures and a home visit or in some cases notifying the Local Authority Safeguarding Team that day if contact has not been made to explain an absence from school.

Finally please consult the School Holiday Pattern for any potential leave during term-time, with all leave requiring a form to be filled in at the School Office [See website and Notice Boards for the 2023-2024 Holiday Pattern]

Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance Matters



LSC After School Club

LSC After School Clubs are back from next week. To book a place for your child please visit:

<https://www.wearelsc.co.uk/book/?venue=380> Reception—Year

3 are Tuesdays 3.15—4.15 p.m.

Year 3—Year 6 are Wednesdays 3.15—4.15 p.m.



Some of our wonderful work this week ...

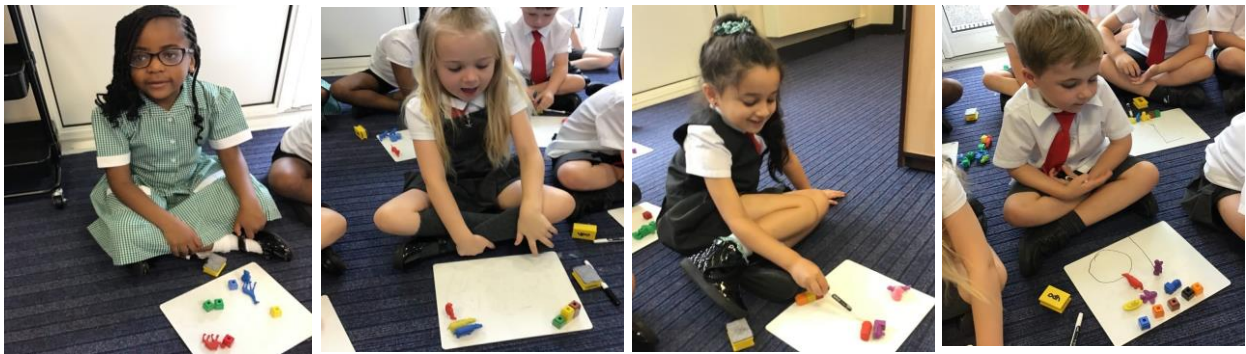
We have really enjoyed welcoming our new friends to Nursery this week, they have had lots of fun exploring their new school and making new friends.



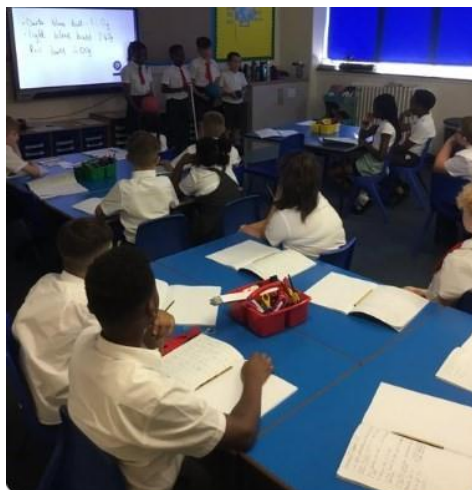
Reception are having an amazing first week at St Margaret Mary's.



Year 1 did a fantastic job counting and sorting objects accurately.



Year 5 enjoyed learning about how the force of gravity affects different objects. They learnt about Sir Isaac Newton and the vital role he played in gravity's discovery.



Attendance

5C are this week's "Class Attendance Winners" with an excellent 99.4% attendance closely followed by 2M with 98.6%!

NurW	Nur/RecH	RecK 98.2%	1T 95.7%	1/2M 98.2%	2M 98.6%
3S 95.5%	3/4D 95.3%	4C 96.8%	5C 99.4%	5J 96%	6G 95.5%
6W 93.5%					

When one class wins the "Class Attendance Winners" twice during a half-term they will receive a special reward.

Who will be next week's "Class Attendance Winners" ... see next week's school newsletter!




STARS OF THE WEEK

Rec: Harper	Y1/2M: Gracie Mae	Y3-4D: Jenson	Y5J: Durel
Rec: Jacob W	Y2M: Carter	Y4C: Kayden	Y6G: Jesse
Y1T: Kymani	Y3S: Emily	Y5C: Darcey	Y6W: Alexandra

Watch this space for when our next stars will be announced.



Important Dates



Please note there may be additional dates added to the following:

Wednesday 13th September 2023	Informal class teacher drop – in 3:05 until 3:20 p.m.
Tuesday 3rd October 2023	Individual student photographs
Friday 20th October 2023	School closes for half-term
Monday 30th October 2023	School closed ~ Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 31st October 2023	School opens after half-term
Wednesday 20th December 2023	School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens after Christmas holidays

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

Today we celebrate the Birthday of our Blessed Mary. Theology celebrates Mary as a constant in our faith-life and the 'Undoer of Knots', problems and difficulties that are presented in our everyday lives.

Pope Francis started a special devotion to Mary, reminding us of the importance of her role in our faith and how her calming love can support us through troubling times.

We pray that Mary will intercede for us altp untie the knots in our livesso that we may be brought ever closer to God.

