



# St Margaret Mary's R.C. Primary School

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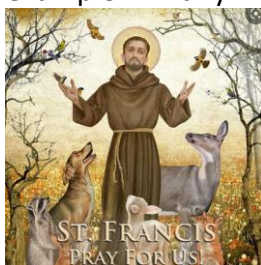
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## Newsletter – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October marked the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, one of our School House Saints. Born of a wealthy family, St Francis gave up all he owned to live a life closer to God, helping the poor and teaching us all the importance of loving and celebrating God's creation and world. Now more than ever, we can follow his example in many ways.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

Reminder that the deadline to apply for the Parent Governor Vacancy is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. All of the documents you require can be found on our website:

<https://www.st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk/page/letters-homenewsletters/37373>



## Y3 Holy Communion Preparation

On behalf of Fr Starkie, we emailed a letter to all of our Y3 parents/carers at the start of the week regarding the preparation classes for the First Holy Communions that will be taking place next year. Please ensure you read this email carefully.

If you have children in Y4, Y5 or Y6 that haven't yet made their First Holy Communion you are welcome to collect a form from the front office.



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
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### World Mental Health Day

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October it is World Mental Health Day. As an opportunity to acknowledge this, the children across KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in mindfulness workshop sessions delivered by The Education Group.

These workshops will involve strategies to support relaxation and meditation.

The children in EYFS will take part in a range of mindfulness meditation sessions during the day in their class.

Thank you so much for your generous donations today, we have raised over £300! This will contribute towards the mental health workshops we are running next week. We are very grateful for your support.



### Parents' Evening

You will receive an invitation to book a time slot from your child's class teacher next week.

•EYFS/KS1 - 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-7pm      •KS2 - 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-7pm



### School Spider App

You may have noticed that we have started to use the School Spider App for a lot more things this year, most noticeably, it is now the payment platform for school meal purchases.

Please ensure you download the app and log in as soon as possible in order to not miss out on any important information.

If you do not know your login details you can follow the 'Forgot Password' link using the email address that we hold for you in school.



### School Milk for Y1-Y6

School milk for Autumn term 2 will be available to purchase on School Spider from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Before placing your order, please check with your child that they want to have milk at break-time as we find that sometimes a lot of the milk is wasted and children tell us it's because they don't want/like it.

If you still wish to purchase it for your child, the **order deadline will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.** Please ensure all orders are made on School Spider before this time, we cannot accept cash for milk orders.



### Nursery & Reception Parent Workshops

Reminder that the Nursery Parent Workshop will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm and the Reception Parent Workshop will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm.

If you have any questions about this please speak with Mrs Welsh in the EYFS building.





Congratulations to our Times Tables Rockstars this week.  
 These are the children that have won the most coins on TTRS this week.  
 Who will be our winners next week?!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Rech: Tyrell RecM: Alfie Y1J: Orla-May	Y1/2M: Sherriden Y2R: Pearl Y3S: Ayda	Y3-4D: Jack Y4T: Axel Y5J: Georgia	Y5M: Tam Y6G: Tyler Y6W: Farrah
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**Some of our wonderful work this week...**

EYFS have looked at a variety of fruit & vegetables and investigated where their seeds come from.



Y1 have completed activities focusing on ordinal numbers.



Y1/2 were introduced to algorithms in computing, they made tracks for the Beebots to navigate.



Y2 have explored addition facts to 20 using ten frames.



Y3 enjoyed their DT lesson. They explored what different packages may be used for.



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Y3/4 have explored the role of the defender and how to work as a team to score points.



Y4 Have been investigating if distances affect the volume of sound.



Y5 enjoyed all of the activities that were put on for National Poetry Day.



Y6 have learned how to play the walking bass notes of the 12 bar blues.



**Dates/Events to remember:**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Deadline for Parent Governor vacancy
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Nursery Parent Workshop
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Class 4T assembly 9.10am (Parents invited)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception Parent Workshop
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Planetarium visit to school
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Mindfulness Workshops
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Feast Day of St Margaret Mary
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Christmas Card artwork collection
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Class 1/2 assembly 9.10am (Parents invited)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 Parents' Evening
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School breaks up for half-term 3pm
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School re-opens after half-term 08.55

Many thanks for your support.

Take care and have an enjoyable weekend,

*Mr Sutton*