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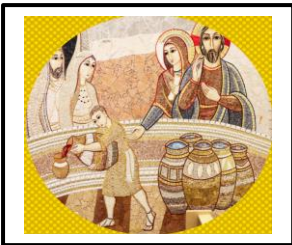
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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best

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Reflection



On Monday we were looking at wedding of Cana. The Gospel shows Jesus' first public miracle at a family wedding. When the wine ran out, Mary's faith-filled response helped others to believe in Jesus. We invited children to take any problems to Jesus, follow His instructions and believe in Him.

THIS WEEK

As you are aware we have had an RE Inspection at school this week. The inspection takes place over a two day period where the Inspectors evaluate the Catholic life of the school, the provision and quality of collective worship, as well as the teaching of RE. The Inspectors were very complimentary about all the children that they met in class, in prayer and liturgy and those that were in discussion groups. The children have represented our school beautifully!

I would like to thank the parents who took the time to complete the online survey, this really does help us to gauge parents views. Once we have received the official report, we will share the findings with you.



Dear Lord, Thank you for seeing us through this week. Thank you for the love and grace you've shown us and for the many ways you've blessed our lives. Please help us to love others with your love and to be a source of kindness, comfort and encouragement to those around us this weekend. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

DOGS TRUST



We had an Education Officer from The Dogs Trust visit all years groups this week. The children attended a Dog Safety Workshop and enjoyed interacting with his dog, Larry the Labrador (a toy dog), learning how to be safe around our own dogs and dogs you might see out of the home. Please do ask the children to share with you what they have learnt. Here is a link to the Dogs Trust should you wish to find out more about what they do <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>



JUBILEE LAUNCH DAY



Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year that happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. So, today, Catholic schools across England and Wales join together to celebrate Jubilee Launch Day for Schools, as children and young people embark on a journey as "pilgrims of hope". During the year, we will be celebrating the Jubilee in different ways, we will share these with you as they happen.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOPICAL TALK HUB

We would like to congratulate Audrey in Yr5 for receiving two stars on the Topical Talk hub this week for her wonderful comment. Topical Talk provides us with lessons that explore current issues in the news and is a platform that our Yr5 are exploring at the moment.

Here is what Topical Talk had to say about Audrey's comment:

I also wanted to spotlight this brilliant comment from a pupil at St Margaret Clitherow this week - which won a very rare two stars on the Hub. Firstly, it's so clear how engaged in the lesson discussions this class is and to see them referencing it in their Hub comments is fantastic.

Secondly, the way this student has considered so many other user's perspectives is outstanding. I especially like the phrase "your explanations made me realise there is more than one answer".

Imagine if more of our global leaders had such a generous and open-minded outlook on the world's issues!

SAFETY ON SITE

May I remind all parents to use the path and not the drive when walking up and down the school grounds. It is not safe and we would like your support to encourage the children to walk sensibly and safely to and from school.

RECEPTION CLASS CONSULTATIONS

Primrose and Bluebell class teachers will be holding their consultations on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 January (bluebell only). Please remember to arrive on time for your appointment or enter the waiting room if attending by zoom, as they may not be able to see you if you are late.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Margot & Mable (Rec), Johan & Leo (Yr1), Janelle & Henry (Yr2), Isla & Jessie (Yr3), Isaac & Isobel (Yr4), Joe & Ruby (Yr5) and Jack & Alyssa (Yr6). We are proud of how each of these children have showed great faith and thankfulness during the week. Well done to you all!



VACANCIES

We are recruiting for a full time and a part time Learning Support Assistant (hours to be discussed). All details can be found here: <https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/vacancies/> If you have any questions, please speak to myself or Mrs Shaw, in the office. The deadline for applications is 29 January.

SPORTING EVENTS

A group of children from Yr3-6 are attending a Badminton event at Hayesbrook School on Thursday. Good luck to you all, we hope you have lots of fun!



ADVANCE NOTICES

The Big Garden Bird Watch 2025 takes place 24-26th January 2025.

Enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, local park or from your balcony. How to take part. Every Birdwatch counts!

- 1) Pick a time Count the birds for one hour in your garden, local park or from your balcony between 24 and 26 January 2025.
- 2) Tell us what you see Only include those that land, not those flying over. Count the most birds of a particular species you see at any one time. So, if you see a group of eight starlings together, but later see six together, please write down eight as your final count.
- 3) Submit your results before the 23rd February 2025. Online is the best way to do it, as it's quick, easy and saves us money, so we can spend more on saving nature.

Go to the website at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch). Remember even if you saw nothing, it still counts. Enjoy your moment with nature. Submit your results on the RSPB website before 23rd January.

PTA EVENTS

The PTA are happy to announce an adults event. ☆ Join us to shake off the January blues with a fun quiz night with prizes, music, bar and more! The event will take place on Friday 31st January from 7.30pm. ✨ Tickets are £8 per person (incl quiz entry and snacks) and are on sale now! To purchase tickets please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/smcpta> You can make your own team or enter as an individual and we will put you on a team. We suggest 4-6 people per team. If you have a team organised, please email us on smcpta2017@gmail.com so we group everyone correctly. It's a

wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends and new on a fun night, whilst raising much needed funds for the school. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 94.69%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

[Calendar | St Margaret Clitheroe Catholic Primary School \(stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk\)](http://stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk)

28 January - Football/Netball matches

29 - 30 January - Reception class Consultations

30 January - Badminton (Yr3 -6)

31 January - PTA quiz night

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

The Jubilee prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole
cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.