

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents,

Autumn 2026

It has been so lovely to see you and the children back at school. We hope that you all managed to have a rest over the Summer holidays and that you and your children are full of energy for the new school year! We have exciting plans and are very much looking forward to all the activities and learning.

Though we hope for some good weather, please remember to be prepared for both sun and rain. Every child needs a raincoat in school for **every day**, as fleeces are not waterproof and we intend to make the most of our school grounds for learning. Should we be lucky enough to have hot weather, the children need to arrive at school with sun cream already applied. Every child needs a named sun hat and water bottle in school.

PE kits- children will continue to come to school wearing their PE kits on their designated PE days. The children will be required to wear a full P.E. kit of shorts, T-shirt, socks, trainers or plimsolls on their specific PE day. **As per the PE education guidelines all earrings need to be removed prior to taking part in a physical activity. Please take these out before your child comes to school.** As the weather gets colder we encourage the children to wear track suit bottoms and a jumper. All these items, as for every piece of school uniform, should be labelled.

Year 1

Year 1 PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

Due to lack of space in the classroom all children in **year 1** need to bring a book bag or a plastic folder for their belongings that the children can bring to and from school.

Your child will read their reading book in school 3 times and bring it home after their last reading session on a Thursday. This book will need to be returned on the following Monday. They will also bring home a sharing book which is for you to share with your child.

All correspondence will be via **Tapestry**. Should you wish to discuss your child further with the class teacher then please arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Year 2

Year 2 PE days are Monday and Tuesday for St Patrick and Tuesday and Thursday for St Cecilia.

Children in **year 2** can bring a backpack but please ensure this is small, so that it fits on your child's peg.

Your child will read their reading book in school 3 times and bring it home after their last reading session on a Thursday. This book must be returned on the following **Monday** to enable other children to read the book.

All correspondence will be via **Tapestry** or the **red contact books**. Should you wish to discuss your child further with the class teacher, then please arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Outdoor learning:

The children love the opportunity to learn out of the classroom. To ensure no child misses out, each year group will be given 2 half-termly slots. We will inform you nearer to the time of our next block.

Notice boards are outside your child's classroom, please do read them daily for any other important information.

Support:

Thank you for all the support you give your child through hearing reading, practising writing and working on numbers, especially in everyday contexts.

If anyone is willing to come and share about their career or a special festival/interest you have, we would love to hear from you. This need only be 15-20 minutes long and you will be supported by your child's teacher.

We count on your continuing support! Thank you.

An overview of the terms' curriculum is attached on a topic web.

KS1 team.