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**Thought for the week:**  
**'May your troubles be less and your blessings be more.'**

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2024**



**For the cry of the Earth**  
 We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

**Y3/4 Mass**

Thank you to the team for organising mass today. Our readers read exceptionally well and it was lovely to see Fr Lennon today, who is overseeing our masses this week and next week. Please keep all our children in your prayers as they commence their learning in this new school year.

**Year 7 School Applications 2025**

As all Year 6 parents are aware the window has opened for you to apply for your child's Year 7 place for September 2025. The window for applications closes on 31st October 2024. Please ensure that you complete the form on time. We feed into St Edmund Campion and Cardinal Wiseman Schools. If you require any help please contact the school office.

**Professor McGinty**

It was great to see our 'Time Travelling' friend back in school to share all his knowledge with Year 4. They thoroughly enjoyed their workshop on the Vikings and I am sure they are full of interesting facts to share with you. Thank you to Miss McInerney our History Lead for organising this visit.

**Swimming**

Y3C and Y3K commenced their swimming lessons this week. Please ensure that they are in their PE attire which is easier for them when changing. A reminder that children need to bring a swimming kit every week (Wednesdays) for Autumn 1. Year 4 will commence swimming in Autumn 2.

**Roald Dahl Day**

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising our **Roald Dahl Day**. We had some excellent characters and costumes. We love reading at St Margaret Mary School and thoroughly enjoy celebrating and reading stories from many authors as part of our *reading diet*. Have a look on our website / school X (formerly Twitter) to see what characters the pupils and staff chose to dress up as. Well done everyone!

**Parent Pay**

As you may be aware we had some issues with ParentPay at the beginning of term. Now these have been resolved. May I remind parents that pay for milk/juice and school dinners that we are unable to allow debts to exceed £10.00 for drinks and £40.00 for school meals. We will contact parents regularly to remind you about your balances, please ensure that you check them so that you do not accrue a big balance. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

**Family Worker**

The Governors and myself have contracted a Family Worker (Mrs Tasawar) to support our families in school. We are holding a drop in morning to meet Mrs Tasawar and see if she can help you with any issues you may be encountering. Pop along on Thursday 26th September between 9.00am and 10.00am and join us for a coffee/tea.

*Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.*  
 Mrs J Logue



**Diary Dates**

**Swimming Y3C and Y3K Wednesday 18th September**

**Y1/2 Mass in Church Friday 20th September**

**Please see website for all forthcoming events for the Autumn Term**

**Gospel Virtues**



**Curious** - Being inquisitive about God's creation, asking questions, and exploring the world around us. **Active** - Working to make the world a better place by making the right choices.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Oluwayanmife	Hallie	Taimoor
Reception	Matthew & Ebube	Mila & Aloysuis	Shekina & Guikahuie
Year One	Zuzanna & Amelia	Luella & Efrata	Joshua & Charlie
Year Two	Jesse & David	Mmesome & Efrata	Aria & Rogue
Year Three	Tienna & Bella-Rose	Amaya & Nelson	Poppy & Maksymillian
Year Four	Toby & Logan	Derick & Max	Aarieya & Maisie
Year Five	Sana N & Ariela	Elyon & Helen	Ellena & Marcel
Year Six	Samuel, Lamech & Liliana	Abigail, R'miyo & Amara	David, Amelia & Joshua



**Reighn and Amelia F.**

*Many thanks to our Altar Servers, Readers and Offertory helpers in Mass today.*

*Hanna Z, Naomi, Isla, Brae, Kaian, Grace M, Derick, Romy, Nelson, Amara and Pius.*



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

***Our School Parliament have planned some super activities for the term ahead. The school Council will commence with a pasta collection next Friday.***

### Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in **UNICEF's Article 28 - A Right to an Education.**

**Our overall attendance: 96%**

#### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:**

EYFS Attendance = 99%      Y1 Attendance = 96%  
 Y2 Attendance = 98%      Y3 Attendance = 94%  
 Y4 Attendance = 98%      Y5 Attendance = 98%  
 Y6 Attendance = 92%

**Congratulations to 1J & 2P on their 100% attendance this week!**

Article of the Week



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Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

