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Thought for the week:

**"Keep your face always toward the sunshine
 and shadows will fall behind you."**



Prayer Intention for June -

That the world might grow in compassion.

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents

What a wonderful week we have had at St Margaret Mary, filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit that truly embodies our school values. It was absolutely lovely to see our youngest pupils leading us so beautifully in our **mass** today, dedicated to **St Anthony of Padua**. Our **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** children demonstrated such reverence and confidence - they should be incredibly proud of themselves. Our **Year 5** pupils also had a special opportunity to receive **Confession** today, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr Simon for his continued support of our children's spiritual journey.

The creativity has been flowing in our **Design and Technology** lessons this week, with **Years 3 and 4** thoroughly enjoying creating delicious **fruit skewers** and baking **biscuits** as part of their exciting projects. It's wonderful to see our pupils developing practical skills whilst having such fun in the process. I must express my sincere gratitude to all our parents from **Years 1-6** who joined us for our RE themed **Inspire Workshops**. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're already looking forward to hosting many more of these valuable sessions next year. Your engagement truly makes such a difference to our school community.

Thank you to Mr Barton for supervising our **Year 5/6 children** who attended the **Chess Tournament** at St Gerard's School. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the opportunity to test their skills against their peers - what a brilliant experience for them all.

Mrs Hannon Dalby deserves our thanks for overseeing our **school photographs** this week. We'll let you know as soon as the prints arrive, and I'm sure they'll capture our wonderful pupils beautifully.

Year 3 had an absolutely fantastic trip to **Hatton Farm** this week as part of their **'Food, Glorious Food!'** topic. Thank you to Mr Mulligan for overseeing this enriching experience as our **LKS2 coordinator**.

Today we celebrated **World Earth and Ocean's Day**, brilliantly organised by our Science Lead, Miss Gibson. The children created thoughtful **pledges** describing how they can support and protect our precious planet from pollution and find ways to save energy - their commitment to caring for our world is truly inspiring.

Birmingham City Council have invited all stakeholders, pupils, parents and staff to complete a **questionnaire** online. BCC are having an **Ofsted/CQC Area SEND inspection** and want to hear feedback from all relevant stakeholders. Please visit the following web page to give your views to Birmingham City Council.
<https://ofsted-smarsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10364972>.

I'm absolutely delighted to share some exciting news - we have our very own SMM Bull called Bruno that will be part of the Birmingham Bull Trail this summer in the city centre from 16th July to 14th September. Bruno celebrates our Birmingham-focused curriculum, featuring designs of Cadbury's World, The Jewellery Quarter, Alexander Stadium, Symphony Hall, the Botanical Gardens and much more. You'll find Bruno proudly displaying our school badge in Centenary Square at Birmingham Library. Please do visit and support this wonderful trail - well done to everyone who helped design and decorate Bruno!

Please find attached an overview of classes for the next academic year. Miss Spencer and Mrs Coates will be leaving us in July to move onto pastures new. The attachment informs you and your children who their new teachers/teaching assistants will be for 2025-26.

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



The Catholic Jubilee Year of 2025, titled "Pilgrims of Hope", is a year of prayer, pilgrimage and reflection. The theme is an invitation to share the Christian faith and to rekindle hope in a world that is suffering.

Diary Dates

**Year 6BM Swimming
 Wednesday 18th June**

**Y4 School mass
 Friday 20th June in
 Church at 9.15 am**

**Inspire Workshops for
 Nursery and REC
 Monday 16th June**

**Y1 Class Assembly in
 Hall
 Friday 20th June
 9.00am**

Gospel Virtues



Faith-filled— when we
 are living life as God in-
 spires us to live it, putting
 the Gospel into action
 through our actions. **Hopeful**
 — when we are optimistic
 about the future, we trust
 ourselves and others, and we
 don't give up.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Artur	Andre	Tajarai
Reception	Leo & Lu'zari	Lola & Aloysius	Harper-Lily & Joson
Year One	Teninlanimi & Sam	Yulyana & Joshua	Zuzanna G & Jessica
Year Two	Eden C & Runako	Gabriel & Abdulhaleem	Jesse & Amara
Year Three	Alfie & Nelson	Orla & Geraldine	Maximus & Mary
Year Four	Sinon & Naomi	Aarieya & Nicaï	Laura & Adam
Year Five	Munashe & Roman	Frida & Ariela	Rita & Isabella
Year Six	Abigail, Blossom & Joel	David C, Nathan & Joshua	Teodors, Patrick & Yocabel



**Maranata, Yorsalem,
Abigail A & Xavier Y-S**



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

Juanita, Amara, Mikael, Runako, Noh, Henok, Elodie, Maranata, Amelia F, Lola, Nathaniel, Mary H & Rita.



Snippet of News

A reminder that our School Parliament are collecting books or a donation of £1.00 next week in order to help restock our school library. Collections will take place on 18th June .

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 42—Knowledge of rights



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

