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Thought for the week:

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.”



Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

5th September 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all our pupils, both new and returning faces! I'm genuinely looking forward to working alongside all our families throughout the coming year ahead. Our new pupils in **EFYS** have settled in absolutely beautifully, and I must extend heartfelt thanks to all our dedicated staff for making their transition so welcoming and smooth. It's wonderful to see how quickly our youngest learners have found their feet and begun to flourish in their new environment.

We began this week with **PSHE**, focusing on the theme of '**Being Me in My World**,' and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring this important topic. Thanks to Mrs Barker for overseeing this. Our pupils have thoughtfully considered elements such as self-identity, feeling special and safe, making positive choices, setting personal goals, being part of a team, and understanding what it means to be a role model for others. These foundational conversations help shape our school community and the values we hold dear.

Y3 and **Y6** led us beautifully in their first mass of the term, with the theme centred on our role model, **St Teresa of Calcutta**. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in India in 1950, and for over 45 years, she ministered tirelessly to the poor, sick, orphaned and dying. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of our families and parish members supporting us at mass today - your presence truly makes these occasions special.

I'm delighted to share that our family worker, **Nagina Tasawar**, is now working in school two days a week on **Thursdays and Fridays**. Please don't hesitate to contact her at school if you need any assistance with housing, finance, relationships, parenting, or any other support you might require. Feel free to make an appointment to meet with her - she's here to help our school community.

Mr Barton led our **UKS2 pupils** (Y5/6) in their first liturgy of the term this week, exploring the **gospel virtue** theme of being '**eloquent and truthful**.' It was truly lovely to see our pupils engaging in such a reverent manner during their first assembly - their respectful participation was exemplary.

Our **After School Club** provision starts next week, and the office has sent out letters to parents. Please ensure you return the slip to school as soon as possible so we can finalise arrangements. Could I also ask parents to ensure we have at least **two emergency contacts** for your child? As part of our safeguarding duty, we need a minimum of two contacts in case of emergency.

Y7 Applications for September 2026 — as all Y6 parents are aware the window has **opened** for you to apply for your child's Y7 place for **September 2026**. The window for applications **closes on 31st October 2025**. Please ensure that you complete the form on time. We feed into St Edmund Campion and Cardinal Wiseman Schools. Our pupils automatically get a place at these schools. It is very important that you go on to the **Birmingham City Council Website** and read the information before submitting your application. A list of open evenings taking place this month is attached for your information. If you require any assistance please contact school.

Finally, **Mrs Hannon-Dalby** will be leaving us next week to commence her **maternity leave**. We wish her the very best with her delivery in the coming weeks, and we'll keep you posted when we have any wonderful news to share.

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

All after school clubs commence
Monday 8th September

Y5 and Y2 Mass
Friday 12th September

Y6B & Y4M
 commence swimming
Wednesday 10th September

Gospel Virtues



Eloquence must be used in a truthful way – to speak **truth** about myself and others, about relations between people, about the world, and about God. Education is the search for **truth** and the **eloquent** articulation of what we

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Krish	Daneen	Joah
Reception	Tajari & Yostina	Julian & Chidirim	Addisson & Noah
Year One	Daneila & Harper-Lily	Zaviyar & Essa	Sophie & Ayla-Jayne
Year Two	Emmanuel & Bryan	Zuzanna K & Yulyana	Reighn & Lena
Year Three	Ethan & Moyosola	Juanita & Mikael	Runako & Yemariam
Year Four	Gurnoor & Jeremie	Siena & Krystal	Grayson & Efosa
Year Five	Antoni & Xavier	Darci-Rose & Aarieya	Hanna Z & Elilta
Year Six	Zayaan & Mielahier	Isabella & Rita	Leah-Maria & Frida



**Sana N, Krystal, Arad, Isabella, David S,
Tymon M, Tommy R, Elyon
and Naomi.**



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

Lily-Mae, Isabella, Melahier, Nancy-Lou, Mmesoma, Mikael, Juanita, Rosa, Mervyn, Rita, Kamssy and Kyrian.



Snippet of News

The School Parliament are meeting next week to plan the fundraising events for the forthcoming term.

Watch this space for further news!

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: 92%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 97% Y1 Attendance = 92%
Y2 Attendance = 87% Y3 Attendance = 93%
Y4 Attendance = 87% Y5 Attendance = 94%
Y6 Attendance = 92%

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]

