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Thought for the week:

“Easter is a sign of Hope.”



Pope’s monthly intentions: For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

17th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the **summer term!** I hope all our families have had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy and exciting time ahead. It has been wonderful to see all our pupils return in their **summer uniform** – a polite reminder to remove earrings, nail varnish and trainers please, as we prepare for the term ahead.

This week has already been full of activity. **National Offer Day** took place on **Thursday**, and if you have a child starting in **Reception** in **September 2026**, you will have received a school place from Birmingham City Council. We will be writing to our new **Reception** and **Nursery** parents in **May** to invite you to **induction meetings** for both parents and pupils, which will take place later in the term. We very much look forward to welcoming our new families into the **St Margaret Mary Community**.

I am delighted to welcome **Miss Adams** to our team, who is now taking charge of **Miss McInerney's** class, **3Mc**, for the remainder of the year. It is great to have **Miss Adams** on our staff, and I am sure she will be a wonderful asset to **St Margaret Mary School**.

Our pupils have been making the most of the term already. Year **3P** enjoyed a trip to **Aston Hall** this week as part of their study on **Grand Designs**. **Miss Pritchard** reported that it was a really interesting visit, with pupils learning about the **design, the designer, the gardens** and the **history** of the Hall. It is these kinds of experiences that really bring learning to life and help our pupils develop a deeper understanding of their topic.

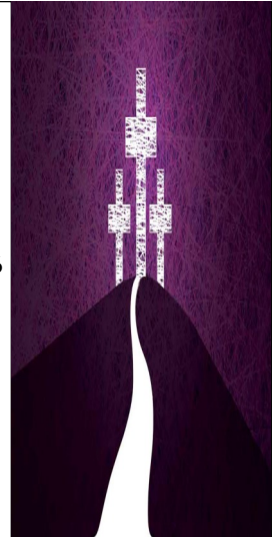
This week, **Mrs Attwood** organised a non-uniform day to celebrate **Autism Awareness Week**. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the fact that we are all unique individuals. We are proud to be an inclusive school community where every pupil is valued and celebrated for who they are.

Y1 and **Y4** led us beautifully in our **school mass** this week, with many thanks to the team for organising the readings and offertory. The theme of the mass was celebrating **Eastertide** and the renewal of our **church's liturgical year** – a special time for our Catholic community.

As we move forward into the term, please note that **Year 6** will be visiting **Leicester Space Centre** on **Monday 20th April** as part of their study on **Earth and Space**. This is an exciting opportunity for our oldest pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Forthcoming events will be on the school website early next week. Please make a note of all the dates planned for the **summer term** including **class assemblies, Sports Days, Trips, Summer Fayre** etc.

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



Diary Dates

Y3P and Y5M swimming
Wednesday 22nd April

Mass for Y3 & Y6 in Church
Wednesday 22nd April at 9.15 am

All new clubs resume from Monday 20th April

Gospel Virtues



Gratitude recognizes all blessings as gifts from **God**, which inspires a **generous** heart to share time, talents, and resources with others, becoming "men and women for others". These virtues reflect God's love and **stewardship**.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Tymon	Brooklyn	Ariella
Reception	Lucas M & Delilah-Rose	Tajarai & Eden-Ivy	Isabella C & Monte
Year One	Sophie & Unique	Yolyana & Elijah	Sosuna & Abigail
Year Two	Joanna & Lewis	Joshua M & Zuzanna K	Raei & Isla
Year Three	Yemariam & Abdulhaleem	Leo & Ethan	Moyosola & George
Year Four	ADonias & Samyar	Bella-Rose & Holly	Siena & Indya
Year Five	Efrata & Grace M	Maise & Mya	Adesuwa & Emmanuel M
Year Six	Paris & Ellena	Leah & Fabian	Esohe & Great



**Bitanya, Jessica K, Joshua K,
David C and Amelia.**



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

Romy, Efosa, Daberechukwu, Geraldine, Ruth, Mary, Maksymilian, Harper-Lily, Sosuna, Rita and Kamsiyochukw.



Snippet of News

Congratulations to our new House Captains this term:

**Blue Team— Leah Maria, Green Team—Paris,
Red Team—Victoria, Yellow Team— Munashe**

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 or a Deputy DSL 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 = 96% Y1 Attendance = 97%
Y2 Attendance = 99% Y3 Attendance = 94%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 94%
Y6 Attendance = 98%

Congratulations to Year 2L on their 100% attendance this week!

Article of the Week



Article 27—Adequate Standard of living



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

