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Thought for the week:

'Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.'



Pope's monthly intention: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had at St Margaret Mary! I am delighted to share some of the highlights that have been happening in our school.

This week, our **staff** attended a **Retreat Day**, which provided a much-needed opportunity to recharge and reflect. These occasions are so important as they allow us to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our team. Our staff are the heart of our school, and I am immensely grateful for their commitment to serving the pupils in our care. The day was truly reflective and has left us all feeling reenergised and ready to take our mission forward with renewed purpose and enthusiasm.

Our **pupils** have also been enjoying some wonderful learning experiences this week. **Year 5** had the pleasure of a visit from our Time Travelling friend, **Professor McGinty**, who whisked them back in time to **Ancient Greece**. It is always such a joy to see the pupils so engaged and excited by these visits. The expert workshops that **Professor McGinty** delivers are not only enjoyable but also provide our pupils with rich and meaningful knowledge about the past. We very much look forward to welcoming our time travelling friend back for more visits next academic year.

Year 4 have also had an exciting week, enjoying their visit to **Kenilworth Castle** as part of their **Castles and Monarchs** topic. This is the kind of experiential learning that really brings the curriculum to life and allows our pupils to deepen their understanding of the topics they are studying. I would like to extend my thanks to **Mr Mulligan** and the **Year 4** team for overseeing this trip so expertly. If you would like to see some lovely photos from the day, please do visit our website where they have been shared.

As we move into the **summer term**, I would like to remind parents and carers that children are now able to wear our **summer uniform**. For girls, this is the red checked dress with cardigan and shoes, and for boys, grey shorts, polo shirts and shoes. This is always a welcome change as the weather becomes warmer.

Looking ahead, we will be writing to our **Reception** and **Nursery** parents in the coming weeks with details about **induction** meetings for **September**. We very much look forward to welcoming both our existing families and our new families into our school community as we prepare for the new academic year.

Finally, please note that school will be **closed** on **Monday** for the bank holiday and will **resume** on **Tuesday** next week.

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



Diary Dates

FINAL Swimming session for 3P and 5M
Wednesday 6th May.

School Mass for Y2/5 in Church on
Wednesday 6th May
at 9.15 am

Non Uniform day
Rainbow Colours
Friday 8th May

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 |
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| Nursery | Ziyaan | Adele | Krish |
| Reception | Yorsalem & Eden B | Tajarai & Rome | Ziora & Freya |
| Year One | Melahr & Emily | Danait & Natan | Eiven & Aleshay |
| Year Two | Zoya & Emmanuel | Luella & Grace Thandiwe | Henok & Jessica |
| Year Three | Nancy-Lou & Juanita | Cassius & Rosa | Joshua & Mervyn |
| Year Four | Adonias & Aniyah | Evan & Amina | Natalia & Paris |
| Year Five | Hanna & Aarieya | Lillian & David | Martyna & Kandes |
| Year Six | Lily-May & Mielahier | Sahara & Frida | Asuda & Jasmine |



**Fajr, Luella, Szymon P,
Amen, Mya and Yemariam.**



Snippet of News

We look forward to the Liturgy Team and all pupils celebrating the Rosary and Marian prayers this month in school.

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 93% Y1 Attendance = 98%
 Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 93%
 Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 92%
 Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 29— Goals of Education



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

