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Thought for the week:

'Hail, Holy Queen.'



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.

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents

Our **creative writing week** has been a tremendous success, and I must extend my sincere thanks to **Mrs Heslegrave** for her excellent oversight of this initiative. The children have been absolutely captivated by the theme of "**what lies behind the door,**" and their **creative responses** have been truly impressive. Watching our pupils plan and craft their **fiction stories** around the magical worlds they imagined opening into has been a real joy. The quality of work produced demonstrates the **wonderful talent** we have here at school—budding authors.

I would also like to thank our **Liturgy team** for organising our **May Picture competition** with the theme of Mary. Congratulations to all those who entered and to our winners—it was lovely to see so many **creative interpretations** of this important theme.

We were delighted to welcome **Mr McConnell**, our **SEND governor**, who carried out a learning walk with **Mrs Attwood** this week. He was particularly impressed by the **independence** and **resilience** demonstrated by all our learners during his visit, which is a testament to the supportive environment our staff create every single day.

Our **mathematical celebrations** have been equally exciting. **Mr Mulligan** organised our **Times Tables Rock Stars competitions**, and well done to the winners from **RI, 1J, 4M 6G**. We culminated the week by celebrating **National Numeracy Day** on Wednesday—thank you again to **Mr Mulligan** for creating such an engaging and educational event.

This week, our pupils also celebrated **Mass** with **Year 6 and Year 3**, marking the final theme of **Easter** as we prepare to journey into the liturgical season of **Pentecost**. It was wonderful to see our children read so confidently and serve so reverently during this meaningful celebration.

As part of our **SMVSC** curriculum, our children have been learning about **Buddha** this week, exploring who **Siddhartha Gautama** was, the **Four Noble Truths**, key Buddhist festivals such as **Vesak**, and important values including **kindness and mindfulness**. This learning helps our pupils develop a deeper understanding of different faiths and beliefs.

We are also pleased to welcome **Eunice Smith** to our team as our new **Family Worker**. Eunice will be based in school on **Thursdays** and is available to discuss any matters including housing, finance, parenting or other concerns you may wish to raise.

We concluded the week with our wonderful **May Procession today**. Thank you so much for the **generous donations** of flowers—it was a truly reverent celebration of **Mary's** important role. Please do visit our website and **Blue Sky** to see photographs of this **special occasion**.

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



Diary Dates

Swimming session for 3Mc and 5T on Wednesday 3rd June.

School Mass for Y2 & Y5 in Church on Wednesday 3rd June at 9.15 am

Summer Fayre to be held on Friday 10th July 2026 3 pm onwards

Gospel Virtues



Grateful 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	Dadiso	Ruby	Jack
Reception	Dawit & Chidirim	Tiwaloluwa & Essey	Daniella & Paige
Year One	Bitanya & Emmanuel	Avia & Leo	Aria & Maria
Year Two	Aronas & Oma	Yulyana & Joshua K	Zoya & Amelia Z
Year Three	Gabriel & David S	Mmesoma & Nori	Miracle & George
Year Four	Marnie & Efosasere	Geraldine & Jacob	Romy & Amy
Year Five	Daniel & Sinon	Logan & Aarieya	Adesuwa & Kurt
Year Six	Marcel & Kamsiyochukw	Zuzanna & Sana N	Paris & Aiden



**Darcie-Rose, Aaliyah, Raena, Milosz,
Adam, Adari, Mielahier, Ajax, Unique,
Kyrian, Alfie, Ava C, Ruth, Jessica M,
Sophie K, Ethan W, Melaher & Dawit.**



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

Jasmine, Mielahier, Fabian, Leo, Mikael, Mmesome, Nancy, Sophie K, Natalia M, Moyosola, Rita & Olivia.



Snippet of News

May Picture Competition winners: Luke, Eden B, Tobenna, Daniella I, Leo C, Milosz, Arlo, Linda, Rosa, Geraldine, Amy, Isla H, Grace M, Ariela and Frida. Well Done!

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 = 95% Y1 Attendance = 96%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 90%
Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 32 —
Child Labour



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

