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Thought for the week:

"The beginning is always today."



Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water—Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



11th September 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back to St Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School! It has been wonderful to see all our returning pupils settle back into school life, and we extend a special welcome to our new pupils who have joined us this September. **The start to the academic year has been excellent**, with everyone working hard to familiarise themselves with their new classroom routines and settle into their learning environments.

Please do remember that our school **website** contains all **forthcoming events** for pupils and parents. We will continue to keep you informed through text messages, letters and phone calls, so do check these regularly for important updates. If you are not currently receiving text messages from school, please contact the office so that we can update your **contact details** and ensure you don't miss any key communications.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about a few important matters. Our trusted *Lollipop Man* Dave **retired** last summer, and sadly Birmingham City Council have not yet replaced him. Can I urge you to discuss **road safety** with your children and ensure they cross at the pedestrian crossing safely. **This is an important conversation to have at home.**

A polite reminder also about our **uniform expectations**. **We do not wear trainers to school** – shoes only, please. Trainers may be worn for PE lessons but not throughout the school day. Additionally, we ask that parents refrain from getting their child's ears pierced during term time.

It has been exciting to see learning already underway across the school. **Year 2** enjoyed a wonderful **workshop** this week exploring their topic on the **Fire of London**, and we look forward to hearing all the fascinating facts they will discover as their learning progresses. Teachers have sent **overviews** of learning to parents at the beginning of the week so that you can see what your child will be studying in each year group and term.

We are very excited to be launching a new **RE curriculum** this September. **Discerning Disciples** has been introduced across the school, and all year groups are focusing on the theme of **Creation and Covenant**. Do keep an eye on **Bluesky** for snippets of learning from across the school.

Finally, please note that brass lessons for **Year 4, 5 and 6** will commence from Friday 18th September. All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will attend music lessons throughout the academic year ahead.

Y7 Applications for September 2027 — as all Year 6 parents are aware the window has opened for you to apply for your child's Year 7 place for **September 2026**. The window for applications closes on **31st October 2026**. 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. Cardinal Wiseman are holding an open evening on 14th September and Edmund Campion on Tuesday 15th September. Please check their website for further details and visit the schools to help with your choice.

The Franciscan Jubilee Year is a special holy year proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death (Transitus) of St. Francis of Assisi.

Diary Dates

All after school clubs commence Monday 14th September

Y5 and Y2 Mass
Wednesday 16th September

Y6B & Y4M
swimming
Wednesday 16th September

Gospel Virtues



Being **compassionate** and **loving** means stepping into the lives of others through deep empathy and responding with fair actions and forgiving words.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Amen	Sarah	Rafael A
Reception	Joah & Aram	Ziyaan & Tymon	Wynter & Carmel
Year One	Taimoor & Tiwa	Essey & Daniella	Eden & Tobenna
Year Two	Decency & Renato	Daniela & Tisha	Danait & Harper-Liyl
Year Three	Noh & Jessica	Luella & Amelia Z	Brooke & Eliana
Year Four	Runako & Andreas	Aaliyah	David S & Eden
Year Five	Jotham & Kizito	Orla & Natalia	Amaya & David
Year Six	Sinon & Isla	David & Grace E	Jacob & Elilta



**Naomi, Taimoor, Daneen,
Reighn, Amelia F
and Excel.**



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

Grace, Naomi, Hanna, Oma, Luella, Noh, Emmanuel, Kruz, David, Rita and Olivia.



Snippet of News

The School Parliament have met this week and are plotting lots of super activities for the coming term.

**Roald Dahl Day on Monday 14th September dress up as a character.
Watch this space.!**

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 = 96% Y1 Attendance = 94%
Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 98%
Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 91%

Article of the Week



Article 1 - Definition of the child



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

