

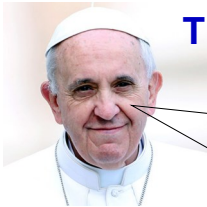


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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Becoming is better than being.'**



## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2023

### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents

#### Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to Mr Mulligan and the Y5 and Y6 teachers for overseeing the pupils at mass today. It was an exemplary mass to start us off on our term ahead. We prayed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to mark the first anniversary of her passing. We celebrated the Birthday of Our Lady and prayed for all who are beginning a new academic year at St Margaret Mary School.

#### School Routines

Welcome back to all pupils new and old. Overview letters have been sent out today along with PE information. Children will come to school wearing black leggings/joggings, white T-shirt and school jumper/cardigan. They will need pumps for PE to be brought into school or worn on the day of their lesson. EYFS will have PE on a Monday, Y1 Monday, Y2 and Y3 Tuesday and Y4 and Y5 on Thursdays, Y6 on Wednesdays.

#### Milk/Juice/Dinners

A reminder that lunches in Nursery are paid for by parents and school provide milk. In Reception parents pay for milk and receive a free school dinner. We are unable to provide milk to children if and when their milk balance reaches £15.00 similarly for school dinners. We ask that parents ensure payments are made weekly to avoid large debts accruing. Children in Y5 and Y6 can choose an apple juice option twice a week if they so wish. This will be charged to ParentPay if a child requests juice.

#### Uniform

It is great to see all our pupils return with the appropriate uniform. Children no longer are required to wear branded cardigans and jumpers. Red garments will suffice if you wish to purchase non branded uniform. Black shoes for all pupils, no trainers. A polite reminder that no jewellery is to be worn to school. We ask that earrings are not worn to school. Children can wear digital/analogue watches but not smart watches. Many thanks for your support.

#### PSHE Day

Thank you to Miss Winchurch for organising our PHSE day on Wednesday with the theme 'Being me in My World.' The children from Nursery to Y6 have investigated topics ranging from knowing their own identify, feeling special and safe, mapping hopes and dreams, setting goals for the new year ahead. KS2 focused on working as a team and the qualities needed to be a good citizen and to feel valued.

#### Parents Evening

Once the children have had time to settle into new routines we will be inviting parents to a parents evening. This will take place on Wednesday/Thursday 4/5th October from 3.15—6.00 pm. We will send our further information nearer the time.

#### Inspire Workshops

Mrs Hannon-Dalby RE Coordinator will be writing to parents in the next week or so, to invite you to our Inspire Workshops for Reception up to Y6. This is a lovely opportunity for you to spend some learning and quality time with your child.

#### School Website

Thank you to Mrs Coates for updating our website. Please find all the forthcoming events, diary dates and relevant information about school on our website, a copy for your information has also been attached along with an e-safety poster for parents. Also follow us on Twitter to see what learning is taking place daily in our classrooms. Google Classroom Homework will commence from Monday.

#### Y6 Transition

We are in the season of Open Evenings. Many secondary schools in the month of September host an Open Evening visit to help parents of the current Y5/6 pupils determine which school they would like to attend in their Year 7. Please see attached a flyer for Cardinal Wiseman and I believe if you visit St Edmund Campion's website you will see details of their Open Evening taking place in the next week or so.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

The pupils in Year 6 are preparing themselves this term for Confirmation. This will take place on Monday 21st November at 7.00 pm in Church with Bishop David. We will write to parents later in the term regarding dates for workshops and meetings. It is mandatory for parents workshops in preparation for Confirmation.

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

#### Gospel Virtues

Autumn 1 Term

## Grateful & Generous

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

#### Diary Dates

**Y6G Swimming**  
**Wednesday 13th**  
**September**

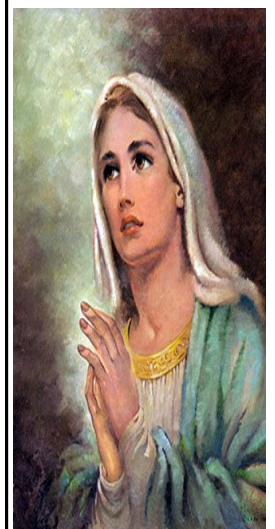
**All After school clubs**  
**for Years 1-6 commence**  
**on Monday 11th**  
**September**

**Roald Dahl Dress Up**  
**Day Monday 11th**  
**September**

**Y3/4 Mass 9.15 Friday**  
**15th September**  
**at 9.15**

#### Prayer of the Month

#### Hail Mary



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Chidiebube	Filip	Emmanuel
Reception	Lena & Amelia	Aria-Rose & Emmanuel	Luella & Donnie
Year One	Leo & Violet-Rae	Patrick & David S	Eva & Emerson
Year Two	Jeremie & Joshua	Krystal & Israel	Mercyel & Romy
Year Three	Bobby & Esme	Efrata & Salvador	Isla & Emmanuel
Year Four	Fabian & Roman	Sana & Ariela	Penelope-Pearl & Xavier
Year Five	Martyna & Antony	Damon & Eliyam	Samuel & Eva
Year Six	Ocean & Abigail	Grace T & Maya	Naomi & Beulah



Tommy, Naomi, Elyon, Isabella B,  
Alan, Keira, Carter, Ava-Grace  
& Adel.



Snippets of news about  
our School Parliament

*This year Mr Barton our Assistant Head will be overseeing the School Parliament. Next week the new School Council, Eco Council, Liturgy Council and Wellbeing Council will meet to plan their projects for the coming term.*

## 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 29 - A Right to an Education.

Article of the Week



**Our overall attendance: 96%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

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

Article 3 – Best interests  
of the Child



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

