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Thought for the week:
'Ave Maria.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May 2024



For the formation of religious and seminarians
 We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents,
Year Y1/2 Mass

Thank you to Mrs Jones and Miss Prtchard for organising our Mass today on the theme of the *Holy Trinity*. St Patrick used a Shamrock as a wonderful example for the Trinity. Three leaves in one plant symbolises; God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The children have been learning about the symbolism of the Holy Spirit and the role it plays in all our Sacraments.

Reading Diet

Our first books were awarded to pupils from Nursery — Year 6 last week from our Book Vending Machine. Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave and Mrs Hannon-Dalby for overseeing this great initiative. We hope this adds to everyone's love of books and continues to encourage all children to read for pleasure.

Year 6 Trips

This week Year 6 visited Alexander Stadium as part of their new topic on '*Sporting History*', this was a great visit and the children met some Athletes training for the next events to be held in Birmingham. They also visited St Chad's Cathedral for a mass on Thursday, part of the Good Shepherd Celebrations. A number of schools were invited to attend. We were very proud, some of our children read a bidding prayer and assisted with the offertory. Well done everyone, great ambassadors for our school. I was very proud of you and thank you for allowing me to join you.

Half termly newsletter

As you are aware we send home a half termly newsletter with information about learning that has taken place in each year, share information about books they have read and other *snippets of news*. Please find these attached.

Inspire Workshops

Mrs Hannon-Dalby has written to all parents in REC to Year 5 inviting you to our next round of Inspire Workshops. These take place from Monday 3rd June in our school hall. We will send out text reminders prior to each event. We hope you can join your child on the day.

June Assessments

During the month of June all children in Year 1 will undertake the phonic screening check. **It is very important that children are in school everyday.** Pupils in Year 2 who are retaking this year also need to be in school every day. Children in Year 4 will undertake the Multiplication Times Table Check and again it is imperative that they are here every day. Results for these checks along with end of key stage results for Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 will be shared in end of year reports in July.

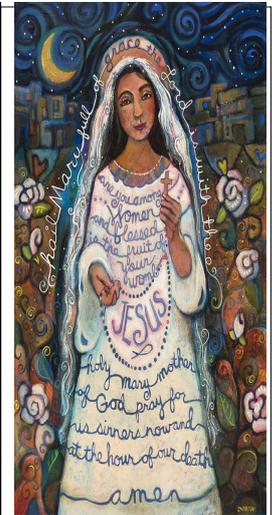
Fayre in July

I met with Father Simon and some representatives from the Parish today to discuss the Summer Fayre planned for 5th July. We will write to you after the holidays about collecting items/donations nearer the time. It is really important that we support and work with our Parish and we hope to raise funds for school and Parish projects.

Other News

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Winchurch has given birth to her first child; baby Amelia Grace and both are well. We hope to see them in school for a visit before the end of the academic year and like everyone at school, I know you wish her all the best whilst on maternity leave.

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



Diary Dates

Swimming Y5C
Wednesday
5th June

Y5/6 Mass in
Church on Friday
7th June at 9.15 am

Swimming Y3K
Friday 7th June

Year 3T Holy
Communion on
Saturday 8th June
11.00 am

Gospel Virtues



Eloquent

If you are eloquent, it means you can clearly express yourself. We want to be eloquent because we want to tell the world about our ideas, our questions and our beliefs.

Truthful

Being truthful is simply telling the truth. We should always be honest and sincere in what we say—even when we have done something wrong.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel virtues
Nursery	Joson	Essa	Bitanya
Reception	Henok & Sam	Zuzanna G & Reign	Hazel & Ava
Year One	Jesse & Rosa	Cassius & Eden	Sophie & Annabel
Year Two	Indya & Romy	Jotham & Nelson	Aniyah & Marnie
Year Three	Martyna & Xavier	Bobby & Kurt	Oscar & Grace
Year Four	Rita & Matt	Nathan & Zayan	Ralphy & Evelyn
Year Five	Grace S & Reese	Yocabel & Kacper	Leo & Antony
Year Six	Mateusz & Ned	Ava-Grace & Elidana	Oscar & Hope



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

Ava, Jessica M, Sophie K, Ethan W, Ruth, Richelle, Ajax, Mielahier, Kyrian, Eijah, Antony, Oscar W & Kyle.

Alfie, Mercyel, Hannah H, Eden B, Halle, Joshua R, Geraldine, Zakariah, Elidana, Pius and Amara.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you from Mrs Coates and the team for your generosity to the Foodbank this week. All donations have been passed on.

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 28 - A Right to an Education.

Our overall attendance: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

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

Article of the Week



Article 15—Right to Privacy



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





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Academic year 2024-2025

Autumn term 2024	Spring term 2025	Summer term 2025
Wednesday 4th September to Friday 25th October	Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February	Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December	Tuesday 25th February to Friday 11th April	Monday 2nd June to Friday 18th July
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Confirmed Teacher Training Days
2024-2025

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September
Monday 24th February
Friday 27th June
Monday 21st July

