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**Thought for the week:**

**'If you have the courage to start, you have the courage to succeed.'**



**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2024**

**For the cry of the Earth**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

**Y5/6 Mass**

Thank you to the Upper Key Stage Two team for overseeing mass today. Our pupils have set the bar today for the year ahead, they were exemplary in mass. Please keep Year 6 pupils in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation that will take place in church on 16th October.

**New Classes September 2024**

Everyone has settled in really well this week, it is great to see all our pupils eager to come everyday. It has been a tremendous start to the year with very few late arrivals. This is greatly appreciated. Please continue to get here on time gates open at 8.30 and close promptly at 8.45. Our home time routines, as you would expect, are a little drawn out, I am confident that this time next week routines will be quicker. It is essential that new teachers in all year groups take time to learn the faces of parents and people collecting their pupils. This is important to safeguard everyone. Thank you for your continued patience.

**PSHE Day**

Thank you to Mrs Barker for organising our day with the theme; 'Being in my World'. The children in different key stages worked on topics such as feeling safe, hope and fears for the year ahead, setting personal goals, rewards and consequences, responsible choices, being a good citizen and looking at anti social behaviours.

**Year 7 School Applications 2025**

As all Year 6 parents are aware the window has opened for you to apply for your child's Year 7 place for September 2025. The window for applications closes on 31st October 2024. 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.

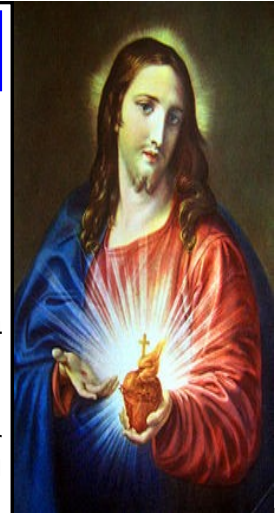
**Open Evenings**

Many Secondary schools host an open evening between now and the end of October. Please check out their websites or contact them directly to find out when they are taking place. St Edmund Campion have asked us to share the following: *Tuesday 10th September. Prospective pupils and their parents are invited to visit to tour the school and meet the staff between 5.30 pm and 7.15 pm. Mr Grant, our Principal, will give a talk at 5.30pm and will repeat it at 6.30 pm. Parents are also invited to see the school in operation on Thursday 12th September between 9.45 am and 11.15 am. Please note that Open Morning is for parents only and Year 6 pupils should attend their primary school as normal.*

**Family Worker**

The Governors and myself have contracted a Family Worker (Mrs Tasawar) to support our families in school. I will write to parents next week with further details; there will be drop in events for anyone needing advice and I look forward to working with her in the coming term. Please find attached to the home school letter some information about an initiative we have signed up to entitled Operation Encompass.

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



**Diary Dates**

- Swimming Y3C and Y3K**
- Wednesday 11th September**
- Y3/4 Mass in Church**
- Friday 13th September**
- Road Dahl Day**
- Thursday 12th**

**Gospel Virtues**



**Curious** - Being inquisitive about God's creation, asking questions, and exploring the world around us. **Active** - Working to make the world a better place by making the right choices.



Taimoor, Tommy,

Reighn,

Amelia F, Naomi and Elyon



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

Mary, Anashe, Jacob J, Siyena, Denis, Amara and Dubem.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

*Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils met today and joined a council of their choice. I look forward to sharing with you in the near future their ideas for fundraising and charity events. Mr Barton will be overseeing the Parliament so please 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, 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 = 95%	Y1 Attendance = 93%
Y2 Attendance = 97%	Y3 Attendance = 91%
Y4 Attendance = 89%	Y5 Attendance = 97%
Y6 Attendance = 95%	

Article of the Week



Article 28 - Right to Education



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

