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Thought for the week:

"Be a little kinder than you have to."



Prayer Intention for June—

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Thursday 26th June 2025



The Catholic Jubilee Year of 2025, titled "Pilgrims of Hope", is a year of prayer, pilgrimage and reflection. The theme is an invitation to share the Christian faith and to rekindle hope in a world that is suffering.

Dear Parents

I hope this finds you all well as we approach the end of another busy and successful week at St Margaret Mary RC School. In our faith journey this week, pupils have been learning about **Saints Peter and Paul**, identifying their importance and the significance of their roles in our **Catholic faith**. They are both considered foundational figures for the Church, despite their distinct backgrounds and roles. **Peter**, initially a **fisherman**, was chosen by Jesus as a leader and the **"rock"** upon which the Church would be built. Paul, initially a persecutor of Christians, experienced a dramatic **conversion** and became the **"Apostle to the Gentiles,"** traveling extensively to spread the Gospel.

Please note that school will be closed tomorrow for our penultimate training day of the academic year. Our final training day is scheduled for **Monday 21st July**, and I encourage you to check our website for all important dates moving forward.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Attwood for her excellent oversight of the Reception **eye tests** this week. The nursing team will be in touch with parents directly regarding the outcomes of this important screening programme.

Our pupils have had some wonderful educational experiences this week. **Year 2** thoroughly enjoyed their visit to **Kingsbury Water Park** as part of their study on **Habitats**. The children had a superb day exploring and pond dipping, and I'm grateful to the team for overseeing this enriching trip. Similarly, **Year 1** visited the **Nature Centre** in Birmingham to support their learning about **Animals**. They enjoyed a fascinating tour of the Reserve and observed a plethora of different animals and reptiles.

Year 4 had an engaging computing workshop this week, playing and exploring with **Microbits** while delving into **programming** concepts. It was a thoroughly enjoyable session that brought their learning to life. Meanwhile, our **Year 6** pupils enjoyed their tour of **Alexander Stadium** today as part of their topic on **Sporting History**. This is a fabulous resource we have here in Birmingham, and the children were captivated by the experience.

The **EYFS** team, under Mrs Marks' excellent leadership, have been busy meeting and welcoming all our new pupils and parents during **induction** this week. We very much look forward to working with all our current and new families in the coming academic year. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office. **Mrs Marks will be writing to all parents next week to inform them of the start date in September for their child.**

Finally, Mr Barton has confirmed the dates for **Sports Day** and has written to all parents with the details. As a reminder, the schedule is as follows: **Wednesday 9th July - EYFS at 9.00am and KS1 at 10.30am; Thursday 10th July - LKS2 at 9.00am and UKS2 at 10.30am. Parents are asked to enter via the drive and main entrance for these exciting events.**

Moving Up Day takes place next week where our **Y6** pupils visit their new schools for the day. This allows all other pupils from **Nursery to Y5** to also take the opportunity to visit their new classroom and teacher for the day. Children will come in as usual and be sent to new classes later in the morning. Usual home time routines will take place on this day.

Blue Sky App in place of Twitter (X). We have been trialling a similar app called **Blue Sky**. Please see the link to access our information: <https://bsky.app/profile/stmargaretmaryrc.bsky.social>—we are waiting for this to be uploaded onto our website. In the meantime you can access via the link.

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

Diary Dates

Year 6BM Swimming
Wednesday 2nd July

Transition Day Y6
visiting new settings
Wednesday 2nd July

Reception Trip to Ash
End Farm
Thursday 3rd July

EYFS/KS1 Mass in
Church at 9.15 am on
Friday 4th July

Gospel Virtues



Faith-filled— when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our actions.

Hopeful – when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Amen	Lucas M	Taimoor
Reception	Harper-Lily & Johnny	Abigail & Decency	Essa & Danait
Year One	Luella & Kruz	Aria & Excel	Brooke & Donnie
Year Two	Gabriel & Mervyn	Jesse & Sadiq	Moyosola & Violet-Rae
Year Three	Liam & Marnie	Edward & David S	Aniyah & Romy
Year Four	Kurt & Zikora	Hanna N & Martyna	Eldana & Darci-Rose
Year Five	Kamsiyochukw & Leah-Maria	Great & Joel	Chizaram & Eshoe
Year Six	Samuel, Summer & Martyna	Anashe, Nardos & Olivia	Denis, Chidubem & Leo



**Eiven, Tyanah, Teodors, Cassius,
Lillian K, Talia, Bryan, Chester, Ralphy,
Zoya, Leo C & Kidus.**



Snippet of News

School Council are hosting a Penalty Shoot Out on Friday 4th July.

Please support us and bring in a £1.00

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: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 98% Y1 Attendance = 97%

Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 93%

Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 97%

Y6 Attendance = 98%

Congratulations to 6S on their 100% attendance this week!

Article of the Week



Article 42—Knowledge of rights



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

