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Thought for the week:

"Don't count the days, make the days count."



Prayer Intention for July

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents

What a wonderful week we've had here at St Margaret Mary RC School! I'm delighted to share some of the fantastic activities and achievements that have been taking place.

Today, our **Y3/4/5** pupils led us beautifully at **mass**, focusing on the theme of **St Benedict**. The children learned about this remarkable saint who lived in Italy from 480 to 547, founded the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino, and is considered the father of Western monasticism. It was truly inspiring to see our pupils leading worship with such reverence and understanding. Thank you to Fr Simon for overseeing **Confessions** for our **Y3** pupils.

Our **Y2** pupils have had an absolutely brilliant time with their **Computing Workshop** this week. They've been busy investigating **programming** snails that can change colour, creating moving cooling fans, and working with robots. Their lovely creations are showcased on our **BlueSky** page on the website - do take a look at their fantastic work!

Y5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the **Islamic Exhibition** this week. Living in such a multicultural city, it's incredibly valuable for our pupils to learn about other **faiths** and **cultures**. The children had a great time and learned so much about the religion and different cultures. Thank you to Mr Barton for overseeing this enriching visit.

Reception hosted their very first **fundraiser** this week - what a success! They donated £1 to bring in a teddy for a **special picnic**, and all proceeds will be donated to **Birmingham Children's Hospital**. It's lovely to see our youngest pupils already showing such generosity and community spirit.

I must thank Mrs Donnelly for hosting our weekly **Golden Ticket Library** visits. We hope you've enjoyed visiting our library, and we look forward to inviting many more children and families next year.

This week, Mr Barton organised and oversaw all our lovely **Sports Day** events. The sun was shining and the pupils were smiling! It was absolutely lovely to see all our parents and families come and support the children. The day was a huge success.

Our **Y6** pupils completed their **swimming sessions** this week - well done to all who achieved **25m** or more! We're really proud of the achievements all our pupils have made this year.

Y6 also enjoyed a non-uniform day today, were rewarded with a visit from the **Ice Cream Van**, and celebrated the end of **Y6** with a **Silent Disco**. We're really grateful to the pupils for all their efforts this term and congratulate them all on their SATs achievements.

All **school reports** have gone home today, including all assessments and information from screenings. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the office. A reminder that the **Birmingham Bull trail** opens next week. **Bruno**, our school bull, can be located at **Birmingham Library**. If you visit, be sure to pop a photo on our Blue Sky App!

School finishes on Friday 18th July at the usual time. I have attached the academic term dates for your information.

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



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.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th July
Vocations Dress Up day

Year 6 Leavers Mass
Wednesday 16th July
9.00 am in the Church

Y5L Sutton Park Visit
Wednesday 16th July
9.00—11.00 am

Year 6 Leavers Assembly
for parents in School
1.30 pm

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	Yostina	Ziora	Amelia
Reception	Elijah & Melaher	Aleshay & Joson	Unique & Sosuna
Year One	Jemima & Zuzanna K	Joshua I & Amelia	Szymon & Lewis
Year Two	Patrick & George	Joshua & Szymon	Mikael & Runako
Year Three	Amaya & Ruth	Efosa & Richelle	Krystal & Jaime
Year Four	Elilta & Nicaï	Grace M & Efrata	Salvador & Naomi
Year Five	Aiden & Mukt	Lily-Mae & Xavier	Penelope-Pearl & Dhian
Year Six	Owen, Amelia & Martyna	Siyena, Adil & Amara	Mary, Emily & Leo



**Evelyn, Liam, Adesuwa,
Abigail, Aiden & Gloryanne.**



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

Joel M, Isabella, Frida, Fabian, Rita, Helen, Enoch, Esohe, Lily-May, Amarachukwu and Chidubem.



Snippet of News

Vocations Week - Thank you to Mrs Hannon Dalby for organising our super week. We look forward to reflecting with the pupils on what God is *calling* them to be next week. A reminder that pupils are invited to come to school on Monday in the theme *When I grow up I want to be.....*

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 98%
Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 93%
Y4 Attendance = 95% Y5 Attendance = 93%
Y6 Attendance = 96%

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]

