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**Thought for the week:**

**'You must be the change you want to see in the world.'**

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**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 27th September 2024

Dear Parents,

**Y5/6 Mass**

Thank you to Mr Mulligan, Miss Gibson, Miss Spencer, Mrs Donnelly, Miss Lewis and Mr Barton for preparing the children so well for our Upper KS2 mass today. The theme of the mass today was **St Vincent de Paul**; an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. We can learn much from him and know why he is such a worthy Saint.

**Live Simply Assembly**

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for leading us in an assembly. We are looking to achieve the Live Simply Award (CAFOD) this academic year. We continue to spread the message of the Word, plan activities to help us appreciate each other and God's world as well as to look after the gift of the earth that we very often taken for granted.

**National Coding Week**

Thank you to Mrs Coates our computing lead for organising and signposting activities for this special coding week. This year's theme is Artificial Intelligence. The children in different year groups have enjoyed using this remarkable technology to explore a 360 degree world turning drawings into logo style icons, playing a game where the AI guesses what you are drawing and turning text into a celebrity voice. The children have enjoyed exploring these themes and I am sure you will see some further information on our Twitter/X feed.

**EYFS Lead**

Mrs Marks who joined us in September has now been appointed the new Early Years Lead, She will oversee Nursery and Reception with the support of Mrs Hannon-Dalby and myself. Should you have any queries about EYFS please feel free to ask Mrs Marks or one of the leaders on the gate. Please find our EYFS newsletter attached to this letter.

**Family Worker**

We had a good turnout today for our coffee morning, meeting our new Family Worker Nagina. We will be holding further drop ins throughout the year. Nagina offers advice and services of early help, signposting to agencies, finance advice, housing and much more.

**Absence**

As parents are aware, Birmingham City Council, from September 2024, are fining all parents of any children that take holiday/leave in term time. The fine will be £80 per parent/step parent for **each child**. I enclose a letter from Birmingham City Council explaining the process (see attached).

**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. If you require any help please contact the school office.

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



**Diary Dates**

**Swimming**  
**Y3C and Y3K**  
**Wednesday 2nd**  
**October**

**Y3/4 Mass in**  
**Church**  
**Friday 4th October**

**Please see website**  
**for all forthcoming**  
**events for the**  
**Autumn Term**

**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.

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Reading Star of the week	Maths Star of the week
Nursery	Yostina	Hidayah	Andre
Reception	Emmanuel & Obryan	Filip & Sosuna	Emily & Faith
Year One	Aria-Rose & Omalichachukwu	Lena & Eliana	Zuzanna & Sam
Year Two	Gabriel & Mervyn	Jessica & Eden	Ava-Mae & Jacob
Year Three	Jotham & Louis	Yanet & Richelle	Jacob & Romy
Year Four	Thomas & Zikora	Mya & Adam	Skyla & Antoni
Year Five	Lamek & Mukt	Ta'Jae & Raeena	Mielahier & Evelyn
Year Six	Owen, Nathan & Eliyam	Ammon, Mason & Leo	Leon, Reese & Olivia



**Aria-Rose, Eva A.  
Arsema T and Siena.**

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

*Isabella, Fabian, Sana N, Mielahier, Roman, Helen, Raeena, Arelia, Marcel, Amara and Dubem.*



Snippets of news from  
our School Parliament

**Thank you to Mr Barton and the School Council for organising our Pasta Pick Up today. We will send all donations off to St Chad's Sanctuary.**

### 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 = 98%  
 Y2 Attendance = 97%    Y3 Attendance = 95%  
 Y4 Attendance = 95%    Y5 Attendance = 97%  
 Y6 Attendance = 94%

Article of the Week



Article 2—Non discrimination



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

