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## Thought for the week:

"All great achievements require time."



### **Prayer Intention for September**

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school community this week. Our **Y3** and **Y6 Mass** today was truly inspiring, where we listened to the **Gospel of Luke** and reflected on **Jesus** unfolding his **Ministry**. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team for preparing the children so beautifully. It was particularly special to see so many **parents** and **parishioners** joining us in celebrating the Word.

*Mr Barton* led our first *Rights Respecting Schools* (RRS) assembly this academic year, focusing on the rights and voice of our pupils. This approach is deeply embedded in our daily learning and lessons. We've elected some *champions* to assist Mr Barton in our journey towards achieving the *Gold Award*. We'll continue to update you as events unfold.

I want to apologise again for the disruption to **swimming** for **Y4** and **Y6**. The swimming pool has encountered several issues this term, but we hope these will be resolved in time for our swimmers next Wednesday.

Our **Year 5 Liturgy and Wellbeing Councils** were exceptional ambassadors at the **Pilgrims of Hope** Mass at **Corpus Christi School** on Thursday. Thank you to **Mrs Marks**, our **RE Lead**, for overseeing this visit. Meanwhile, the remaining **Year 5** pupils demonstrated remarkable leadership by planning and leading their own **Celebration of the Word**, working collaboratively to prepare a service of **Hope and Love**. You can find more details on our **Blue Sky** page.

*Miss Marks* and her team have prepared the first *EYFS newsletter*, which is attached to this letter. We'll be inviting *Reception parents* into school in *October* for a short meeting about our *Phonics* scheme and how to best support your child's reading at home. Look out for letters coming out in the next week or so.

A crucial reminder for Year 6 parents: the window for applying for a Year 7 place is open until 31st October. Please complete the form on the Birmingham City Council website as soon as possible. Do remember to use all choice options when applying - don't limit yourself to just one school, as this could cause difficulties for you and your child next year.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation: 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**

Y5 and Y2 Mass Friday 3rd October at 9.15

Y6B & Y4M commence swimming Wednesday 1st October

#### **Gospel Virtues**

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Eloquence must be used in a

truthful way – to speak truth

about myself and others, about

relations between people,

about the world, and about

God. Education is the search

for truth and the eloquent

articulation of what we

discover.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Ruby	Nathan	Ziyaan
Reception	Tajarai & Paige	Avital & Delilah-Rose	Zina & Hidayah
Year One	Johnny & Aleshay	Ericah & Mila	Daniat & Khalil
Year Two	Tinofara & Eliana	Luella & Joshua K	Elodie & Excel
Year Three	Eva & David S	Zakariah & David O	Jessica & Devon
Year Four	Natalia & Alfie	Shay & Indya	David S & Rieon
Year Five	Jacob & Grace M	Lillian & Jayanna	Rosie & Derick
Year Six	Raeena & Olivia	Zayan & Sana N	Isabella & Ellena





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

Melahier, Roman, Matt, David O. Annabel. Arsema, Rosa, Yemariam, Mikael, Rita, Kammsy and Kyrian.



# Snippet of News

We look forward to our Mini Vinnies/Liturgy Team leading us in the Rosary at lunchtime next week as we enter the month of October.

### **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

Article of the Week Education.

## Our overall attendance: 94%

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 96% Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance= 93%

Y4 Attendance = 89% Y5 Attendance = 96%

Y6 Attendance = 94%

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# Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days] 365 days in a calendar year 175 days non term days All this time for shopping, holidays, appointments etc. 180 143 100% 90% 95% 85% 80% 75%