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Thought for the week:

"Happiness depends on us."



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.

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share some wonderful moments from our school community this week. First, a heartfelt thank you to our **Year 2 and Year 5** team for organising and overseeing our **mass** today. Our readers, servers and pupils were exceptionally reverent during the service. The readings beautifully explored the prayers of the Babylonian exiles, who acknowledged their sins and sought forgiveness. This reminds us how crucial it is that our children learn to **forgive** and seek **forgiveness**, following in the footsteps of Jesus in our daily lives.

We have been celebrating **Black History Month** with great enthusiasm, focusing on inspirational icons such as **Jesse Owens, Alice Coachman, Mary Seacole, Dr Mae Jemison, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King**. We are proud to celebrate their remarkable achievements and the powerful examples they set for us, both past and present.

Year 5 had an exciting educational experience this week with our **Time Traveller** friend, **Professor McGinty**. They enjoyed a fascinating presentation about the **Battle of Britain**, learning many intriguing historical facts. I encourage you to visit the Blue Sky section on our webpage to see photographs from this engaging visit.

As part of our **SMVSC** programme, our pupils have been studying **Yom Kippur**, the Jewish festival. They have thoroughly investigated its historical origins, explored the theme of atonement, analysed its rituals, and learned about its rich **traditions**.

As we begin **October**, we are encouraging our families to say a daily **Hail Mary** to honour **Our Lady**. Throughout the week, children will be invited to say the **Rosary** and offer daily prayers to our **Heavenly Mother**.

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. Any parents wishing to apply for a **Reception** place in **September 2026** can begin their applications now also, details on the BCC webpage.

Finally, I ask you to keep the Brennan and Hanrahan families in your prayers during this sad time.

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

Y1 & Y4 Mass
 Friday 10th October
 at 9.15 am

Y6B & Y4M
 swimming
 Wednesday 8th
 October

Inspire Workshops
 week beginning 6th
 October

Gospel Virtues



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	Offranel—Yasmin	Jack	Dadiso
Reception	Isabella C & Ekaterina	Tobenna & Taimoor	Andre & Lucas B
Year One	Zaviyar & Mila	Lu'zari & Elijah	Nathaniel & Lola
Year Two	Szymon & Amelia F	Tinofara & Jessica	Rahel & Efrata
Year Three	Joshua & Eliana	Leo & Rosa	Mmesoma & Eden B
Year Four	Gurnoor & Maximus	Siena & Edward	Wiktorina & Liam
Year Five	Daniel & Kaian	Zikora & Tyanah	Martyna & Eldana
Year Six	Roman & Sana A	Matt & Chizaram	Evelyn & Victoria



**Amelia, Z, Luke, Louie,
Matthew, Joson and Isla H.**



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

Grace M, Maisie, Aarieya, Ajax, Amelia F, Zuzanna K, Charlie, Tenin, Luella, Isla A, Yulyana, Zikora and Kaian.



Snippet of News

Thank you to our School Council for organising our first food bank collection for the Sanctuary at St Chad's.

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 or a Deputy DSL 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 = 93% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 92%
Y6 Attendance = 98%

Article of the Week



Article 5—Parental Guidance



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

