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Thought for the week:

'Where there is not struggle, there is no strength'.



Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry—Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, our **Year 3** and **Year 6** pupils celebrated **Mass** together on the theme of ***'I will follow you wherever you may go'***. It was a beautiful reminder of our School Mission and vision to live, love and learn together in the light and example of Christ. Thank you to **Miss Adams** for overseeing this special celebration.

We have also launched **Black History Month**, a time to look at and celebrate **important** key figures from both history and the modern day. Each year group is focusing on inspirational individuals: our **EYFS** pupils are learning about **Jesse Owens**, **Year 1** about **Alice Coachman**, **Year 2** about **Mary Seacole**, **Year 3** about **Dr Mae Jemison**, **Year 4** about **Nelson Mandela**, **Year 5** about **Rosa Parks**, and **Year 6** about **Martin Luther King and Alice Deering**. I would like to thank Miss **Kavanagh**, our **History Lead**, for overseeing this special event. We look forward to seeing the wonderful work displayed throughout the month.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the **Transport Museum** this week as part of their topic on ***'Transport through time'***. They explored lots of different types of vehicles and had a fantastic learning experience. Thank you to **Mr Mulligan** for overseeing this visit, along with our teachers and teaching assistants.

As we move into **October**, we focus our attention on **Our Lady and the Rosary**. The children will say the **Hail Mary prayer** daily or a decade of the Rosary weekly in class. We would encourage you to do the same at home with your family, as this is a wonderful way to **deepen** our faith together.

I must mention that **Year 4's** planned visit from the **West Midlands Fire Service, Sparks**, had to be cancelled this week as the service was called out to an emergency. This visit has now been **rearranged** for **January 2027**, and we look forward to welcoming them then.

Today, our pupils engaged reverently with the **CAFOD assembly**, which was live streamed and presented by Dan and Emily celebrating **Creation** and bringing thousands of children together to celebrate the Word. It was wonderful to see our pupils so **engaged** and **thoughtful** during this **special occasion**.

A reminder that our **Inspire Workshops** take place next week – please do check the website for dates and times. We look forward to welcoming you into school so you can meet your child's new class teacher and team. The office will continue to send out reminders.

Finally, letters regarding **parents' evenings** will go home today. Please ensure you return the slips with your child's name and year group so we can book you in for your first parent meeting.

Additionally, the window for Reception applications for September 2027 opened on 1st October. Please apply via the Birmingham City Council website, an email has been sent home to explain the process. Should you need any assistance, please do contact the school office.

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

The Franciscan Jubilee Year is a special holy year proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death (Transitus) of St. Francis of Assisi.

Diary Dates

Y5 and Y2 Mass
Wednesday 7th
October at 9.15 am in Church
Y4M & Y6B swimming
Wednesday 7th
October

Parents Evening
Tuesday 13th and
Wednesday 14th
October 3.20 pm onwards.

Gospel Virtues

Being
compassionate
 and **loving** means
 stepping into the lives
 of others through
 deep empathy and
 responding with fair
 actions and forgiving
 words.



Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Sian	Raphael C	Kendrick
Reception	Jack & Louie	Zanaya & Molly	Liliana & Aria
Year One	Andre & Rome	Shaylea-Rae & Logan	Noah & Esme
Year Two	Yoyana & Essa	Obryan & Emily	Lucas & Lola
Year Three	Arlo & David	Charlie & Kebron	Amelia F & Lena
Year Four	Aria & Tyquan	Amelia & Nori	Joshua & Jaunita
Year Five	Samyar & Shay	Maximus & Daberechukwu	Solyana & Bella
Year Six	Kurt & Adesuwa	Laura & Antoni	Duha & Bobby



**Siena, Amelia Z, Luke,
Louie, Matthew, Joson,
Isla H & Maximus.**



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

Thomas, Elilta, Kandes, David C, Zuzanna K, Noh, Amelia F, Tinofara, Charlie, Excel, Rahel, Kaian & Zikora.



Snippet of News

**The School Council will be collecting toiletries on Monday for the St Chad's Charity—Sanctuary.
Thank you in advance for your help and support.**

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: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 98% Y1 Attendance = 99%

Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 99%

Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 94%

Y6 Attendance = 94%

Congratulations to Year 1J their 100% attendance this week!

Article of the Week



Article 4—Implementation of the Convention



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

