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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Success has a simple formula; do your best!!.'**

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2023



'We can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest in the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes.'

Friday 27th October 2023

Dear Parents

### Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Miss Parkes for organising the mass today. The children were outstanding and our liturgy was very uplifting. We heard from Fr Simon how best to be **Peacemakers** in the world and celebrated the feast day for Saints Simon and Jude. It was lovely to see so many parents and parishioners join us for mass.

### Transition Year 7 Pupils 2024

Parents with pupils currently in Y6 have until **October 31st 2023** to submit their application to Birmingham City Council online. Please note the deadline is next week. If you are late sending in your application this could effect your choices for next September.

### Rosary Competition

Many thanks to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising this lovely competition with the Liturgy Team. Our winners have been presented with a prize in every class and you can see our winners in the Parliament section of this newsletter.

### Reading Diet

We have been discussing our reading diet with the pupils this week. Reading is at the core of everything we do to support and enrich our curriculum. Our children are exposed to a rich and varied diet of reading daily from reading for pleasure, selecting science or topic based books, reading from the bible and other options. Mrs Heslegrave will be writing to families in the new term to invite them to visit our library before school. Watch out for a golden ticket coming your way!

### Class Newsletters

You will see attached the newsletter from class teachers updating you on the first half term's learning and news. Along with this is our new half termly Computing newsletter to keep you informed about the age appropriateness of apps and information we feel you need to be familiar with. Mrs Coates will create and send a computing newsletter every half term.

### Diwali

As part of our SMVSC curriculum, the pupils have been learning about the festival Diwali - the Hindu festival of light. The children have explored the different ways *Diwali* is celebrated around the world. 'Light' is of huge importance in this festival as it symbolises light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

### Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks for your comments, we have had some really positive feedback this week. I will share the findings with you after half term.

### Harvest Festival

Many thanks for all the donations sent in to school this week. Nursery to Y6 enjoyed partaking in the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving assemblies throughout the week. We have donated the goods to The Sanctuary at St Chad's Cathedral. They asked us to pass on their sincere thanks for your generosity.

### Uniform Swap Shop

We are trialling a swap shop for uniform. If you have any old/spare uniform that you wish to donate to school we will endeavour to return the favour by sending items that would fit your child back to you (depending on stock).

### Punctuality

Please can I ask that pupils arrive on time and enter through the playground gates. It is unsettling for staff and pupils when children arrive late. This also has an impact on the office staff and their morning duties.

**The gates are open promptly at 8.30 and close at 8.45.**

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

### Gospel Virtues

Autumn 1 Term

***Grateful &***

***Generous***

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

### Diary Dates

**Open Day for prospective parents**  
**Monday 6th**  
**November 1.30pm**

**Y5/6 Mass Friday 10th**  
**November at 9.15am**  
**in Church**

**6Y Swimming**  
**Wednesday 8th**  
**November**

**Confirmation Workshop for Y6 parents**  
**Tuesday 7th**  
**November 9.00am**

### Prayer of the Month

Guardian Angel

**Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.**



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Aloysius	Tommy	Ericah
Reception	Aronas & Liam	Yulyanna & Joshua	Noh & Reighn
Year One	Moyosola & Szymon	Aseoluwa Joshua & Robert	Cassius & Violet-Rae
Year Two	Orla & Adonias	Jacob & Siena	Poppy & Nelson
Year Three	Rosie & Sinon	Oscar & Xavier	Max & Skyla
Year Four	Frida & Dhian	Inaya & Paris	Chizaram & Helen
Year Five	Aurelia & Kidus	Nathan & R'miyo	Haniel & Joel
Year Six	Daniel & Antony	Grace T & Athena	Pius & Elidana



**Harper-Lily, Wynter, Eliana, Jaxon,  
George, Ariela and  
Summer.**



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

***Joel, Daniel, Jenson,  
Lily-Mae, Kyrian,  
Leah-Maria, Matt,  
Roman, Paris, Amara  
& Pius.***



Snippets of news about  
our School Parliament

***Thank you to everyone who entered a Rosary Picure Competition this week the winners are: Elda, Milosz, Elodie, Moyosola, Eden, Maksymilian, Indya, Grace M, Efrata, Lamek, Xavier T, Gloryanne, David C, Bryan M and Nancy. Well done!***

## 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 29 - A Right to an Education](#).

Article of the Week



**Our overall attendance: 96%**

### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:**

EYFS Attendance = 95%    Y1 Attendance = 98%  
Y2 Attendance = 94%    Y3 Attendance = 92%  
Y4 Attendance = 97%    Y5 Attendance = 97%  
Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article 6 — Rule of Law



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

