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Thought for the week:
'A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October 2024



For a shared mission
 We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Y3/4Mass

Thank you to Miss McInerney, Mrs Miklossi, Mrs Coates and Miss Travers for preparing the children so well for our lower key stage two mass today. Today is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. He was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. He loved nature and all the things in God's world, like him we strive everyday to look after our planet in our Live Simply Plan.

Compass Support Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Attwood for organising our visitors this week and thank you also to Mr Barton and Mrs Coates for overseeing the KS1 and KS2 assemblies shared by our visitors on the theme of *Mental Health*. The assembly was an introduction to the Mental Health Support Team (NHS). The children learned about what mental health is and why looking after your mental health is important. We will continue to work with the team to support all stakeholders this year.

Rosary Club

During the month of October we are inviting children across school to pray the Rosary. If children would like to bring in their Rosary beads they are welcome to do so. Mrs Hannon-Dalby and the team are praying the Rosary twice a week with the children at lunchtime.

Packwood House Visit

Thank you to the Y3 Team for overseeing the trip to Packwood House and Gardens. As part of their topic 'Gardens' the children visited Packwood and enjoyed exploring the kitchen garden, maze, wild garden and grounds. It is a great resources to observe plants and nature and to see how gardens can be used for different needs.

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).**

Reception Classes 2025

See a letter attached from Birmingham City Council informing parents that the window for selecting a school place for Reception children for September 2025 has opened. It is very important that prospective parents read this letter and ensure they complete any school applications on time.

Library Tickets

Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby and all the staff who are hosting our family library slots weekly. Watch out for a golden ticket in the post.

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.

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



Diary Dates

Swimming Y3C and Y3K
Wednesday 9th
October

EYFS Welcome Mass in Church
Friday 11th October
for parents at 9.15am

Book Fayre in school from 21st October

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	Reading Star of the week	Maths Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Monte	Lucas M	Ziorammachukwu
Reception	Renato & Sophie	Mila & Arahbella	Dea & Eiven
Year One	Szymon & Amarachukwu	Yulyana & Zuzanna	April & Reign
Year Two	Leo & Runako	Joshua & Tyquan	Molly-Ava & Emerson
Year Three	Michael & Shay	Ethan & Michal	Krystal & Natalia
Year Four	Skyla & Nicai	Kaian & Hanna Z	Laura & Efrata
Year Five	Chizaram & Ariela	Ralphy & Kyrian	Skyler & Daniel
Year Six	Kidus, Summer & Aurelia	Anashe, Amia & Lucian	Teodors, Patrick & Grace

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

Krystal, Mercyel, Hanna H, Joshua, Maksymilian, Daberechukwu, Geraldine, Hanna Z, Efrata Y, Amarachukwu and Chidubem.



**Matthew, Jason, Isla H,
Matt and Martyna B.**



We enjoyed our first planned competition from the ECO council. Thanks to everyone who contributed. All entries automatically result in a prize of 100 golden points. The winners of the competition were :

Snippets of news from

**Filip, Taimoor, Zuzanna G,
Violet-Rae, Joshua B, Bella-Rose,
Indya, Grace M, Hanna Z, Sana N,
Isabella, Leon, Summer and
Martyna B.**

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 = 99%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 93%

Article of the Week



Article 3—Best Interests of the Child



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

