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**Thought for the week:**

***'Happiness depends on us.'***



***Prayer Intention for October***

**For collaboration between different religious traditions**  
 Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share some wonderful moments from our school community this week. Thank you to **Mr Mulligan** and the **Year 4** and **Year 1** team for leading our mass today. The theme **kindness and love** beautifully focused on recognising **God's grace** - his unending. We celebrate how his plan continues to **unfold and enfold us**, his faithful flock. It was heart-warming to see our parents and parishioners join us in this **celebration of the Word**.

This week has been filled with engaging activities. We enjoyed hosting our **Inspire Workshops**, with thanks to **Mrs Marks**, our RE lead, for overseeing these lovely events. We're already looking forward to more workshops next term.

**Fr Simon** and our **Liturgy Council** held a special prayer service in our prayer garden to bless our new statue of **Mary**. **Mr Barton** oversaw this beautiful moment, and I encourage you to view the pictures on our **Blue Sky** app on the website.

We held our **Open Day** for prospective parents on Wednesday. A crucial reminder for parents: the application window is now open for children starting **Reception** in **September 2026**. Additionally, parents of **Year 6** pupils should complete **secondary school transfer** forms before the end of **October**. Please don't miss this deadline, and contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Letters have been sent inviting parents to **parent/teacher** meetings at the end of the month. These meetings are crucial for understanding your child's settlement, strengths, and potential targets for home learning.

**Reception parents** are invited to a phonics meeting with **Mrs Helslegrave** on **Tuesday at 9.00am**, where we'll share our **phonics** programme and demonstrate how we teach reading and writing in Early Years.

I am delighted to share the news that **Mrs Hannon-Dalby** has given birth to a **healthy baby boy**—Arthur. We send her and Mr Hannon-Dalby our heartfelt congratulations.

*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**

Y3 Trip to Packwood House  
 Tuesday 14th October

Y6B & Y4M  
 Swimming  
 Wednesday 15th October

Y6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral  
 Thursday 16th October

KS2 Mass in School Hall  
 Friday 17th October  
 9.15am

**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	Ariella	Tara	Alfie
Reception	Ziora & Ellis	Joshua & Freya	Esme & Rome
Year One	Aloysius & Unique	Bitanya & Thiago	Eiven & Aleshay
Year Two	Luella & Liam	April & Maranata	Raei & Ava
Year Three	Rogue & Patrick	Nori & Aaliyah	George & Linda
Year Four	Evan & Amaya	Dabe & Orla	Kizito & Yanet
Year Five	Naomi & Derick	Benedict & Laura	Efrata & Hanna N
Year Six	Helen & Kamssy	Ariela & Eyual	Jenson & Ellena



**Yulyana, Brooklyn, Yostina,  
Katalaya, Jasmine and Hidayah.**



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

*Romy, Efosa, Krystal, Geraldine, Ruth, Mary, Maksymilian, Obryan, Abigail A, Rita and Kamssy.*



## Snippet of News

**Today, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Our wonderful Wellbeing Council organised an event supporting a great charity. We're proud of our pupils' and staff's commitment to this important cause. We raised £ 100.00**

### 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: 94%**

#### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 92%

Y2 Attendance = 93% Y3 Attendance = 97%

Y4 Attendance = 89% Y5 Attendance = 96%

Y6 Attendance = 96%

**Congratulations to RI on their 100% attendance this week!**

Article of the Week



Article 6—Life, survival and development



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

