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### Thought for the week:

"All things are difficult before they are easy."



### Prayer Intention for September

#### **For the care of water**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, our **Year 5** and **Year 2** pupils took centre stage in leading our Mass in church. The theme, '**Faith Hope and Love Abide but the Greatest is Love**', was beautifully reflected in their readings and altar serving. A huge well done to all our readers and altar servers, and our thanks to **Fr Leonard** for celebrating Mass with us. It was truly special to witness our pupils taking such an active role in our **Catholic life**.

We have had another super week academically. I am thrilled with how our **new starters** this term are settling in. Each child is finding their feet at their own pace, and it has been a **joy** to see them become part of our **school community**. The children also thoroughly enjoyed our **Road Dahl** day celebrations, and it was fantastic to see such a wonderful plethora of **characters** around the school!

We were delighted to welcome back our old friend **Professor McGinty** into school this week. He took the children on an incredible journey back to the **Viking** era, delivering a super workshop that brought their topic learning to life. The knowledge and enthusiasm the pupils gained was wonderful to see.

I am pleased to introduce a new member of our wider school team. **Jenny Ranson**, our **Family Worker**, is in school every **Thursday** and is here to support our families. Should you need assistance with finance, parenting courses, housing or any issue relating to family help and support, please do call the office. Jenny is also available for drop-in sessions, so do take advantage of this valuable resource.

**Attendance and punctuality** remain really important for all our stakeholders. I would like to remind parents and carers to ensure your child arrives on time to school every day. **Persistent lateness** has an enormous ripple effect on the children, our teaching and admin team, and our whole school timetable. We will be **tracking late arrivals** and may refer families to our **Family Worker** if patterns continue. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that many **secondary schools** are hosting their **open evenings** this month. We have forwarded all relevant information to parents to help signpost you to these events. If you are unsure about any details, please do check the secondary school websites for further information.

**A note for parents of our Year 6 pupils who will be making their Confirmation this term. The date for Confirmation is Wednesday 11th November at 7:00 pm.**

**Y7 Applications for September 2027** — as all Year 6 parents are aware the window has **opened** for you to apply for your child's Year 7 place for **September 2026**. The window for applications **closes on 31st October 2026**. Please ensure that you complete the form on time. We feed into St Edmund Campion and Cardinal Wiseman Schools. Our pupils automatically get a place at these schools. It is very important that you go on to the **Birmingham City Council Website** and read the information before submitting your application.

*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

**Y4 and Y1 Mass**  
**Wednesday 23rd**  
**September**  
**9.15 am in Church**

**Y6B & Y4M**  
**swimming**  
**Wednesday 23rd**  
**September**

**Packwood House**  
**Visit**  
**Y3W 23/9/26 and**  
**Y3M 24/9/26**

### 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          | R'ziyo                 | Mmasinachi               | Saoirse            |
| Reception        | Vinny & Alonaib        | Abiodun & Ruby           | Hanna & Aershay    |
| Year One         | Eden-Ivy & Yorsalem    | Isabella & Tajarai       | Ekaterina & Julian |
| Year Two         | Lu'zari & Thiago       | Zaviyar & Aleshay        | Khalil & Yulyana   |
| Year Three       | Joshua M & Glenn       | April & Maranata         | Yulyana & Emmanuel |
| Year Four        | Amara & Rafael         | Rosa & Zakariah          | George & Comfort   |
| Year Five        | Liam & Ruth            | Amy & Tara               | Paris & Nelson     |
| Year Six         | Salvador & Lillian     | Kandes & Ajax            | Esme & Martyna     |



**Tinofara, Rogue, Daniela,  
Emily and Adele O.**



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

*Solyana Z, Ruth, Romy, Kizito, Tisha, Renato, Abigail A, Emily, Emmanuel M, Ebube, Lu'zari, Kaian and Zikora.*



# Snippet of News

*Many thanks to Mrs Heslegrave for overseeing our Roald Dahl day.*

*A super event - all the fabulous characters on the day have whetted our appetite for reading.*

## 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 = 95%  
Y2 Attendance = 97%      Y3 Attendance = 99%  
Y4 Attendance = 96%      Y5 Attendance = 91%  
Y6 Attendance = 93%

Article of the Week



Article 2—  
Non discrimination



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

