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Thought for the week:

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."



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.



25th September 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, **Year 4** and **Year 1** led our **Mass** on the theme of '*He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God*'. It was truly special to witness the **reverence** and excellent participation from our **readers** and **altar servers**, and I must extend my thanks to all the children who sang so beautifully to make the Mass such an engaging and meaningful experience for our whole school community.

Our commitment to understanding different faiths and celebrations continued this week as we explored the feast of **Yom Kippur** through our SMVSC topics. This forms an important part of our pupils' learning journey as we celebrate the rich **diversity** of beliefs and traditions.

Our pupils have also been enjoying some wonderful outdoor learning experiences this half term. **Year 3** had a fantastic visit to **Packwood House** as part of their **Gardens** topic, where they were able to see an impressive array of different garden types including kitchen gardens, vegetable patches, wild gardens, orchards and tree-lined avenues. The visit brought their learning to life in such a tangible way.

I am delighted to share the wonderful experiences our **Year 6** pupils enjoyed this week during their **stewardship** day at the **Columbines Mission**. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si'**, the pupils engaged meaningfully with our Catholic values as they explored the grounds, solved collaborative puzzles, and created natural collages from items they collected. Through these hands-on activities, they developed a deeper appreciation for **God's creation** and reflected on their *spiritual responsibility* as stewards of our world. This visit comes at a significant time as our **Year 6** pupils prepare for their **Confirmation in November**. The day provided them with a tangible opportunity to live out the values that underpin this important sacrament—**responsibility, gratitude, and a commitment to their faith**.

The **Reception to Year 6 vaccines** that were scheduled to take place today have been **postponed** due to unforeseen circumstances. When the visit is rearranged, we will proceed with vaccinations unless we hear otherwise from you. ***If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, please contact the school office to let us know. Should we not hear from you, we will presume your child will be vaccinated when the team reschedules their visit.***

Please keep **Mrs Young, Miss Goodwin** and **Mrs Marks** in your thoughts and prayers. **Mrs Young** has left to commence her **maternity leave** as she prepares for the birth of her second child. **Miss Goodwin** (TA) has safely delivered a baby boy and **Mrs Marks** has undergone a small procedure on her foot and is hoping to be back to school by the end of next week.

Finally, I am very much looking forward to our **creative writing** week next week, which has been organised by **Mrs Heslegrave**, our English Lead. This is always such an exciting time in our school calendar, and I am sure we will have some wonderful examples of our pupils' work to share with you on **Blue Sky**.

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

Y6 and Y3 Mass
Wednesday 30th September
9.15 am in Church

Y6B & Y4M swimming
Wednesday 30th September

September Birthdays non-uniform
Wednesday 30th September

Y1 Trip to Transport Museum Thursday 1st October

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	Ronnie	Anthony	Scarlet
Reception	Yafet & Emilio	Dadiso & Anthony	Adele & Daneen
Year One	Lucas B & Amen	Paige & Ahzaleah	Rome & Lucas M
Year Two	Ebube & Abigail	Melahr & Emmanuel	Shekina & Maria
Year Three	Amelia Z & Bryan	Arad & Zuzanna G	Joshua & Jemima
Year Four	Yemariam & Eden B	Sophie & Annabel	Jesse & Violet-Rae
Year Five	Ethan & Jaime	Poppy & Grayson	Indya & Romy
Year Six	Kaian & Julian	Aarieya & Zikora	Emmanuel & Adele



**Amaya B, Aellabel, Mmasinachi,
Aria-Rose, Arsema, Amen.**



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

Juanita, Amara, Yemariam, Szymon, Violet-Rae, Mikael, Miracle, Amelia B, Eden Ba, Kaian and Zikora.



Snippet of News

We are delighted to be celebrating **Black History Month**. This is an important time for our school community to come together and celebrate the lives and achievements of many key and influential people in our history. Through this celebration, we aim to recognise the contributions, courage, and legacies of those who have shaped our world and continue to inspire us today.

It is a time for our pupils to learn, reflect, and appreciate the rich tapestry of human achievement and resilience.

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 94% Y1 Attendance = 93%
Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 100%
Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 90%
Y6 Attendance = 92%

Congratulations to Year 3W 100% attendance this week!

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]

