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Thought for the week:

'Go to Mary and sing her praises and you will be



Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry—Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated the Feast Day of **St Francis of Assisi**, which gave us a beautiful opportunity to reflect on how we can all be **stewards** of God's **creation**. Like St Francis, we have been thinking about our **responsibility** to look after the places, people and, importantly, the animals in our world. It has been lovely to see our pupils **engaging** so thoughtfully with this message and considering what they can do to make a difference.

I must express my sincere thanks to all the **parents** who joined us for our **Inspire Workshops** this week. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are delighted to work alongside you in supporting your child's learning. This term's theme focused on **Religious Education**, and we were treated to some truly beautiful pieces of work celebrating the theme of **Creation**. These workshops really do showcase the wonderful **partnership** between home and school, and we very much look forward to hosting many more in the coming academic year.

Our **Mass** this week, led by **Year 5 and Year 2**, was a real highlight. The theme, '**Lord teach us to pray**', resonated beautifully throughout the celebration, and it was wonderful to see so many of our parish community and parents joining us to **celebrate** together. I would like to extend particular thanks to our young **readers** and **altar servers**, whose contributions made the Mass truly special.

Year 5 has also had an exciting visit from **Professor McGinty**, who delivered a fascinating workshop on **The Battle of Britain**. The pupils were completely immersed in the **facts** and **stories** from his extensive **travelling** experience, and I am sure they have had plenty to share with you at home about what they have learned.

As a reminder, **parents' evening** is taking place next **Tuesday and Wednesday** after school in the main **hall**. We look forward to celebrating your child's progress with you. Do also take the opportunity to visit our **book fayre**, which will be available during parents' evening. We have a lovely selection of books and miscellaneous items for **purchase**. **Please note that there is no card machine, just QR codes or cash payments only are accepted.**

Finally, I would like to thank you for your generous **donations** of **toiletries**, which were collected by our **Parliament**. We have received a lovely communication from **The Sanctuary at St Chad's** expressing their sincere thanks for our **generosity**. It is heart-warming to see our school community supporting those in need.

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

Y3 and Y6 Mass
Wednesday 14th
October at 9.15 am in
Church

Y4M & Y6B
swimming
Wednesday 14th
October

No clubs will take
place week beginning
12th October 2026

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	Cora-Mae	Leo	Celeste
Reception	Imali & Joseph	Alba & Zirwa	Brooklyn & Anthony
Year One	Artur & Zina	Monté & Jason	Fajr & Addisson
Year Two	Nathaniel & Matthew	Joson & Mila	Bitanya & Dream
Year Three	Kruz & Szymon	Jessica & Tinofara	Excel & Zoya
Year Four	Moyosola & Arsema	Alexia & Szymon	Mmesoma & Haben
Year Five	Krystal & Geraldine	Aniyah & Adari	Alfie & Mary
Year Six	Derick & Darci-Rose	Eldana & Benedict	Hanna & Naomi



**Yulyana, Lionel, Brooklyn,
Yostina, Katalaya and
Oduware.**



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

Romy, Krystal, Ruth, Geraldine, Daniela, Ebube, Obryan, Sosuna, Lu'zari, Khalil, Dream, Michael and Daberechukwu.



Snippet of News

Well done to our Wellbeing Council for organising Rainbow Day today to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day.

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

Article of the Week



Article 5— Parental Guidance



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

