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Thought for the week:

'Mary, the handmaid of the Lord.'



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 16th October 2026

Dear Parents,

Today we have been celebrating our **Feast Day**, and what a joyful day it has been. Our pupils have taken part in activities surrounding the life and **mission** of our **Patron Saint**, a steadfast example of **faith** for us all. We are very lucky to have her as our **Saint**. To mark the occasion, we also enjoyed a **non-uniform day** and a **special treat**.

This evening, we celebrate the **Centenary Mass for the parish** in church at **7pm**. If you have time, please do feel free to come along and join us for this **special occasion**.

This week, **Year 4 and Year 1** led our Mass on the theme '**Woe to you Pharisees**'. It was a real privilege to see our pupils take such thoughtful ownership of the liturgy, and I am very proud of the care they showed in preparing and sharing it with the whole school community.

It was super to see so many of you join us for **Parents' Evening** this week. Thank you for your continued **partnership** in your child's learning. For any parents who were unable to attend, we will be arranging a drop-in session after **half term**.

Thank you also for supporting the **Book Fayre**. Your purchases will allow us to add new **books** to our super **library**, so thank you for that. It is great to see our children still so thirsty to read, and I am delighted that our **reading diet** is still alive and kicking!

I have attached a **parental questionnaire** and would be grateful if you could return it before the end of half term. I will share the findings with you after the holidays.

A reminder that our Family Worker, **Jenny Ranson**, is in school every **Thursday**. You will find a short profile about her on our **website** should you need any support with **finance**, **housing**, **parenting** or **any other concerns** you may be experiencing. **You are always welcome to drop in**.

I am delighted to share some happy news. **Miss Goodwin (TA)** and **Mrs Young (Teacher)** have both safely welcomed their babies. Miss Goodwin has had a baby **boy** and Mrs Young has had a baby **girl**. We wish them both the very best in their next chapter of motherhood, and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Next week is a busy one, with **Harvest Festival** taking place as well as a **pasta collection** on Monday for **St Chad's Sanctuary**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Finally, a reminder that school closes next **Friday 23rd October** at the usual time of **3.00pm** and reopens on **Monday 2nd November**. There are no **training days** during **Autumn 2**.

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

St Margaret Mary, Pray for us.

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 & Y3 Mass
Wednesday 21st
October
9.15 am in
Church
FINAL
Y6B & Y4M
swimming
Wednesday 21st
October

Gospel Virtues

loving, hopeful, curious, wise, grateful, discerning, compassionate, active, intentional, eloquent, generous, faith-filled, attentive, being
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	Oduware	Yuel	Destini-Davis
Reception	Penny & Krish	Aven & Aria	Ella & Molly
Year One	Freya & Julian	Hidayah & Zina	Delilah-Rose & Lucas M
Year Two	Eiven & Tommy-Jack	Johnny & Unique	Arahbella & Ayla-Jayne
Year Three	Liam & Joanna	Sam & Elodie	Efrata & Raei
Year Four	Sophie & David O	Garbriel & Rogue	Adam & Talia
Year Five	Yanet & Maksymilian	Edward & Olusegun	Holly & Siena
Year Six	Tyanah & Christelle	Jayanna & Logan	Amayah & Jacob



**Hidayah, Daniella, Liliana K, Jennifer,
Chidirim, Khalil, Grace E, Oma,
Ezekiel, Rafael A, Zuzanna G, Gabriel
and Arlo-Tadhg.**



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

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



Snippet of News

I would also like to celebrate the wonderful efforts of our school community. Last week, a fantastic **£100.00** was raised for **World Mental Health Day**. This is a great contribution, and many thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

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 = 96% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 92% Y5 Attendance = 98%
Y6 Attendance = 94%

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]

