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Thought for the week:

'Hail Mary, full of Grace.'



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 23rd October 2027

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I am delighted to share some of the many wonderful things that have happened at **St Margaret Mary's** this week.

This week we celebrated **Mass** with **Year 3 and 6** on the theme '**everyone to whom much was given of him much will be required.**' We also celebrated our **Harvest Festival**, with teachers and pupils leading the celebration beautifully. Thank you for your generous **offerings** for our display. These will be distributed to our local foodbanks next week.

Thank you to everyone who returned the **parent questionnaires**. There are some lovely comments, and I am grateful for the time you took to share your thoughts. Once I have collated all the information, I will share the parent view and pupil view with you in a few weeks' time.

Pupils have been completing their **RHE** (Relationships and Health Education) lessons this week. They have learnt about our evolving **journey** in life, including **gifts and talents** and what makes each of us **unique**, to name but a few of the topics covered.

It has been a joy to visit classrooms in all year groups and see the **child-led liturgies** that pupils have planned and held. The **confidence, reverence** and **experience** they have shown in overseeing these liturgies is a real credit to them. Following on from our pupil voice this term, pupils told us they would like **more opportunities** to lead liturgies, so we are going to organise two per half term in response.

This week we also linked with schools in our **Sursum Corda Cluster** to gather and say the **Rosary**. **KS2** pupils had the opportunity to pray and reflect on **Our Lady** and the mysteries alongside eight other schools. It was a fitting event to end our half term as we leave the month of October, and we dedicated our prayers to **ALL** mothers.

Our half termly **Class Newsletters** are attached to this letter so that classes can share with you the exciting events covered so far this academic year.

This is the last Home School Letter that will be presented in this style. We will be moving to a programme called **Microsoft Sway**. Instead of receiving an attachment via email, you will receive a link to our new weekly letter.

A reminder to parents of **Year 6** pupils that the deadline for **Year 7 applications** is **31st October**. Please ensure you have completed the relevant forms on the BCC website. Failure to do so will result in waiting until the end of the year to secure a place for September, which can be stressful for pupils and parents. **I would urge you not to miss this deadline.**

School closes today for **half term** and reopens on **Monday 2nd November** at the usual time. Please note there are no training days until January 2027.

Finally, a huge thank you to **Mrs Heslegrave**, our English Lead, for overseeing and organising our **Book Fayre**. Thanks to your purchases, we have received a book voucher for £264.00 to stock our reading **vending machine** and update books in our **Library**. **THANK YOU!**

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

Y1 and Y4 Mass
Wednesday 4th
November at
9.15am in
Church

Y6A & Y4T
swimming
Wednesday 4th
November

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	Yuel	Ezekiel	Raphael C
Reception	Nathan & Arlo	Luke & Ezekiel	Amiri & Yosyas
Year One	Ellis & Dawit	Chidirim & Eva	Abigail & Amelia
Year Two	Sophie & Hiyab	Decency & Natan	Daniela & Jennifer
Year Three	Grace Thandiwe & Rahel	Zuzanna K & Aronas	Katalaya & Aria-Rose
Year Four	Aaliyah & Eliana	Eden & Ava-Mae	Aria & Devon
Year Five	Amina & Wiktoria	Jacob & Mikhail	Jeremie & Ruth
Year Six	Kandes & Isla	Duha & Hanna K	Salvador & Grace E



Leo B, Adele, Maksymilian, Harper-Lily,
Eliana, Wynter N, Maya, Wynter L,
Ella-Louissette, Geraldine, Julian L and
Caoimhe.



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

Adesuwa, Naomi, Isla H, Sam, Eliana, Joshua I, Luella, Aria, Thandiwe, Kebron, Zikora and Kaian.



Snippet of News

Many thanks to all pupil stewards on our Parliament for collecting Pasta for St Chad's Sanctuary food bank this week.

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 = 97% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 94%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 92%
Y6 Attendance = 91%

Article of the Week



Article 7—Birth, registration, nationality and care.



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

