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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Happy New Year!.'**

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**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2023**



*For educators*  
 We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Friday 6th January 2023

**Prayer of the Week**  
**for season of**  
**Advent**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



**Diary Dates**

- All After school clubs commence on Monday 9th January.
- Y5C Swimming will commence on Wednesday 11th January.
- Y3/4 Mass in Church on Friday 13th January at 9.15 am
- January Birthdays non uniform day 26/1/23

**Learning Corner**



Think about the gifts that the Wise Men gave to Jesus. What gifts and talents would you like to improve on this year? Make a list.

Dear Parents,

**Happy New Year!**

I hope you all had a rested and peaceful festive period. On behalf of myself and all the staff thank you for your cards, good wishes and gifts that were sent into school at the end of last term. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in 2023 and I look forward to reporting them to you weekly as the year unfolds.

**Theatre Trip**

Many thanks to all the teams in Y4/5/6 who took the children to see *The Nativity* at the Birmingham REP this week. Our children had a fantastic visit and thoroughly enjoyed the show. It was especially exciting as one of our Y5 pupils was performing in the show, it was a delight to see one of our pupils following her vocation. All the children were a credit to school and I look forward to the Theatre visit next year.

**Y5/6 Mass**

Thank you to Mr Mulligan, Miss McCarron, Mrs Young, Mrs Coates and Miss Gibson for preparing the children for our first mass of term. Today we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany which symbolises and recognises the manifestation of God in Jesus, and of the risen Christ in our world. Many thanks to our parents and parishioners who joined us today.

**Gospel Virtues**

This half term we are focusing on the virtues of being **'eloquent and truthful'**. Eloquence must be used in a truthful way – to speak truth about ourselves and others, about relationships between our friends and neighbours, about the world, and about God.

**PSHE**

This week we began our school week focusing on **'goals and dreams'** for the future. A very fitting topic for the start of a brand new year. Thank you to Miss Winchurch for organising this day for us, it was lovely to listen to all their aspirations for the future.

**Curriculum Overviews**

The overviews for Topics have been sent out to parents today, this is to share with you what the pupils will be learning in the different subjects between now and Easter.

**PE Kits**

The days for PE remain the same. A reminder children may bring in footwear (pumps) for PE but must come to school in shoes. PE days; Tuesday Y1 and Y2, Wednesday Y5 and Y6, Thursday Y3 and Y4. Please remember we are a non jewellery school and earrings must not be worn in school.

**Forthcoming Events**

The Forthcoming events for the term up until Easter have been placed on the website for your information. We will be hosting phonics meetings for parents in EYFS/KS1, Inspire Workshops and Sacramental workshops for parents in Y3. A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March and Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am

**Please Pray for**

We remember Pope Benedict who has passed away. Please keep in your prayers the Bricknall and Hoskings family at this sad time. We also ask for your prayers for the sick and we especially think of the Meron family at this time.

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

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Masha	Noh	Elliot
Reception	Sophie & Ava-Mae	Jessica & George	Leo & David S
Year One	Indya & Louis	Krystal & Shay	Jotham & Adonias
Year Two	Darci-Rose & Vienna	Alicja & Eldana	Adam & Akiel
Year Three	Marcel & Aiden	Ariela & Ralphy	Matt & Harley
Year Four	Keon & Emily-Grace	Miller & Amelia	Leon & Anashe
Year Five	Jessica & Oscar	Grayson & Oluwasikemi	Tiana & Pius
Year Six	Chimamanda & Chisom	Melael & Esrom	Pru & Ayaan



**Nancy-Lou, Solyana, Kaian, Sahara,  
Oliver, John, Adil, Jessica,  
Shae A and Kasharn.**



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

*Rozalia, Meghan, Sesuna, Ebele, Amelia, Naomi, Solyana, Sophie, Natania, Valentina G, Chimamanda and Amarachukwu.*



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

**The School Parliament will be meeting next week to plan all the charity events and competitions to be undertaken this term. Watch this space for more information.**

### 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, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton 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 = 95%    Y1 Attendance = 93%  
Y2 Attendance = 93%    Y3 Attendance = 92%  
Y4 Attendance = 98%    Y5 Attendance = 95%  
Y6 Attendance = 92%

Article of the Week



Article 38—Protection from war



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

