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Thought for the week:
'Light tomorrow with today.'

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:

Monday— Y1 and Y6
 Tuesday— Y2 and Y5
 Thursday—Y3, Y4 & Y5

No Y5C Swimming on
Wednesday 18th
January.

Y1/2 Mass in Church
 on Friday 20th January
 at 9.15 am

January Birthdays
 non uniform day
 26/1/23

Learning Corner



Practise for the com-
 petition that is
 beginning in Key
 Stage Two. Will you
 be the champion?

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 13th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Y3/4 Mass

Thank you to Mr Barton, Miss McInerney, Miss Travers and Miss Parkes for preparing our mass today. Well done to the readers, servers and offertory pupils who assisted so well in mass today. It was lovely to see our parents and parishioners joins us also.

Y5/6 Key Stage Assembly

Mr Mulligan led our key stage assembly today along the theme of Baptism. This links to the gospel from last Sunday told to us about John baptising Jesus in the Jordan. The children took time to reflect back on their personal journey so far and to consider the vocation God is calling them to follow.

Reception Places September 2023

A reminder to all parents who require a school place for Reception Class 2023. You **must** complete the online Birmingham City Council Form by 15th January to access a place for September. Also, if you are applying for a Catholic School you must complete a supplementary form, collect one from the office if you have not already done so.

Height and Weight Nurse Visit

The Nurse Team are visiting school in February to carry out the height and weight measurements for all pupils in Reception and Year 6. A letter is coming home on Monday with all the information required. If you do NOT want your child to take part you must inform the school office.

Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents

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.

Y5 ECO Hub Visit

Thank you to Mr Mulligan for taking the ECO group out to Witton Lakes Centre this week. Some of our Y5 children are part of a group called the 'Global Project.' The pupils spend time working and meeting with children from other local schools. This week they created posters for the ECO centre and created birdfeeders to take home for their own use.

Times Tables Competition

This week we see the launch of our Times Table Rock Star competition. You can access TTRS on computers, laptops, Ipads and phones at home. The children in Y3-6 will get a prize for the best scores and Mr Mulligan has organised a competition to find an overall winner from Lower Key Stage Two (Y3/4) and Upper Key Stage Two (Y5/6). We will place the winners in the home school letter in a few weeks. Get rocking your times table KS2!

Punctuality

May I please urge parents to arrive at the school gates promptly. **Lesson begin at 8.45.** The gates open at 8.30 and close at 8.45. If children are arriving after 8.45 they are missing the beginning of their morning lesson and this can effect learning.

Flyer attached

Erdington District Children's Centre has asked us to share the attached with you for your information regarding activities that are on offer during the Spring Term.

Please Pray for

We ask you to keep our school and parish community in your prayers and we especially think of the Meron family at this time.

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

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Luella	Aria-Rose	Yulyana
Reception	Mmesome & Eliana	Linda & Tyquan	Eden C & Eden B
Year One	Amaya & Siena	Hannah & Maksymilian	Ethan & Michal
Year Two	Ajax & Esme	Nicai & Jaxon	Grace E & Alisha
Year Three	Zuzanna & Ellena	Jayden & Oliver	Zayan & Penelope-Pearl
Year Four	Patrick & Kacper G	Joshua & Damon	Siyena & Lukas
Year Five	Hope & Osei Amaniampong	Kyle & Mateusz	Eugenie & Amelia
Year Six	Tyra & Benita	Aayat & Lewis	Yat Kit & Logan



Mmesoma, Zakariah, Mervyn,

Jotham, Hanna Z

and R'miyo.

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

Aurelia, Gloryanne, Alan, Haniel, Anashe, Mary, Lamek, Mielahier, Chimamanda, Valentina G, Ugonna and Jordan.



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

The School Parliament met this week and have planned some excellent fundraising ideas for the term ahead.

Next Friday the Wellbeing Council will be collecting items for the foodbank.

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: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 98%
 Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 98%
 Y4 Attendance = 97% Y5 Attendance = 96%
 Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 7&8—Identity



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

