



Head Teacher: Mrs J Logue
Chair of Governors: Fr Simon Ellis
 St Margaret Mary School, Perry Common Road,
 Erdington, Birmingham B23 7AB
 Tel: 0121 464 6355



Email: enquiry @stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk
Website: www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk
Twitter: @StMargMaryRC

Thought for the week:

'Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further.'

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 20th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Y1/2 Mass

Many thanks to Miss Mochan and Miss Pritchard and the Y1 team for organising today's mass on the theme of St Fabian one of the great Popes of the early church. Well done to all our readers, servers and offertory pupils. It was great to see so many of our parents at mass today.

Y3/4 Key Stage Assembly

Thank you to Mr Barton for overseeing our Lower Key Stage Two assembly today. The assembly celebrated and investigated the gospel virtues of 'Eloquent and Truthful'. Pupils in school are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Parking and use of the school driveway

Please can I ask that parents **do not** drive up to the school office (including taxis) and block the gates. The access is for emergency vehicles only. The gates adjacent to the school entrance/car park belong to Fr Simon and his family. Daily Fr Simon could be called out to a hospital/hospice to give the last rites to a sick patient. **Please support us by parking off site and walking up the drive if you need to collect your children from the office at all times of the school day.**

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all the Reception and Year 1 parents who were able to join us for the phonic workshop. As we have explained we facilitate the phonic Scheme **Sound! Start Phonics**. Teachers will share with you weekly on Google Classroom and in their half termly newsletters what sounds have been covered. Also our new books will begin to go home in the next few weeks.

Y5 School Trip

Thank you to the Year 5 team for taking the pupils to the Botanical Gardens this week. The children visited as part of their 'Rainforest' topic and enjoyed learning about climates, plants and animals. This is a lovely topic and I look forward to seeing all the art work that the children will produce.

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. 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.

Parents Evening

The children will be bringing home a parents evening letter today. Please complete and return to your eldest child's teacher, ensuring all names are on one sheet. It is really important that all parents attend. Books will be available for you to peruse and as we reach the half way marker of this academic year in February, this is a valuable time to know from the teaching staff the strengths your children have in their learning and be advised of the developments they need to focus on. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office to organise an appointment.

Inspire Workshops

Mr Mulligan will be writing to all parents next week to invite you to an Inspire Workshop on the theme of Maths. The feedback we receive from you is very positive and we look forward to welcoming you into school in the forthcoming weeks.

School Crossing

Sadly Dave Dyke our Crossing Supervisor is currently not at school, we keep him and his family in our prayers at this sad time. Please ensure that your and your children use the Pedestrian Crossing whenever the Lollipop man is absent.

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

Prayer of the Week

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

Y5C Swimming on Wednesday 25th January

Y3/4 Mass in Church on Friday 27th January at 9.15 am

January Birthdays non uniform day 26/1/23

Learning Corner



In our first leg of competition the results for the next round are:

Y6Y vs Y5C
Y4B vs Y3P
Y2P vs Y1J

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Omalichachukwu	Ava	Quba
Reception	Jessica & Arsema	Eden & Szymon	Patrick & Devon
Year One	Rieon & Louis	Solyana & Adari	Alfie & Michal
Year Two	Zikora & Toby	Luca & Tymon	Rosie & Kaian
Year Three	Helen & Elyon	Renae & George	Ariela & Lamek
Year Four	Joel & Mary	Blossom-Anne & Leo	Kacper O & Denis
Year Five	Adel & Ocean	Grace M & Oluwatimileyin	Rico & Daniel
Year Six	Jonathan & Nieshawn	Ryan & Shalom	Victory & Oliwia



**Patrick I, Emerson, Rosa,
Yanet, Edward,
Sinon & Nathan M.**



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

Grace H, Isla, Lillian, Tienna, Mia, Sinon, Tymon, Tyanah, Aniyah, Grayson D Chimamanda, Ugonna and Jordan.



Snippets of News from our School Parliament

Thank you to the Wellbeing Council for organising our Foodbank Collection today. Our Parish Centre is very grateful for the support you give them regularly.

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 93%
 Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 97%
 Y4 Attendance = 96% Y5 Attendance = 94%
 Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 13 Freedom of Expression



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

