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**Thought for the week:**

‘I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him”.’

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2025**



**For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



The Catholic Jubilee Year of 2025, titled "Pilgrims of Hope", is a year of prayer, pilgrimage and reflection. The theme is an invitation to share the Christian faith and to rekindle hope in a world that is suffering.

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents

**After School Clubs**

All clubs resumed again this week. A reminder that if your child attends a PE after school club they must wear their kits on that day too. Please do not send children in to school in trainers. We only allow children to wear trainers during the PE session. We will continue to contact parents from next week if children forget to bring in their school shoes. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Family Worker**

Nagina Tasawar is employed by us through Fr Hudson's Charity. Nagina is available in school every Thursday. Should you have any queries or needs please feel free to 'drop in'. Further information about how Nagina can support our families is attached on a separate flyer for your information.

**Library Visits**

Thank you to Mrs Donnelly, our Library Lead, for organising and overseeing the Golden Ticket scheme. As part of widening our Reading Diet in school we invite families, with a golden ticket, to visit the library before school every Wednesday morning. It is great to see such a positive turn out.

**Young Voices 2025**

It was a pleasure and a privilege to attend the *Young Voices* event at the Birmingham NEC with our Y6 Choir. The pupils, Mr Barton, Mrs Rowley and myself had a wonderful evening. Thank you to the parents who able to come and support us on the night. The Choir were exceptional and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the world's largest organised choir event.

**Parents Evening Consultations**

We look forward to meeting with all our parents for our Spring Term consultations on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February these take place after the half term holidays. A reminder that school is closed on Monday 24th February for a staff training day.

**Year of the Jubilee**

The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "*Pilgrims of Hope*," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As you are aware we are celebrating and supporting in this pilgrimage with the Church. In school we are saying a special prayer on a Friday at the end of the day to mark this special year. I have attached the prayer for you, feel free to share it at home with your children.

**Attendance**

Last term our attendance was very good. Thank you to all the families who get here every day and on time. As you know every minute counts and when our children are late they miss vital elements of learning and this can be unsettling for them. A reminder that gates open from 8.30—8.45 am.

*Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.*

*Mrs J Logue*

**Diary Dates**

Year 5 Swimming  
 Wednesday 29th  
 January

School mass for Y1/2 on  
 24th January at 9.15

Inspire Workshops in  
 School week  
 commencing  
 20th January

Y6 Trip Cadbury World  
 Tuesday 21st January &  
 Y5 Botanical Garden trip  
 Wednesday 22nd January

**Gospel Virtues**



**Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **Generous** with their gifts, becoming good citizens living together.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the Week	Reading Star of the Week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Essey	Amelia	Andre
Reception	Ayla-Jayne & Sosuna	Unique & Lu'zari	Elijah & Daniela
Year One	Noh & Grace Thandiwe	Zoya & Liam	Wynter & Excel
Year Two	Molly-Ava & Violet-Rae	Aaliyah & Amara	Gabriel & Juanita
Year Three	Amaya & Wiktorja	Hannah & Israel	Jotham & Daberechukwu
Year Four	Laura & Rosie	Aarieya & Oscar	Grace M & Grace E
Year Five	Mielahier & Joel	Kamsiyochukw & Marcel	Ellena & Helen
Year Six	Kidus, Neeve & Amarachukwu	Miller, Blossom & Leo	David C, Reese & Grace



**Mervyn, Emerson, Neriah, Nathan M,  
Efrata T, Rosa, Yanet and Simon.**



## Snippet of News

**The Parliament have met this week and planned lots of super activities for the term ahead. Watch this space!**

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

Article of the Week



Article 5—Life, survival and development



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

