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**Thought for the week:**

“Teach me Lord.”

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



**For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents

As we journey through the season of **Lent**, our school continues to flourish with a wealth of activities and achievements. Today marked a significant milestone for our **Reception** pupils as they joined KS1 for their first **mass**. Their reverence and comportment were truly exemplary, setting a wonderful precedent for future liturgies. This experience aligns beautifully with our Lenten theme, encouraging us all to **reflect, pray, and offer** ourselves more fully to Jesus in our words and actions.

Our **Year 5** pupils recently represented us admirably at a **writing competition** hosted by St Bernadette's School. This event perfectly embodies our approach to **literacy**, where we encourage our pupils to **'read like a writer and write like a reader'**. It's heartening to see our young wordsmiths putting their skills to the test and growing in confidence.

**Music** has been filling our halls this week, thanks to the efforts of Mr Barton, our dedicated Music Lead. The **Brass Concerts for Years 4, 5, and 6** were a resounding success, showcasing the **musical talents** nurtured within our school. Our **Choir** also delighted parents with their Easter Concert, bringing the joy of the season to life through song.

As we look ahead to the summer term, please note that all **clubs** have concluded today and will recommence in the week beginning **5th May**. Keep an eye out for letters detailing any changes to clubs or schedules.

With warmer days on the horizon, **summer uniforms** will be permitted after the Easter break. Boys may wear grey shorts with red collared t-shirts, while girls have the option of red checked dresses. If you have any questions about uniform requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Please keep our **Year 3** pupils in your prayers this week as they prepare to make their First **Reconciliation** in Church on **Monday at 1.00 pm**. Thank you to Mrs Marks and the Year 3 team for preparing them so well.

As we prepare for the Easter break, let us carry forward the lessons of Lent, continuing to grow in faith, knowledge, and compassion. We have a wonderful **Holy Week** planned next week.

Please see our website for details of the **Prayer Services** and **competitions** planned for next week; Cross Competition, Bonnets, Decorated Eggs and Easter Egg Raffle.

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



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.

**Diary Dates**

- Y6 Prayer Service for parents in hall 9.00am  
Monday 7th April
- Y1/2 Prayer Service for parents in hall 9.00am  
Tuesday 8th April
- Y4/5 Prayer Service for parents in hall 9.00am  
Wednesday 9th April
- Y6G/Y6S Swimming  
Wednesday 9th April
- EYFS Prayer Service for parents in hall 9.00am  
Thursday 10th April
- No School mass Friday on  
Friday 11th April

**Gospel Virtues**



**Attentive**—to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

**Discerning**—when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Artur	Lucas B	Tajarai
Reception	Emmanuel & Danait	Emily & Shekina	Leo & Tommy R
Year One	Aria & Joshua K	Joshua M & Zuzanna K	Wynter & Sam
Year Two	Joshua & Runako	Halle & Arsema	Miracle & Annabel
Year Three	Efosa & Mary	Poppy & Ruth	Paris & Joshua
Year Four	Elilta & Logan	Grace M & Martyna	Amayah & Nicaï
Year Five	Jasmine & Ariela	Ralphy & Eshoe	Rita & Divine
Year Six	Miller, Nardo & Kacper	Nhyira, Rosie & Amarachukwu	Aaron, Mason & Damon



**Ta'Jae, Zikora  
and Samyar.**



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

***Mmesoma, Talia,  
Leo B, Violet- Rae,  
Mila, Tommy R  
Amarachukwu and  
Mary.***



## Snippet of News

**Thank you to our ECO council for organising today's Foodbank Collection. Your efforts in supporting the Sanctuary in Birmingham are truly commendable and reflect the caring community-minded spirit we aim to foster at St Margaret Mary's.**

### 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: 95%**

#### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 93%      Y1 Attendance = 99%  
 Y2 Attendance = 94%      Y3 Attendance = 96%  
 Y4 Attendance = 92%      Y5 Attendance = 95%  
 Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 40 - Juvenile Justice



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

