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Thought for the week:

"We Live in Hope"



Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our **Lower Key Stage Two** team for organising our final mass of this liturgical year before we commence the season of Advent. It was lovely to see so many parents, friends, and parishioners supporting us today. I would like to remind everyone that we are having our **Family Mass** this **Sunday** at **9.30am** at **St Margaret Mary Church** - all year groups and families are welcome.

Mrs Attwood organised some excellent workshops this week for our **Year 6** pupils discussing how to deal with anxiety in our daily lives. Our pupils found this very helpful and useful, and we look forward to more workshops in the future from **Compass**.

Swimming progress has been impressive this term. **Y6B** and **Y4S** had their final swim session on Wednesday, with **Mr Barton** arranging for awards to be sent home in the next week or so. **Y6G** and **Y4S** will commence **swimming** from next week.

Mr Barton oversaw our **Rights Respecting Assembly** this week, with a theme beautifully intertwined with the special **feast of Christ the King**, which was truly inspiring.

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy week! They enjoyed their trip to the **Birmingham Courts** as part of their previous topic on **Government and Monarchy**, where they carried out a mock trial. Additionally, the **Confirmandi** were **Confirmed** by **Bishop David** on **Wednesday** evening and did us very proud with their reverence and conduct as they became adults in the church. Thank you to **Miss Gibson** and **Mr Barton** for preparing them so well - this was a special memory for our school and families.

On **Monday**, **Mr Mulligan** will be launching the **TTRS (Times Tables Rockstars)** competition for **Years 3-6**. Posters have been placed strategically around the school to build anticipation. The qualifiers will start on **1st December** and run until Friday, with each year group competing against each other and the victors advancing to the finals the following week. Good luck to all who partake!

Nursery and **Reception** newsletters are coming home today with the school letter to keep parents informed of all the wonderful learning that has taken place this term. Thank you to **Mrs Marks** and all the dedicated team that make our **Early Years Foundation Stage** so fun and enlivened.

I would like to report and thank parents for their support with punctuality this week. We had **138 pupils late to school this week** an improvement of **30** pupils. Please continue to work on being on time. **Thank you to those families that are on time every day.**

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

Y4S and Y6G
commence swimming
Wednesday 3rd
December

Y3 & Y6 Mass in
Church
Friday 5th December
9.15 am

Y3/4 Panto Trip
Tuesday 2nd
December

Gospel Virtues



Learned: Acquiring

knowledge through sources like the Bible, teachers, and personal reflection.

Wise: Knowing how to apply that knowledge to live a life in line with God's teachings and putting it into practice.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Jack	Nathan	Ruby
Reception	Daniella & Essey	Zina & Hallie	Shaylea-Rae & Hidayah
Year One	Ebube & Renato	Joson & Emmanuel	Shekina & Aleshay
Year Two	Wynter & Donnie	Henok & Ava	April & Zuzanna K
Year Three	Gabriel & Arsema	Aaliyah & Devon	Jessica & David S
Year Four	Wiktorja & Ethan	Even & Jotham	Jaime & Krystal
Year Five	Grace E & Mya	Naomi & Emmanuel N	Adesuwa & Elilta
Year Six	Roman & Fabian	Evelyn & Jasmine	Helen & Sklyer



Freya, Lucas M.

Hallie and Danaï.



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

Romy, Efosa, Krystal, Geraldine, Ruth, Mary, Maksymilan, Tommy R, Lola, Rita and Kamsiyochukw.



Snippet of News

A reminder that our Mini Vinnies will be collecting items such as biscuits, hats, gloves and scarves on Monday. Thank you for your support!

We also celebrated Blue Day, which was a great success, and we have raised **£114.00**

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: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 88% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 91% Y5 Attendance = 94%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 12— Respect for the views of the child



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

