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Thought for the week:

“Maranatha, Come Lord!”



Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to **Mr Barton** and our **Year 6 and 3** teams for leading our **mass** today on the theme of **Advent**. This is a magical time of year, and we entered this week with **Hope**, focusing on the **'prophecy candle'** and learning from **prophets** like **Isaiah** who foretold the coming of the **Messiah**. It was super to see our friends, parishioners, and parents supporting our children today. The **Confirmandi** received their **Confirmation Certificates** at **mass** and also had the opportunity to receive **Confession**. Thank you to **Fr Simon Ellis** for all his support.

I want to express my heartfelt **gratitude** for your generous **donations** of hats, gloves, and biscuits this week. Our **Mini Vinnies** worked with **Mrs Ellis** from the **SVP** to create gift bags for families in need this winter. Your donations truly make a difference in our community.

Our beautiful **Christmas tree** has arrived, and we're looking forward to enjoying the build-up to the **festive season** with our pupils and staff. You'll find a **letter** attached with all the events, dates, and times for the remaining two weeks of term.

Mr Mulligan is delighted with the **times table** competition happening in school this week. Please continue to encourage your children to visit **TTRS** (Times Tables Rock Stars).

A big thank you again to **Mr Mulligan**, our **Lower Key Stage 2 Lead**, for organising the **theatre** trip for **Years 3 & 4**. The children visited the **Old Rep** and watched **'Cinderella'**, and a great time was had by all. **Year 3** also visited the **Thinktank** this week as part of their **'Journey to the Iron Age'** topic - thank you to the **Year 3** team for overseeing this trip.

Our favourite time traveller, **Prof McGinty**, visited **Year 6** this week, taking them back to **Egyptian times**. The children learned lots of amazing facts during this exciting experience.

Just a reminder that all **after-school** clubs have finished for this term. Clubs will resume in the new year (2026), and we'll write to parents to inform you of the new clubs available in **January**.

I would like to report and thank parents again for their support with **punctuality** this week. We had **115 pupils late to school this week** an improvement of **53** 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 swimming
Wednesday 10th December

Y2 & Y5 Mass in Church
Friday 12th December
9.15 am

Raffle tickets on sale from Monday for our Christmas raffle 50p

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	Yafet	Ariella	Dadiso
Reception	Addisson & Noah	Oluwayanmife & Isabella	Eva & Hallie
Year One	Johnny & Abigail	Chester & Elijah	Arahbella & Jennifer
Year Two	Zuzanna G & Katalaya	Szymon & Eliana	Rahel & Amelia F
Year Three	Moyosola & Tyquan	Alexia & Runako	Yemarian & Robert
Year Four	Shay & Indya	Adari & Efosa	Siena & Amaya
Year Five	Daniel & Mya	Adesuwa & Elilta	Maisie & Amayah
Year Six	Ariela & Penelope-Pearl	Jenson & Elyon	Kyrian & Great



**Shékina, Juanita,
Andre and Abigal Y.**



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

Jenson, Isabella, Roman, Noris, Amara, Eden B, Tailia, Cassius, Mmesoma, Rita and Olivia.



Snippet of News

We raised £69.00 this week for our Poly Tunnel fund. Thank you to Miss Gibson and the ECO council for organising our non uniform day.

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 = 94% Y1 Attendance = 97%
Y2 Attendance = 97% Y3 Attendance = 94%
Y4 Attendance = 90% Y5 Attendance = 91%
Y6 Attendance = 94%

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]

