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Thought for the week:

“Open wide your door to the One who comes”



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.

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had at St Margaret Mary RC School! Our pupils have been busy celebrating the spirit of **Advent** and sharing their talents with our school community.

Y2/5 led a beautiful liturgy at **Mass** today, focusing on the second week of **Advent**. They lit the purple "**Bethlehem Candle**," which symbolises peace and reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey. The readings highlighted John the Baptist's call to repentance and the prophecies of justice and peace. A heartfelt thank you to the team for preparing the children so wonderfully.

Our **Reception** children delighted everyone with their performance of "**The Wiggly Nativity**." **Mrs Marks** and the **EYFS Team** did a remarkable job preparing the children, and it was heart warming to see so many parents and families attend and enjoy the show.

The children have also been exploring their creativity this week. **Reception** enjoyed a special visit from **Cafe Ceramica**, creating **Christmas crafts** that will serve as precious keepsakes of their first year in school. **Year 5** have also brought home their impressive **Shang Dynasty tiles** - they are splendid! Well done to our talented **Year 5** pupils.

Reception had an exciting outing to the **MAC** theatre this week, where they thoroughly enjoyed **The Owl who Came for Christmas**. Thank you to all the adults who supported the children on this special day out.

Our **Year 2** pupils also shone brightly with their **Nativity performance**. It was delightful to see everyone dressed up and playing a part in this special event. The **Year 2** team should be proud of how well the children prepared and performed.

Lastly, **Mrs Vinti** led our **Choir** in a short concert showcasing their term's work. Our **Year 5 and 6 pupils** delivered a lovely performance that was a joy to witness.

I would like to report and thank parents again for their support with **punctuality** this week. We had **97 pupils late to school this week**, an improvement of **18** 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
7th January 2026

Y1/4 Mass in Church
Friday 19th December
9.15 am

Raffle tickets on sale for our Christmas raffle 50p a ticket.

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	Daneen	Tymon	Krish
Reception	Esme & Artur	Ahzaleah & Hallie	Ziora & Logan
Year One	Zaviyar & Harper-Lily	Nathaniel & Mila	Danait & Khalil
Year Two	Luella & Kruz	Tinofara & Lewis	Raei & Arad
Year Three	Eva & David O	Eden C & Eden B	Amelia & Eliana
Year Four	Grayson & Orla	Marnie & Michael	Mary & Solyana
Year Five	Bobby & Grace M	Ajax & Skyla	Darci-Rose & Emmanuel M
Year Six	Enoch & Rita	Marcel & Munashe	Zuzanna & Chizaram



**Ariella, Violet-Rae and
Amina.**



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

Elilta, Lillian, Grace M, Mya, Zuzanna K, Joanna, Eliana, Maranata, Lena, Aronas, Jessica, Wynter, Kaian and Zikora.



Snippet of News

A special thank you from our Mini Vinnies who assisted the SVP in the parish to pack bags for families in our local area. Thank you for all your generous donations.

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 = 96% Y1 Attendance = 96%
Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 96%
Y4 Attendance = 91% Y5 Attendance = 91%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 14— Freedom of thought, belief and religion.



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

