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Thought for the week:

"Hope, Joy, Love and Peace"



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.



19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, an important notice regarding our parish mass. As you are aware, Fr Simon is now overseeing the three parishes of Maryvale, Christ the King and St Margaret Mary. Therefore, our school and parish mass will take place on Wednesday mornings from January 2026 at 9.15 am. **Thank you to Y4 and Y1 for celebrating our final mass of the year today.**

A big thank you to **Mr Mulligan** for organising our **Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) competition** this term. The noble winners are as follows: **Reception M, 2L, 3Mc** and **6G**. Congratulations to those classes and to everyone who took part.

This week has been exceptionally lovely. We have enjoyed **Carol Concerts** from **Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6**. Thank you to the **pupils** and **teachers** for making them so special and heart-warming, and also to all our **parents** who came to support them.

We also saw **Y4** perform their excellent **Nativity Play**, which was wonderful! Thank you to **Mr Mulligan** and the **Y4** team for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Reception took home their **Cafe Ceramica creations** today - well done! We also thank **Fr Simon** for coming into school to bless our **Bambellinis**. This is a super tradition established by **Pope John Paul II** who invited children to make a baby Jesus to be blessed during the third week of Advent.

We had a very important online visit from **Father Christmas** this week for all the children in **Nursery** to **Y2**, and I am pleased to report that I told him, our children in St Margaret Mary School were very well-behaved. He was delighted to hear this and sent a little gift to our younger pupils. He also kindly wrote a **letter** to **Reception, Y1 and Y2** which will be coming home with the children today.

As part of our **Christmas celebration**, we enjoyed lunch on **Thursday**, resplendent in our **crowns and sparkly jumpers**. The children in all classes also enjoyed making some **Christmas crafts** this week along with their **Christmas cards**.

Class newsletters and **end of term reports** come home today.

Thank you to all the **Governors, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Office & Site Team** and **Lunchtime Supervisors** for all they do to keep our children happy, safe and well.

Finally, a very special thank you to our pupils and to all our lovely families. May you have a very happy and Holy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 7th January 2026.

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

Y3/6 Mass in Church
Wednesday
7th January 9.15 am

Brass lessons
commence on Friday
9th January please send in instruments
Y4/5/6

Gospel Virtues

attentive, learned, wise, eloquent, discerning, compassionate, active, joyful, curious, grateful, discerning, active

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	Luke	Offranel-Yasmin	Brooklyn
Reception	Lucas M & Paige	Avital & Isabella B	Isabella C & Taimoor
Year One	Obryan & Tommy-Jack	Melaher & Leo	Lu'zari & Jennifer
Year Two	Zoya & Charlie	Elodie & Oma	Lena & Amelia Z
Year Three	Linda & Talia	Ahmad & Emerson	Gabriel & Rosa
Year Four	Romy & Krystal	David A & Tienna	David S & Poppy
Year Five	Benedict & Esme	Adam & Eldana	Logan & Jaxon
Year Six	Paris & Kamsiyochukw	Joel & George	Leah-Maria & Frida



Tienna, Diya, Kebron,
Mikael, GiGi, Charlie,
Essa and Derick.



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

Romy, Efosa, Daberechukwu, Geraldine, Ruth, Mary, Maksymilian, Tommy, Lola, Rita and Kamsiyochukw.



Snippet of News

What a wonderful Christmas week we have shared and celebrated in school. Please look on our website at the Blue Sky page and see all the lovely events shared there.

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 = 93%

Y1 Attendance = 98%

Y2 Attendance = 95%

Y3 Attendance = 98%

Y4 Attendance = 95%

Y5 Attendance = 86%

Y6 Attendance = 93%



Article of the Week

Article 15—Freedom of association.



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

