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Thought for the week:

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”



For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

9th January 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new academic term and **Happy New Year**. Many thanks to all our parents, pupils and families who sent us good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts at Christmas. On behalf of the staff, thank you for your generosity. We hope you all had a lovely festive season with your loved ones.

Some important updates to share with our school community: **Fr Simon** has now taken responsibility for three parishes within one cluster - **St Margaret Mary, Christ the King and Maryvale parishes**. He has also stepped down as our **Chair of Governor**, and we warmly welcome our new Chair, **Mr Connaughton**.

As previously communicated, **masses** have now moved from **Friday to Wednesday**. I encourage all families to check the school website for all forthcoming events that will take us up to Easter.

This week, we began with our **PSHE** focus on **'Dreams and Goals'**, which explored some crucial **life skills**. Our pupils delved into topics such as overcoming obstacles, growing perseverance, setting personal goals, working collaboratively, understanding budgeting, developing resilience, exploring potential careers, and recognising personal accomplishments. A special thank you to **Mrs Barker** for overseeing this enriching day.

Our pupils also celebrated the **Epiphany** in class through a meaningful prayer service. Throughout school we display **20 + C + M + B 26** to represent the year and the initials of the **Three Kings**. The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ **'entering the house'**. This is a lovely tradition that shows every door we enter or leave is marked by this very special feast.

We've had some wonderful experiences this week. Our **Year 5 and 6** pupils enjoyed a trip to the **REP**, watching **'Sherlock Holmes and The Twelve Days of Christmas'** while our **Key Stage 1** pupils were treated to a delightful **pantomime** in school. They thoroughly enjoyed **Dick Whittington**. It's been a super way to start the year.

A reminder that the deadline for Reception applications for September 2026 is this month. If you have a child that is 4 years old on or after the 1st September you must apply for a school place in Reception to Birmingham City Council. The deadline for this application is January 15th. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the office who can signpost you to the relevant web page.

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 & Y6G
swimming
Wednesday 14th
January 2026

Y2 & Y5 Mass in
Church
Wednesday 14th
January
9.15 am

All clubs resume from
Monday 12th January
- letters have been
sent out.

Gospel Virtues



Curious about
everything;
and **Active** in
their engagement
with the world,
changing what
they can for the
better.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Adele	Penny	Ziyaan
Reception	Joshua & Yostina	Dawit & Hidayah	Addisson & Lucas
Year One	Danait & Thiago	Daniela & Abigail	Decency & Lola
Year Two	Bryan & Diya	Wynter & Excel	Yulyanna & Isla
Year Three	Nancy-Lou & Amara	Aria & Haben	Zakariah & Abdulhaleem
Year Four	Natalia & Samyar	Siena & Liam	Gurnoor & Jeremie
Year Five	Adam & Elilta	Hanna Z & Hanna N	Benedict & Kurt
Year Six	Esohe & Lily-Mae	Muky & Aiden	Cajhamaye & Victoria



**Kaia, Solyanna Z, Sahara, Benedict,
Hanna Z, Emmanuel M, Jotham,
Mmesoma and Zakariah.**



Snippet of News

Mr Barton is meeting with our Parliament in the next week to organise and arrange the events for this term. Watch this space!

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: 93%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 93%
Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 89% Y5 Attendance = 93%
Y6 Attendance = 90%

Article of the Week



Article 42—Knowledge of rights



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

