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Thought for the week:
'Lest we Forget.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for November 2023



For the Pope
 We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents
Y1/2 Mass

Thank you to the team in Y1 and Y2 for preparing our lovely mass today on the theme of *Christ the King*. Christ the King is a feast day that celebrates Jesus's kingship over the entire universe. It occurs on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, right before Advent. Well done to everyone for such a lovely mass and also thanks to our parents and friends who joined us this morning.

Y5 Shang Dynasty Workshops

Our Y5 pupils really enjoyed their workshop learning about the story of the Shang Dynasty. Many of us will have seen the famous Willow patterned plates and cups that detail the famous story that depicts how Koong-se, the beautiful daughter of a wealthy Mandarin, fell in love with Chang, his low-born assistant. When the Mandarin found out he banished Chang and built a great fence around his property to keep his daughter in and Chang out. This is a really creative topic that the children unpick and allows them to study an Ancient Dynasty and compare and contrast how life is different and similar today.

School Library

It was superb to meet and greet more families this week who received their golden ticket to attend our library before school. Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave for all the hard work you do in school to offer everyone such a varied and wide *reading diet*.

Y1 Cannock Toy Museum

Y1 had a super visit to the Cannock Museum as part of their Toys topic. They experienced a real variety of old and new toys and games. Many thanks to all the Y1 team for organising the trip. I am sure you will find plenty of pictures on our Twitter feed.

Y5 Class Assembly

Many thanks to Mr Barton, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Coates for preparing our Y5 pupils for their class assembly today. The pupils gave us a real window into all the learning they have undertaken so far this year. Well done to everyone for sharing all the exciting facts, knowledge and skills you have gained so far this year. Great to see so many parents joining us today.

Y6 Confirmation

Next Tuesday our Y6 pupils will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop David will be joining us in school on Tuesday afternoon to meet all the candidates. We look forward to welcoming our families to celebrate with us on this special occasion. Please ensure that you have informed us of the name of your child's sponsor and their chosen Saint name. We need this information no later than Monday 27th November.

Punctuality

Please can I ask that pupils arrive on time and enter through the playground gates. It is unsettling for staff and pupils when children arrive late. This also has an impact on the office staff and their morning duties.

The gates are open promptly at 8.30 and close at 8.45.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.
 Mrs J Logue

Gospel Virtues
Autumn 2 Term

Attentive and Discerning

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Diary Dates

Y5/6 Mass Friday 1 December

Y6Y Swimming Wednesday 29th November

Y5 Confessions in church after mass on Friday 1st December.

Family Mass on Sunday 3rd December led by Y3 and Y6 9.30 am in church

Prayer of the Month

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Filip	Aloysius	Emmanuel
Reception	Hazel & Amelia	Kian & Sam	Zoya & Ava
Year One	Mikael & Tyquan	Nancy-Lou & Rogue	Yemariam & Maja
Year Two	Michael & Marnie	Indya & Ruth	Alfie & Maksymilian
Year Three	Brae & Skyla	Logan & Sinon	Martyna & Akiel
Year Four	Frida & Jayden	Eyual & Sahara	Elyon & Raeena
Year Five	Samuel & Keon	Lukas & David C	Mary & Antony
Year Six	David & Adel	Amelia & Jamel	Katrina & Arsema



**Maja, Amayah, Thomas,
Laura, Solyana, Beulah.**



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

*Solyana, Jotham,
Marnie, Israel, Wiktorja,
Nelson, Mercyel,
Jeremie, Juanita, Nancy,
Amara & Pius.*



Snippets of news about
our School Parliament

**Blue Day will be held on November 30th
Non-uniform day please send in £1.00.**

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, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton 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 29 - A Right to an Education](#).

Our overall attendance: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 99% Y1 Attendance = 92%
Y2 Attendance = 93% Y3 Attendance = 93%
Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 93%

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]

