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Thought for the week:
'Happy New Year!.'

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2024



For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church
 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a rested and peaceful festive period. On behalf of myself and all the staff thank you for your cards, good wishes and gifts that were sent into school at the end of last term. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in 2024 and I look forward to reporting them to you weekly as the year unfolds.

PSHE

This week we began our school week focusing on 'goals and dreams' for the future. A very fitting topic for the start of a brand new year. Thank you to Miss Winchurch for organising this day for us, the pupils enjoyed sharing their future goals and listening to ideas about each others futures.

Theatre Trip

Many thanks to all the teams in Y3/4/5/6 who took the children to see **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** at the New REP this week. Our children had a fantastic visit and thoroughly enjoyed the show. It is a wonderful tradition that we hold visiting the theatre annually, thank you for your support. The children had an excellent day out.

Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to Mr Mulligan, Mr Barton, Mrs Coates and Miss Gibson for preparing the children for our first mass of term. Today we celebrated the **Baptism of the Lord** which symbolises and recognises the manifestation of God in Jesus, and of the risen Christ in our world. Many thanks to our parents and parishioners who joined us today.

Curriculum Overviews

The overviews for Topics have been sent out to parents this week and can be found on the website also, this is to share with you what the pupils will be learning in the different subjects between now and Easter. We recommend as part our reading diet that children read at home every day, visit their library or research some aspects of the topic they are studying to keep up their reading skills.

PE Kits

The days for PE have altered for some children. The office have notified parents of changes. A reminder, children may bring in footwear (pumps) for PE but must come to school in shoes. PE days; EYFS and Y2 on Monday, Y1 and Y3 on Tuesdays, Y4 on Wednesday, Y5 and Y6 on Thursday.

Please remember we are a non jewellery school, earrings, bracelets and necklaces must not be worn in school.

Forthcoming Events

The Forthcoming events for the term up until Easter will be placed on the website for your information. We will be hosting phonics meetings for parents, sharing Inspire Workshops and Sacramental workshops dates for parents in Y3.

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

Prayer of the Week
for season of
Advent

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen



Diary Dates

All After school clubs commence on Monday 15th January.

Y4P Swimming
 Wednesday 17th
 January.

Y3/4 Mass in Church
 on Friday 19th January
 at 9.15 am

January Birthdays
 non uniform day
 26/1/24

Gospel Virtues



Compassionate:

We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving:

We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.

Assembly	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Bitanya	Harper-Lily	Essa
Reception	Jemima & Amelia	Lena & Charlie	Brooke & Kruz
Year One	Gabriel & Rogue	Jessica & Amara	Joshua & David O
Year Two	Orla & Ruth	Jeremie & David	Solyana & Adari
Year Three	Zikora & Derick	Isla & Hanna	Nicai & Kaian
Year Four	Penelope-Pearl & Zayan	Victoria & Jenson	Lamek & Raena
Year Five	Aurelia & Blossom-Anne	Nathan & John	Lamech & Miller
Year Six	Isabelle & Jayden	Simon & Kaitlyn	Ava-Grace & Tiana



**Emmanuel M, Mmesoma, Zakariah,
Mervyn, Jotham, Hanna Z,
R'miyo & Ryan.**



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

Isabelle, Ruby, Beulah, Laila M, Alex, Anashe, Alan, Richard, Eva, Amara & Pius.



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

Mini Vinnies Fund Raiser

*Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising our non-uniform day this week. The pupils raised £150.00 for a very special Appeal. The money will go towards a project run by Sr Judith Rossi with the aim of helping poor communities access education, food and housing.
Thank you for your continued support.*

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 28 - A Right to an Education.**

Our overall attendance: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 95%
Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 89%
Y4 Attendance = 98% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 95%

Article of the Week



Article 12—Views of the Child



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

