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**Thought for the week:**  
**'Opportunities don't happen, you create them.'**

**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 26th January 2024

Dear Parents,

**Y1/2 Mass**

Thank you to Miss Pritchard, Mrs Howley, Miss Winchurch and Mrs Jones for preparing the mass and the children for our liturgy today. The theme of the mass St Timothy and St Titus; known as close friends and followers of St Paul in his early mission for the church. The children share their own daily faith journey by following our school mission to '**live, love, learn**' together.

**Inspire Workshops**

Thank you to all our visitors who attended our Inspire workshops this week. We had a brilliant turnout. Thank you to all the teachers for planning such create workshops (as requested by parents in feedback sought in previous workshops). Pupils created Seasonal Wheels, Tudor Houses, Roman themed Sketches, Painting in the style of Kandinsky, Rainforest art work and creating a poster for Fairtrade. All of these elements are linked to the topics currently being studied in each year group, for further information please see our school website for photos of the day and information about the topics.

**Measles Updates**

As you are aware there is a rise in cases of Measles in the West Midlands and Birmingham. We have previously sent out information for parents. If your child has not been vaccinated I would urge you to read the guidance. Also, should you need any information about Measles please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-dont-let-your-child-catch-it-flyer-for-schools/measles-information-for-schools-and-healthcare-centres>

**Y1 Phonics Meeting**

All parents in Y1 are invited to attend a meeting in the school hall on Tuesday 30th January at 9.00am to enable school to share information regarding the Y1 phonic screening check that takes place in June. It is really important for parents to attend to understand the steps you can take in supporting your child for the check.

**Reception Phonics Meeting**

Mrs Heslegrave would like to invite all Reception parents to a phonics meeting to share with you the programme being taught and to update on reading that takes place in Early Years. This meeting will be held at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 30th January in the school hall.

**PE Kits**

A reminder children may bring in footwear (pumps/trainers) for PE but must come to school in **shoes**. PE days; EYFS and Y2 on Monday, Y1 and Y3 Tuesdays, Wednesday Y4, Thursday Y5 and Y6.

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

*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**

Y4P Swimming  
 Wednesday 31st  
 January.

Wear a Hat Day on  
 Thursday 1st February

Y5/6 Mass in Church  
 on Friday 2nd  
 February at 9.15 am

**Parents Evening**  
**Monday 26th and**  
**Tuesday 27th**  
**February 2024**  
**(letters for**  
**appointments will be**  
**sent out next week).**

**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 Awards:	Maths Superstar	Good Work	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Natan	Sosuna	Lu'zari
Reception	Kian & Isla	Zoya & Efrata	April & Donnie
Year One	Mmesoma & Runako	Patrick & Ava-Mae	Aaliyah & Mervyn
Year Two	Yanet & Maksymilian	Jacob & Natalia	Poppy & Wiktorja
Year Three	Grace & Hanna	Rosie & Derick	Logan & Esme
Year Four	Mielahier & Zuzanna	Lily-Mae & Marcel	George & Helen
Year Five	Neeve & Kacper	Oreoluwa & Abigail	Subhan & David K
Year Six	Katrina & Antony	Amelie & Athena	Oluwasikemi & Laila



**Elda, Kian, Brooke, Halle,  
Esme and Owen.**



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

*Marnie, Krystal,  
Maksymilian,  
Daberechukwu,  
Samyar, Tienna, Elroy,  
Leo, Amarachukwu and  
Pius.*



Snippets of news from  
our School Parliament

*Thank you to our School Council for organising our Foodbank Collection today,  
your generosity is overwhelming.*

## 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: 94%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 86%    Y1 Attendance = 98%  
Y2 Attendance = 92%    Y3 Attendance = 93%  
Y4 Attendance = 99%    Y5 Attendance = 96%  
Y6 Attendance = 97%

Article of the Week



Article 1—Making Rights Happen



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

