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Thought for the week:

“Maranatha!”

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December 2024



For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents

Y3/4 Mass

'My Heart praises the Lord' was the theme of our Y3 & Y4 Mass today. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who organised, read and served today. In this lovely season of Advent we are preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Please continue to keep everyone in our school community in your prayers.

Wriggly Nativity

Thank you to Mrs Marks for overseeing the EYFS team and for the wonderful production this week. It certainly made us all feel the message of Christmas and the children were super. Well done!

Nursery Tableau

Mrs Barker and Mrs Neary, along with the children, shared the Christmas Story with parents this week. It was a lovely time spent together and they were wonderful. Everybody joined in and the message of Christmas was celebrated once again.

Y2 Buddhist Temple

Thank you to Mr Barton for organising our trip to the Buddhist temple as part of our SMVSC curriculum. The children enjoyed visiting the temple and meeting a Monk who talked to them about the history of the religion. The children visited and observed different artefacts related to the religion of Buddhism.

Y4 Swimming

Well done to Y4 who have completed their swimming sessions this term. Mr Barton, PE Lead, will ensure that all badges and certificates are sent home by the end of next week. Great to see such progression in the swimming abilities of our pupils this term. Y5 will commence swimming in January 2025.

Y2 Nativity

Thank you to the Y2 Team for overseeing our lovely Christmas Nativity 'It's a Baby'. The pupils in Y2 performed the story beautifully and we enjoyed their wonderful production. Thank you to all our visitors who have supported the pupils by attending these lovely, festive occasions.

Reception Workshop

Café Ceramica joined us in school today to support our children in EYFS creating Christmas Crafts in the form a ceramic Christmas decoration. The children had a lovely session and we look forward to seeing the end results next week once they have been fired and glazed. The children will take them home by the end of term.

Reception School Places September 2025

If you have a child that is due to start **Reception Class in September 2025** you must apply online via Birmingham City Council's website. Nursery children do not automatically feed into our Reception class. The deadline for applications closes in January 2025. If you need any advice or assistance please contact the school office.

I am delighted to share with you that Ms Travers (Y2 Teacher) had a baby girl this week. Mum and baby are doing fine. We wish her and her family a lovely festive season. We look forward to a visit from her in the Spring Term.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.

Mrs J Logue



Light the Advent candle two, think of humble shepherds who, filled with wonder at the sight of the child on Christmas night.

Diary Dates

Y1 Carols in school
Monday 16th Dec
9.00am

Y3 Carols in church
Monday 16th Dec
2.00pm

Y4 Nativity in school
Tuesday 17th Dec
1.30pm

Christmas Jumper and dinner day Thursday
19th Dec

Gospel Virtues



Intentional: Planning
 our actions and choosing to live how God wants us

to. Every action we make has an impact on other people and the world around us. We think about the choices we make and care for God's creation.

Prophetic: Spreading
 the word of God through how we live our lives.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the Week	Reading Star of the Week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Addisson	Rome	Tajarai
Reception	Essa & Johnny	Emily & Danait	Natan & Lu'zari
Year One	Bryan & Ava	Joanna & Sam	Brooke & Arad
Year Two	Mmesoma & Amara M	Mikael & Rosa	Linda & David O
Year Three	Jotham & Joshua R	Paris & David A	Poppy & Grayson
Year Four	Esme & Adam	Grace M & Adesuwa	Xavier Y-S & Isla
Year Five	Jasmine & Kyrian	Lily-Mae & Sahara	Ellena & Paris
Year Six	Abigail, Reese & Grace S	Chidubem & Amarachukwu A	Adil & Joshua M



**Violet-Rae
and Tienna.**



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

*Krystal, Mercyel,
Hannah H, Joshua R,
Maksymilian,
Daberechukwu, Geraldine,
Jeniyah, Adam,
Amarachukwu A and
Chidubem.*



Snippet of News



**Congratulations everyone — M
you raised £86.00**

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 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: 97%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 99% Y1 Attendance = 97%
Y2 Attendance = 98% Y3 Attendance = 97%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 96%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

**Congratulations to Year 6S on their 100%
attendance this week!**

Article of the Week



Article 7—No punishment without law.



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

