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Thought for the week:

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"Baptism gives strength and it gives life."



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2025

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen 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 10th January 2025

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to everyone. It was great to see everyone back after the holidays. I hope you all had a lovely festive season. We enter the Jubilee Year of Hope this year. Pope Francis invites us all to be signs of hope in the world and we have some school, local, national and global events and projects planned this year to celebrate this Jubilee during 2025.

Y5/6 Mass

Thank you to the Mr Barton, Mr Mulligan and the team for overseeing our first mass of the term today. We look forward to welcoming you to mass each week in the school Church at 9.15am. All future mass dates and year groups attending can be found on our website.

Feast of the Epiphany

The children returned to school on this very special feast. During the week the children have reflected on the meaning and messages of the Epiphany and discussed ways in which we can take the message of our Lord Jesus into our daily lives, especially in this year, one of pilgrimage and hope.

Jack and the Beanstalk

KS1 thoroughly enjoyed the Panto that visited school yesterday. A super time was had by everyone! Thank you to Mrs Hannon-Dalby for overseeing the Panto, we look forward to our visitors again next year.

Admissions Consultation

St Edmund Campion have a consultation period regarding their admissions criteria. Please visit their website if you should like to know any further information. The window for consultation opened in December and remains open for 6 weeks.

Reception Applications

Any parent of a child due to start in a Reception class this year (September 2025) must make an application to (BCC) Birmingham City Council online by <u>Wednesday 15th January 202</u>. Please see letter attached. <u>Parents who miss this deadline may not get the school(s) that they request if the application is late.</u>

Clubs

All clubs start again next week. Letters have been sent out please let us know if your child is attending. PE days may have changed this term, please be sure you know on what day your child needs to attend in their PE kit. **PLEASE DO NOT send children into school wearing trainers.** Children should come to school in their usual school shoes and use trainers **only** for the PE lesson.

<u>Attendance</u>

Last term our attendance was very good. Thank you to all the families who get here every day and on time. As you know every minute counts and when our children are late they miss vital elements of learning and this can be unsettling for them. A reminder that gates open from 8.30—8.45 am.

We keep the Brough and Sullivan families in our prayers at this sad time.

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

REC & Y6 Height and Weight Nurse in school 14th January

> Year 5 Swimming Wednesday 15th January

Professor McGinty (Time Traveller) visiting Year 3 16th January

No school mass on 17th January

Gospel Virtues

attentive by Curious faith-filled agenerous faith-filled age

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and Generous with their gifts, becoming good citizens living together.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Hallie	Amen	Oluwayanmife
Reception	Obryan & Filip	Johnny & Tisha	Joson & Emmanuel
Year One	Bryan & Oma	Tinofara & Isla	Hazel & Eliana
Year Two	Cassius & Eliana	Eden & David O	Andreas & Tyquan
Year Three	Ethan & Michal	Holly & Daberechukwu	Rieon & Richelle
Year Four	Aarieya & Efrata	Laura & Maisie	Sinon & Max
Year Five	Rita & Evelyn	Ta'Jae & Matt	Lily-Mae. C & Joel
Year Six	Leon, Lamech & Richard	Abigail, Patrick & Kacper	Nhyira, Amelia & Liliana



Solyana Z. John A. Adil, Filip, Sahara,

Hanna Z. Emmanuel M. Jotham.

R'miyo, Mmesoma and Zakariah.



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

Alan, Joel M-M, Rosie W, Anashe, Eliyam, Blossom-Anne, Sahara, Lily-May. T Amarachukwu and Chidubem.



Snippet of News

Our Parliament meet again next week to determine the projects and fundraisers they wish to oversee this term.

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

Article of the Week Education.

Article 1 - Making Rights Happen

Our overall attendance: 94% ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 91% Y1 Attendance = 95% Y2 Attendance = 96% Y3 Attendance = 96%

Y4 Attendance = 91% Y5 Attendance = 89%

Y6 Attendance = 97%

365 days in a calendar year All this time for shopping, 100% 90% 95% 80% 85% 75%

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

175 days non term days