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**Thought for the week:**

“Pray, hope and don’t worry!”

**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 31st January 2025

Dear Parents

**Year of the Jubilee**

The children have really enjoyed the launch of the ‘Year of Hope’. We are saying a special prayer at the end of every Friday in our classes to show solidarity and to support each other in our pilgrimage this year. We look forward to many more school events that have been planned.

**National Story Telling Week**

As part of our Reading Diet this week children were invited to different classes to hear a different teacher read them a story. It was lovely to see a mix of ages meeting and sharing an experience together. Thank you to all the teachers for hosting different children in their classrooms today.

**Chinese New Year**

Thank you to Mr Barton for organising our SMVSC focus this week. The children learned a variety of interesting facts about the Chinese New Year, from hearing the story, understanding the symbolism and traditions that go with this festival, looking at the Chinese zodiac as well as exploring crafts associated with the celebrations. Many thanks too our Cook, Mrs Hawthorne for our Chinese themed lunch on Monday.

**Phonics Meetings**

Thank you to Mrs Marks and Mrs Hannon-Dalby for meeting parents from Reception and Key Stage One today and sharing phonic information related to screening and reading. It was super to see so many parents attend, we hope you found it useful.

**Uniform**

Many thanks to all our pupils and parents this week. We have seen a significant improvement in consistency with uniform, we greatly appreciate your support, particularly with trainers on PE days.

**Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens**

The Gardens have asked us to share with you the attached flyer. We are not affiliated with them but we are happy to signpost any events that they have on offer which you may like to attend.

**Training Day**

As you are aware half term is approaching. A reminder to parents that school is closed on Monday 24th February for a Staff Training Day. Spring 2 commences on Tuesday 25th February at the usual time.

**Attendance**

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.

*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**

- Y5 Swimming  
Wednesday 5th February
- Y3/4 School mass  
Friday 7th February in Church at 9.15am
- Non Uniform Day  
Thursday 6th February £1.00
- Children's Mental Health Week—activities planned throughout the week.
- Parents Evenings  
Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February

**Gospel Virtues**



***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	Hidayah	Yorsaelm	Zinachimindu
Reception	Tisha & Nathaniel	Jennifer & Zaviyar	Mila & Joson
Year One	Henok & Kruz	Zuzanna G & Excel	Luella & Joshua
Year Two	Amelia & Juanita	Jesse & Runako	Patrick & Devon
Year Three	Krystal & Shay	Tienna & Geraldine	Alfie & Natalia
Year Four	Hanna N & Adesuwa	Salvador & Adam	Esme & Nicai
Year Five	Jasmine & Matt	Lamek & Ariela	Sana A & Zayan
Year Six	Anashe. Keon & Gloryanne	Teodors, Subhan & Joel	Mary, Nathan & Eliyam



Brooke, Esme, Lamek B,  
Jenson and Thiago.



## Snippet of News

Many thanks to the Mini Vinnies and Mrs Hannon-Dalby for organising our fundraiser yesterday. £65.00 raised for St Giles Hospice. Everyone enjoyed the penalty shoot out.

### 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 = 97%    Y1 Attendance = 98%  
 Y2 Attendance = 93%    Y3 Attendance = 98%  
 Y4 Attendance = 93%    Y5 Attendance = 99%  
 Y6 Attendance = 98%

Article of the Week



Article 24—The rights of the child

**Congratulations to Year 5YD on their 100% attendance this week!**



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

