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Thought for the week:

“The truth will set you free!”

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for February 2025



For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood



Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents

National Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we've been marking National Children's Mental Health Week, a cause close to our hearts here at St Margaret Mary's. Our staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that every child feels supported, heard, and valued. Compass Support visited school yesterday to share an assembly with our pupils, all aimed at nurturing the emotional wellbeing of our young learners. During the Assembly we pondered on our moods being like the weather; that they are changeable. Some days can be bright and others can be dull. It's been heartening to see the empathy and understanding our pupils have shown towards one another during this important week.

Compass Support

The team from Compass are holding a drop in next Tuesday 11th February in school for parents from 2.30pm. If you need any advice about Mental Health or support feel free to visit.

Art Club

Y4 (Group 1) are near the end of their Art club after school. The remainder of Y4 will have the opportunity to partake with our resident Art Teacher Miss Create in after half term. Check out their super pieces of art on the website. Thank you to Miss Ind, Art Lead, for overseeing this club.

Reading Diet

What a joy it's been to see our pupils immerse themselves in the world of stories during National Storytelling Week! Our corridors have been buzzing with excitement as children eagerly shared their favourite tales. It's particularly heartening to see our Y6 pupils take initiative by creating their own book club – a testament to their growing passion for reading. Thank you to Mrs Donnelly, Library Lead for overseeing this.

Internet Safety Newsletter

In our ever-evolving digital world, e-safety remains a top priority. Our pupils have been exploring age-appropriate programmes, ensuring they engage with content suitable for their development. We've also been providing vital information on safe internet practises, empowering our young learners to navigate the online world responsibly. Please find the termly newsletter attached. Let's continue to work together in fostering a culture of digital well-being for our pupils.

Library Visits

Our library has become a hub of activity, with pupils frequently visiting to explore new books. This enthusiasm for reading is woven throughout our curriculum, providing a rich 'reading diet' that nourishes young minds daily. We're committed to fostering a love for reading that translates into confident writing, as our pupils read to write and write to read.

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. Please ensure that children bring a coat to school, the weather can be very temperamental this time of year.

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

- Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 12th February
- Y1/2 School mass on Friday
14th February in Church at
9.15 am
- Safer Internet Day
11th February
- Y2 Trip to Stratford Farm
13th February
- 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	Lucas B	Monté	Tajarai
Reception	Unique & Ericah	Natan & Ebube	Aleshay & Yolyana
Year One	Yulyana & Emmanuel	Joshua & Ava	Aronas & Zuzanna K
Year Two	Moyosola & Ethan	Sophie & George	Nancy-Lou & Rosa
Year Three	Poppy & Jaime	Mercyel & Bella	Efosa & Ruth
Year Four	Kurt & Antoni	Thomas & Jeniyah	Kaian & Naomi
Year Five	Lily-Mae C & Lily-May T	Rita & Jenson	Olivia & Esohe
Year Six	Owen, Chidubem & Aurelia	Jacob, Neeve & Liliana	Aaron, Amia & Kacper



**Ericah, Amara M, Marcel,
Jeremie, Fabian & Joel M.**



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

Krystal, Mercyel, Hannah H, Joshua R, Maksymilian, Daberechukwu, Geraldine, Nicai, Adam, Amarachukwu and Chidubem



Snippet of News

Many thanks to the Wellbeing Council for organising our non-uniform day today. They raised a total of £ 155.00, this will go towards equipment and resources for the children at school.

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: 94%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 88% Y1 Attendance = 98%
Y2 Attendance = 92% Y3 Attendance = 95%
Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 95%
Y6 Attendance = 97%

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

Article of the Week



Article 24— Health, Water, Food, Environment



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

