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***Thought for the week:***

***"A little progress every day adds up to great results."***



### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to share some wonderful moments and important updates from our school this week.

**Year 5 and Year 2** presented a beautiful **mass** focusing on the theme of **Jesus and forgiveness**. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the teachers who worked diligently to prepare the children for the altar and mass. Their dedication ensures our pupils can participate meaningfully in our school's spiritual life.

I'm aware that we experienced some challenges with our heating and water systems this week. I want to reassure you that works on the boiler have been undertaken, and we hope there will be no further disruption to school operations. On that note, could I kindly request that you ensure we have your up-to-date contact information? This helps us communicate effectively with all parents and guardians.

**Year 5** had an excellent day out at the **Botanical Gardens** as part of their new topic on **Rainforests**. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about a variety of plants, including **tropical and subtropical species**. Parents will have the opportunity to see this work at our parents evening later in the term.

Parents evenings and all events for the term ahead, until Easter, are now on the **website**. Please make sure you look at all the wonderful events ahead and note them in your diaries.

**Parents evening is planned for Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February.**

Letters will be coming home in the next few weeks.

A reminder that the deadline for **Reception applications** for **September 2026** is this month. If you have a child that is **4 years old** on or after the 1st September you must apply for a school place in Reception to **Birmingham City Council**. The deadline for this application was **January 15th**. If you have missed this deadline or need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Miss McInerney (Y3Mc)** is expecting her first child in March. She will be commencing maternity leave after half term in February. I will be writing to parents to share information about her cover in the coming weeks.

*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

**Y4S & Y6G**  
**Swimming**  
**Wednesday 21st**  
**January**

**Mass in Church**  
**Y1 & Y4**  
**Wednesday 21st**  
**January at 9.15 am**

**All clubs resume as usual.**

### Gospel Virtues



**Curious** about everything;  
 and **Active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Assembly Awards:	Maths Star of the week	Reading Star of the week	Gospel Virtues
Nursery	Alfie	Abiodun	Yosyas
Reception	Yorsalem & Ekaterina	Tobenna & Isabella	Lucas B & Logan
Year One	Sophie & Emily	Tommy & Leo	Bitanya & Matthew
Year Two	Milosz & Zuzanna K	April & Reign	Luella & Jessica
Year Three	Natalia & Devon	Leo & Eliana	Moyosola & Szymon
Year Four	Jaine & Jotham	Geraldine & Efosasere	Maksymilian & Maximus
Year Five	Martyna & Emmanuel M	Ajax & Derick	Zikora & Grace M
Year Six	Dhian & Lamek	Lily-May & Elyon	Sahara & Sana N



**Mervyn, Penny, Emerson,  
Nathan M, Efrata T,  
Rosa & Yanet.**



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

**Ajax, Grace M, Martyna, Skyla, Omalichachukwu, Joanna, Eliana, Maranata, Aronas, Amelia Z, Elodie, Zikora and Kaian.**



# Snippet of News

**Congratulations to our new House Captains;**

**Zayan, Lamek, Rita and Matt.**

## 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: 95%**

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 95% Y1 Attendance = 97%

Y2 Attendance = 100% Y3 Attendance = 93%

Y4 Attendance = 93% Y5 Attendance = 94%

Y6 Attendance = 95%

**Congratulations to 2W on their 100% attendance this week!**

Article of the Week



Article 17 -  
Access to information



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

