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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,



Keep the Faith and be Courageous

Last Sunday we listened to St Luke's challenging Gospel about the difficulties of being a follower of Christ. Jesus warned His disciples and followers that there would be difficult times ahead for them all and that they would be hated and persecuted in His name.

Today in school, we have reflected upon the challenges that we face today as followers of Jesus and how God's ever-loving presence in our lives should give us strength and courage. Christians around the World are still persecuted and killed today, for their faith and belief in Jesus. On Wednesday the church remembered in solidarity all those who suffer in the name of Christ. We are fortunate not to be in such a position and our prayers and hopes are with all those suffering because of their beliefs.

In truly living the Gospel as followers of Jesus, we know that we too in our lives will face judgement from others, ridicule and have difficult decisions that we have to make. This is because we are asked to love our enemies and those who hurt us, to put the needs of others before those of our own, and to help the poor and marginalised in our communities and society without prejudice and worry of judgement. These are all challenges that as Christians we are asked to commit to. Jesus reminds us that God is always with us and knows our needs. By putting our trust in Him, having faith and courage, then our reward will be great.

"Lord I thank you for my faith. Help me to live it courageously."

"Breakfast with Santa"

The Friends of St Margaret Mary's are excited to be offering the opportunity for you and your child to experience "Breakfast with Santa."

Your child will have a drink and breakfast of their choice, an activity pack and receive a gift while meeting with Santa.

This will cost £10 per child and will be held in the school hall on Saturday 13th December from 9.30 - 11.00 a.m..

Places are limited so this is a first come first serve basis and will be available to book via the school app from 7.00 a.m. on Monday 24th November.

Due to capacity in the school hall we ask that no more than 2 adults per family attend where applicable .

There will be an opportunity for the adults to purchase a hot drink and a mince pie during our Santa experience.

Thank you for your support!

The Friends of St. Margaret Mary's (FSMM)



Girls' Football

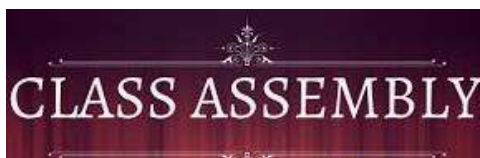
On Wednesday our Year 5 & 6 girls went along to a football tournament at Co-op Academy North where they performed really well. They displayed very positive team work and put in a great effort!

Well done to Bonita, Fearne, Tillie, Ayda, Chelsea, Tamara, Amelia O, Caterina, Ola, Summer, Cora, Matilda, Alexis and Emily!



3W Class Assembly

On Tuesday 25th November 3W will have their Class Assembly at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall. We warmly welcome our families of the children in class 3W to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.



Baby News

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Mr Clarke's baby girl, Aoife Maeve, who was born last week. Both mum and baby are doing very well and we would like to pass on our congratulations to Mr Clarke and his family on their new arrival.



Year 3 & 4 Ancient Egypt Project Exhibition

We would like to welcome our parents/carers of Years 3 & 4 to our Ancient Egypt Project Exhibition which will take place on Tuesday 2nd December at 2.50 p.m.

Please come along to see the childrens' incredible work and truly amazing projects.



Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers

In preparation for Christmas Jumper Day, we are asking for donations of any pre-loved Christmas jumpers that you no longer need. We understand that children grow out of them very quickly and are only worn for a short period of time. We are hoping that with enough donations we can hold a "Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale." All monies donated with go to "Save The Children" charity.

We ask that any Christmas jumpers are brought to the school office by Friday, 28th November. Thank you in advance.





Nursery have been learning about 2D shapes, looking at squares, triangles, rectangles and circles. The children went on shape hunts outside and looked to see what shapes they could find. ...



1/2S created missing posters in English for their missing class bear Lily! They focused on describing Lily and stating why they want her back ...



The children in 2M were using counters to find equal groups ...



3/4D have been exploring how shadows are formed ...



6W practised their basketball and football skills in P.E. ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



Prophetic and Intentional



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'prophetic and intentional' this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations to our “Rollama” SPAG winners this week! Keep up the excellent work!





5/6G are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.7% attendance!

Nur W	Nur/RecW	RecW	1H	1/2S	2M
93.3%	98%	97.3%	97.9%	92.5%	97.1%
3W	3/4D	4J	5C	5/6G	6W
94.6%	98.6%	92.9%	90.7%	99.7%	95.4%

Dates to remember

Tuesday 25th November: Class 3W Class Assembly 9.00 a.m. in the school hall

Tuesday 2nd December: Year 3 & 4 Ancient Egypt Project Exhibition at 2.50 p.m.

Thursday 4th December: Parents invited for "Poetry Together and Coffee Afternoon" at 2.30 p.m.

Friday 5th December: Class 1H Collective Worship 2.45 p.m. in 1H classroom

Christmas Performances & Events

Tuesday 9th December: 9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. Nursery parents to watch EYFS Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December: 2.30 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. Reception parents to watch EYFS Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December: 9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. Year 1 parents to watch KS1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December: 5.00 p.m. - 5.45 p.m. Year 2 parents to watch KS1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December: 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. School Choir to the Irish Centre

Friday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Saturday 13th December: PTA "Breakfast with Santa"

Monday 15th December: KS2 Carol Concert 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Monday 15th December: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Disco 4.00 p.m. finish

Monday 15th December: Years 5 & 6 Christmas Disco 4.15 - 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday 16th December: Years 3 & 4 Christmas Disco 4.15 p.m. finish

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner Day - information to follow next week

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas "Book Flood" at 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 18th December: School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.00 p.m.

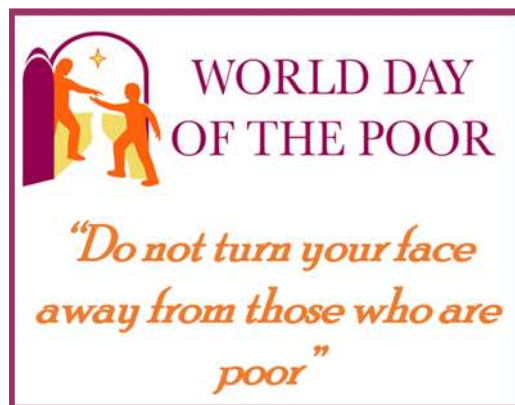
Monday 5th January 2026: School re-opens



World Day of the Poor

Last Sunday marked the World Day of the Poor. Across the church we are asked to ensure that those who are hungry, without home and shelter, and most in need, are helped and cared for and at the front of our minds. As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year and our preparations for the Season of Advent, our GIFT Team will be working with staff and parents to plan and arrange for the ways in which we as a school can come together and help the most vulnerable.

Pope Leo XIV issued his first Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi te," in October, as a call to Christ's disciples...
"to recognise Him in the poor and the suffering."



Once again, thank you for your on-going support. I hope you have a lovely weekend

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton
Headteacher