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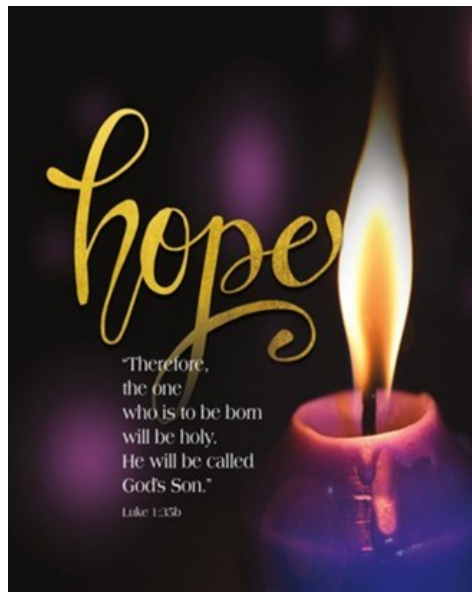
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**Friday 5th December 2025**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,



**'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man.'** Matthew 24:37

In assembly this week we have reflected upon the start of our journey through this holy season of Advent. and the messages that we can take from Sunday's Gospel reading. We are asked to stay awake and be alert, so as to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes. The Gospel reading warns Jesus's followers to be ready and attentive, to not be distracted by things that do not matter. Jesus used the story of Noah and the Ark as an example of those who were alert and prepared, and those who had been distracted and who were left behind. Today we have reflected upon how during the season of Advent we contemplate two different comings of Jesus. The first being our preparations to celebrate His birth in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The second refers to His future return, as promised. We are asked to be ready and to be attentive in hopeful preparation for these events.

#### **Advent and Christmas Preparations at St Margaret Mary's**

A reminder to please check the diary for events coming up next week and towards the end of term. These particularly include our EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performances on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

### **Christmas Performances**

A reminder that our Christmas performances are as follows:

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

Tickets will be sent home with your child before their performance day.



### **Christmas Discos**

A reminder that our Christmas Discos are as follows:

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

If you wish for your child to stay and attend our Christmas discos then you can make a payment of £3.50 using our School Gateway app. For this, your child will receive a snack, a drink and enjoy a fun and festive disco.

Please note, on the relevant disco date that applies to your child, the children can attend school in their own clothes.



### **School Choir Performance at the Irish World Heritage Centre**

We are pleased to inform you that the school choir will be performing at the Irish World Heritage Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Due to space restrictions parents are unfortunately unable to watch the performance.

A reminder for parents/carers of our School Choir to give consent for their child to attend the performance on the school app, School Gateway, before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

We are sure the children will have a marvellous performance.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children. This will be a monetary donation for pupils wearing a festive jumper and their own clothes. A word of thanks for parents who have donated pre-loved Christmas jumpers. We have a small selection of these available for parents interested.



### KS2 Carol Concert

Our KS2 Carol Concert will be held outside on Monday 15th December from 1.30 — 2.15 p.m. located on the KS1 playground. This is due to the church being unavailable and lack of capacity in our school hall to accommodate parents of over 180 children in the hall. The hosting of the event will be outdoors and we are hopeful for a dry clear day. In the event of extreme weather the event would take place in the hall with children only being filmed and the concert being shared with parents/carers via a YouTube link. Although not ticketed, we are asking that no more than 2 adults per family attend the concert due to space on the playground. We ask for your understanding that viewing will be limited and sound will be affected, but nevertheless we want to host a festive carol service for our school community.



### Christmas Dinner Day

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 17th December this year. For children that are on packed lunches, but would like a Christmas Dinner, this is now available to pay or order on our school app. The cost of the Christmas Dinner is £2.65.

For children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 please just click your consent to order a Christmas Dinner in the school app as children in these year groups are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. However, you will need to order your child a Christmas Dinner so that our School Kitchen have accurate numbers.

Please order your child's Christmas Dinner before Monday 15th December.

Thank you in advance.



### #BeeThere – Caritas Appeal

A special word of thanks for your generous donations to our #BeeThere Caritas Appeal today. The GIFT Team and School Council are looking at how this will be used and the impact that it will have in the local community, which they will be sharing with you before the holidays.

*Thank You!*

### Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with sadness and wishes of good luck and thanks that we prepare to say goodbye to Miss Wilson as we approach the Christmas holidays.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for all of her hard work, professionalism and commitment during her time at St Margaret Mary's. We hope she enjoys the next few weeks as we have an opportunity to say thank you and good luck.

good bye  
and  
good luck

### Holiday Pattern 2026-2027

Please see attached the approved Holiday Pattern/Calendar for the Academic Year 2026-2027 recently approved by the Local Governing Body. A reminder to consult this and the School Office when requesting any holiday leave or planned absence. Thank-you.

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### Poetry Together Coffee Afternoon

A word of thanks and appreciation for the wonderful support at yesterday's 'Poetry Together Event'. It was wonderful to see such a great turn-out of grandparents, relatives and friends of the school to see pupils from Y1 to Y6 perform poetry on stage. As mentioned briefly at yesterday's event the aim was to bring older and younger generations together through the joy of poetry. I think this is something that we certainly achieved together, as a school community yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for involving us in and planning the lovely event and to all staff and pupils who helped to coordinate and contribute to this.





# Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

Nursery have learnt about advent and made advent promises. They then put them on their tree ...



1H had their class worship on the theme of hope linking to the birth of Jesus ...



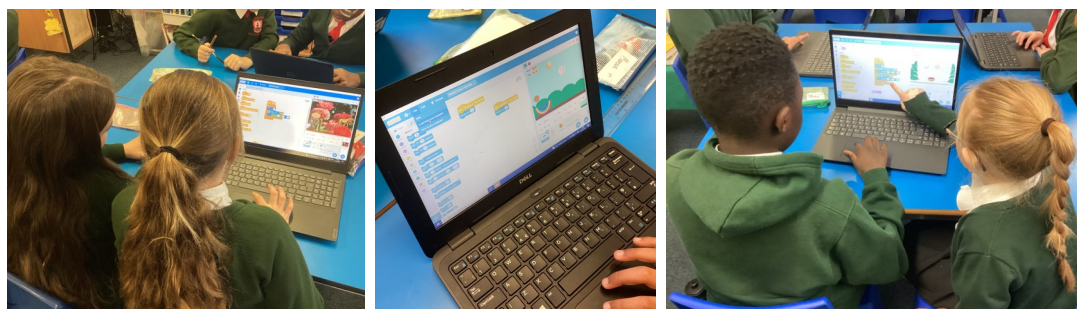
1/2S were exploring 3D shapes in Maths this week, they tried to build a tower out of them ...



3/4D have completed their DT learning and made a fantastic seasonal soup ...



6W learnt how to add a timer into their video games using Scratch in Computing ...







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!





6W and 4J are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 97.9% attendance!

<b>Nur W</b>	<b>Nur/RecW</b>	<b>RecW</b>	<b>1H</b>	<b>1/2S</b>	<b>2M</b>
90.4%	93.3%	94.2%	93.8%	92.9%	96.8%
<b>3W</b>	<b>3/4D</b>	<b>4J</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5/6G</b>	<b>6W</b>
95%	96.4%	97.9%	94.1%	97.7%	97.9%

### Dates to remember

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- Friday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Saturday 13th December: PTA "Breakfast with Santa"
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- Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner Day - now payable on the school app for packed lunch children
- 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

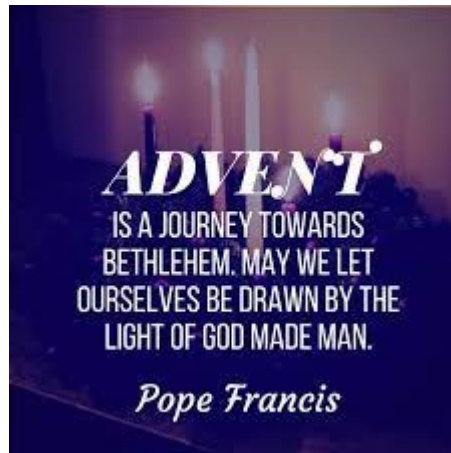
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Hope you have a lovely weekend

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



**“Behold the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and house of Judah.” Jeremiah 33:14-16**