



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13

Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and Newsfeeds)

[School Holiday sheets available from the office](#)

For sports festivals for your child's class, please see additional messages from Mrs Jennings our sports lead and class teachers too.

Every Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am. £3 per session. All very welcome!

11th March—Robotics Competition—Nissan Sunderland (Owls)

Thursday 12th March Family Mass

Friday 13th March—Lenten Lunches (Anyone Welcome at St Mary's Parish Church Hall)

27th March -Swift's trip to Beamish

**Thursday 2nd April—Swifts Celebration of the Word
Easter (All Welcome)**

Thursday 2nd April- Easter Disco 5- 7.30pm. Tickets required.

Easter Holiday 3.4.26—17.4.26

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Y6 SAT Assessment Week W.B. 11.5.26

**Thursday 21st May—Larks Celebration of the Word
(All Welcome)**

Summer Half Term 22.5.26—29.5.26

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday 7th June

Owls' Residential Visit to Lockerbie 24.6.26—26.6.26

(See MCAS for payment plan)

Break Up Friday 17th July

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attend Today = Achieve Tomorrow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Joel, Dryden, Alfred and Vincent who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Have a great day!



Celebrating Outstanding Success!

Following our Outstanding grading in our most recent Catholic Schools Inspection, the Owls have been busy designing new banners for the front of school!

Special thanks to Evelyn and Poppy whose design was selected.



Family Mass Dates for 2025-2026

Each term here at St Mary's we gather together for our 'Family Mass' with Father Thomas, at St Mary's Catholic Church in Barnard Castle.

Parents, Grandparents, friends and family are all very welcome to join us- catholic or non- catholic, you are all so welcome and we do encourage you (if you can) to come along and join us.

The dates for your diary are as follows:

- ◆ **Autumn Term Mass: Thursday 18th September 2025**
Thankyou to everybody who joined us for Mass!
- ◆ **Spring Term Mass: Thursday 12th March 2026**
CHANGE OF DATE
- ◆ **Summer term Mass : Friday 17th July 2026**

Holy Communion 2026

Children making their First Holy Communion this year are: **Katie, Rosalia, Gabriela, Margaret and Raph**. Please keep the children in your prayers throughout their preparation journey. Thankyou to both Father Thomas and Mrs McAuley who lead and organise the weekly preparation classes.

Sunday 7th June 2026





St Mary's Catholic School Weekly Newsletter



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" Matthew 17:5

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Our Trust Virtues

Our Trust Virtues are weaved into all areas of our curriculum, and everything we do here at St Mary's. It is important that as we teach the virtues to our children that they have a good understanding of the vocabulary as well as what that looks like in themselves, in

others, in our school. Here are the 8 Virtues that we promote and celebrate as a school community:

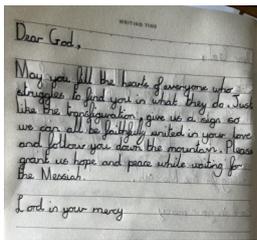
- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Justice
- ◆ Compassion
- ◆ Self Belief
- ◆ Resilience
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Confidence



These virtues link closely to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles (CST) that underpin everything we do as a school, and as a Trust.

Lenten Journey

As we journey through the second week of Lent we are reminded of the **Transfiguration of Jesus** (where Jesus shines with divine glory on the mountain). This story teaches us all to "listen to him" (Jesus), trust God's plan, and recognise that our own lives can be changed to shine with kindness and love for others.



Prayers by Blossom and Max in Owls

Polite Reminder: Uniform Expectations

Thank you parents.

It was lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their uniform this week.

Our slight change to PE uniform is now expected to be in place and we would like to remind you that children should be wearing black joggers or leggings or their red PE shorts.

Remember to reach out if you need any support.

Attendance this week

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'



- Robins- 100%
- Larks- 100%
- Swifts- 95%
- Owls- 96%

A drop in overall attendance this week. Lots of bugs but hopefully after half term we will see an improvement.

School holidays during term time will not be authorised. Our attendance policy is available on our website for further information.

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

**Every day. Every pupil. Every minute!
Make it count!**

World Book Day

The children had a fantastic day celebrating their love of reading! They came to school dressed as their favourite characters from their favourite books or PJs and thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories with one another. It was wonderful to see so much excitement and enthusiasm for books throughout the day.

