



*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'*  
*Philippians 4:13*

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

[School Holidays \(stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk\)](http://stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk)

**For sports festivals for your child's class, please see additional messages from Miss C our sports lead and class teacher**

Wednesday 8th November- Reception Multi Skills Festival

Thursday 9th November- Media Kindness Day

Sunday 12th November- Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church of England, Barnard Castle 11am.

November 13th-17th- Anti Bullying Week

Monday 13th November- Odd Socks Day- come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate difference!

November 13th- World Nursery Rhyme Week

Wednesday 15th- Y1/2 Multi Sports Festival

Thursday 16th- Y3/4 Multi Sports Festival

Friday 1st December - Advent/ Deliver Joy Candle Time. All Parents, Governors and Parishioners welcome

**Monday 4th December- Purple Day- come to school wearing purple to celebrate the beginning of Advent**

Wednesday 6th-13th December- Scholastic book fair- each class to visit after school each night. Perfect for Christmas gifts.

Wednesday 13th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm. Further info to follow.

Thursday 14th Swifts Class Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm

Friday 15th December—Coffee Morning 9-11am drop in anytime. Celebrate 'International Tea Day!'

Saturday December 2nd 10-12 noon School/Parish Christmas Fair

Date proposed but to be confirmed with Father - Carol Service, St Mary's RC Church 4pm Thursday 21st December . Owls class narrating

Break Up Thursday 21st Dec and return Monday 8th January 2024



**In November, We Remember**

The children will be selling poppies and other poppy stationary to support the British Royal Legion.

Mrs Tallentire is also hoping lots of children get busy at home with some poppy crafts! In any form, pop- poms, drawings, photographs... anything at all, and she will display it is part of our Remembrance Corridor. Thankyou.

There will also be a service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November 11am at St Mary's C of E Church. Each year, St Mary's lay a wreath and ask for a pupil, or pupils to represent our school, dressed in their school uniform. If your child is interested then please let us know and we can organise times and details. Thankyou.



**Mini Medics Training**

Our Mini Medics training went well on Tuesday for some of our parents and children. Thankyou to Sarah who led the sessions from Durham LA and also to the parents who came along to support the session.



On **Tuesday 5th March**, we have another free session ' Mental Health' **1-3pm** if anyone is interested. The session is **FREE** and we have 10 places ( well 9 as one is already allocated!)

This session is suitable for KS2 children ( plus 1 parent or carer each pupil) so children from Y3-Y6.

If you are interested in a place, just send me a Weduc message and I will allocate places on first come first served.

Thankyou everybody

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday to Jacob, Zach and Enzo who all celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day boys!





**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.

**Attendance this week**

- Robins—100%**
- Larks—91%**
- Swifts 91%**
- Owls—91%**



School holidays during term time will not be authorised. Our attendance policy is available on our website for further information and overall aims to improve and manage attendance

Week Commencing: Monday 6th November 2023

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**  
*'Remembrance.'*

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE  
LINKED BH CET VIRTUE



Self Belief



31st Week Year A-  
1 John 3:1-3 'We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is'



**WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:**  
9TH NOVEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA KINDNESS DAY,  
9th International day against antisemitism



**FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:**

Remembrance Day 11th, 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 10th St Leo the Great, 11th St Martin of Tours  
REMEMBRANCE TREE  
Act of Remembrance on Friday 11am  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND  
World Day of the Poor this Sunday [World Day of the Poor - Caritas Social Action Network - CSAN](#)

Create a Prayer for Remembrance Day- Read this as part of your Act of Remembrance



Please can we remind parents and children not to put their water bottles inside of their book bags. We have had a few leaks resulting in reading books and flash cards being ruined.



Also a reminder to bring either slippers or indoor shoes so that children can still play in the field if it isn't too wet of course!!

Thankyou



Welcome to Miss Bryony Carter, our new assistant cook. We hope you enjoy your new job in the kitchen and are looking forward to our new cook Yasho Sujai starting soon too. Welcome to the team!