



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

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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 Miss C our sports lead and class teacher

Friday 1st December, 2.30pm - **Advent/ Deliver Joy Candle Time. All Parents, Governors and Parishioners welcome**

Friday 1st December- Barnard Castle Lantern Parade—organised by TCR Hub- See Weduc message

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

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

Tuesday 5th December Reception class sports festival @ Staindrop

Wednesday 6th December Year 1/2 Multi skills competition

Wednesday 6th December- Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's C of E, Barnard Castle. Pop along to see our school tree!

Thursday 7th December Year 3/4 sports festival @ Staindrop

6th-13th December- Scholastic book fair- each class to visit after school on a designated 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!'

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas Party Day all classes- wear party clothes for school today!

Wednesday 20th- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Meals ordered via MCAS App.

Thursday 21st December -Carol Service, St Mary's Catholic Church 4pm  
Owls class narrating. Swankie Sports still on for those parents who need it.

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

Tuesday 9th January 2024- 3.45pm-4.45pm- Anxious About School Project, all parents invited to attend. ( see Weduc)



### BIKEABILITY Y5/6

Owls class only

Parents please remember to book using the QR code to give permission for your child to take part in the Bikeability project taking place week beginning 11th December. A letter has been sent home and we have also sent an additional message via Weduc. Many thanks

Thankyou to everyone for coming along to the parents evening this week , and also to staff for their time.

I hope you found them useful and enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's books.

Any feedback would be appreciated as to how you found the meetings and anything we can do to further improve.

Thankyou.

### Delivering Joy

Thankyou to everyone who was able to come along and join us for our Delivering Joy Candle Time today. The Faith in Action Leaders are ready to go and are up for the challenge- let's see what we can do as a school, to make a difference and deliver joy and happiness on Christmas morning.

Thankyou so much everybody!



### PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM (PLT)



Pupil voice at St Mary's is very important to us, so as well as the school council team that meet each term, we have decided to have additional teams to support and encourage the interests and talents of our children and to then help us improve our offer in school. Teams already in school include our Climate Change Champions, Sports Leaders, Faith in Action Group, Librarians, Gardeners and we are currently advertising ( on our pupil vacancy and appointments board) for Well- Being Ambassadors to help support the health and wellbeing of all pupils. I can't wait to see who applies ... GOOD LUCK !

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Pip, Evelyn, Jack, Odette, Edward, and Sophia who celebrate their birthday this week.

I hope you all have a fabulous day!





### 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— 96%
- Swifts— 91%
- Owls— 98%



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

### TCR Lantern Parade

We hope to see lots of you there at the Lantern Parade tonight. Please see the Weduc message from TCR/Mrs Porter with further details and arrangements for meeting times and pick up points.

Hope to see lots of you there cheering the parade on if you can make it! The Christmas Festivities have begun!!

**5pm** Please meet Mrs Porter at school so we can all go together to the Witham Hall via Morrisons car park entrance (must be there by 5.15pm)

### School and Parish Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December  
School Hall: 10-12 noon

- Festive stalls, and treats
- Festive Hampers and Raffle Prizes
- Elf hunt and games
- Refreshments

Please come along to support us if you can!



### Faith In Action

We had our first Faith In Action meeting for autumn term today. I am delighted that 11 year 6 pupils are prepared to give up some of their own time and energy for the good of others. True faith in action.

Thankyou boys and girls. Project number one is our Delivering Joy Project.



### WEBSITE UPDATE

Our new website is now live!

<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

I am still navigating my way around the site and also training to actually manage/ upload on to the site so please bear with me!! I am aware that some of the narratives on there are slightly out of date- this is due to the timing of when information was shared and transferred over- for example staffing/ governors etc.

It is looking fabulous though- the Team at BHCET have worked incredibly hard to meet deadlines across the Trust; Ella, Verity and team... thankyou!

Weekly newsletters will continue to go out via Weduc and pictures uploaded on to FB too.

Thanks again for your patience.