



*'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

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th November —Parents Evening

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

Saturday December 2nd 10-12 noon School/Parish Christmas Fair (Date proposed but to be confirmed with Father)

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



## 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 the parents who have made an appointment for Parents Evenings for next week ( Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th) If you have not yet made an appointment please ring the office or message via Weduc. It is expected that all parents/ carers make an appointment for either of these nights. It is also a lovely opportunity for you to look at their books too.

After school clubs are available if childcare is needed on both nights up until 5pm.

Thanks so much!



## 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 Miles and Melody who both celebrate their birthday this week.

Have a great 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— 100%  
Swifts— 96%  
Owls— 97%



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

### 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!



### Interested in learning to play a Brass instrument?



pixtostack.com - 90364394

Barnard Castle Brass Band have started a beginners group to attract anyone who maybe interested in learning to play a brass instrument. Band players will help and guide the children and there will be instruments for them to use. The sessions are free, Please come along on Sundays at Glaxo Sports and Social Club @ 5.30pm

To confirm your interest, please email Suzanne Hunter -

[suzannehunter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzannehunter@hotmail.co.uk)

### 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.