



St Mary's Catholic School  
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Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)

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

- Thursday 6th October. Autumn Term Family Mass 10am St Mary's RC Church. Everybody welcome.
- Monday October 10th- World Mental Health Day- theme: 'Now you're talking' \* see class teacher messages for any additional activities in school
- Friday 14th October 2.30pm- Harvest Festival Assembly. All Welcome.
- Tuesday 18th October- Year5/6 (Owls) Eden Camp trip
- Friday 4th November- Black History Exhibition. Further details will follow

Friday 30th September

Thank you to everybody who came along to support our MacMillan coffee morning. It was wonderful to see the hall so full. We will let you know how much we managed to raise on Monday, but a HUGE thank you to everybody involved for helping us make it happen.

Amazing work St Mary's!  
So far we have raised£



Next Week our Trust Virtue is: **CONFIDENCE**  
**Belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities;**  
**Feeling self- confident and assured**

BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH  
OCTOBER 2022

We are currently planning lots of exciting things for us all to get involved with to celebrate the annual month of Black History.

The month presents an opportunity for children and young people to learn more about Black history through lessons across the curriculum, linking beautifully to our school virtues too.



Happy birthday this week to Theo and Sophie B who both celebrate their birthday next week. I hope you both have a wonderful day.



Stars of the week—don't forget to look on our school website to see who are our Stars this week and photographs on the Around School Section too.

A special mention...

I wanted to give a special mention to an ex- pupil of St Mary's; Josie Brown, who I had the pleasure of teaching in KS2.

Josie is off to Australia next week to start a new career as an Au Pair -how exciting!

Josie visited school this week, and I think she is an excellent example for our children 'to follow your dreams!' I wish you so much luck as you start your new adventure Josie... take care and keep in touch.

*'And so the adventure begins...'*



### Playground Leaders 2022

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for our playground leaders programme for autumn term. We will be organising the children into leadership groups next week to get the programme started in school during break and lunch times. Thank you boys and girls- it is brilliant you are willing to learn new skills in both sports and leadership. Fabulous.





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### Our Trust Virtues

(Please see the additional A4 poster I have attached with further information about each Virtue)

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 7 Virtues that we promote and celebrate as a school community:

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



We will also start sharing each Virtue that we are focussing on-linking also to our liturgical year, on our weekly newsletters. Have that conversation with your child... can they tell you the Virtue we have been exploring in school and more importantly, do they know what that looks like in action?

Thank you parents.

### Attendance this week:

**Robins:** 95%

**Larks:** 100% *'fantastic!'*

**Swifts:** 98.4%

**Owls:** 95.5%



Well done Larks class!

Please see our attendance policy on the school website for further information about expectations and parental responsibilities.

**Holidays in term time will not be authorised and fines may occur.**



### Essential Maintenance in Progress

Unfortunately, I am not able to upload onto the school website as Durham are currently working on merging over to the Trust network. I will add the around pictures and Stars on Monday or asap.

Stars of the week this week are:

- Wrens:** Joey
- Robins:** Albert
- Larks:** Jake
- Swifts:** Lillie
- Owls:** Bethany



*'Well done boys and girls- keep shining brightly!'*