



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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



23.10.25

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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 Mrs Jennings our sports lead and class teachers too.

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

Thursday 23rd October- Break Up for half term.

Return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025

'Happy half term!'

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



MINUTES COUNT!

Attend Today= Achieve Tomorrow

Every minute counts so can we make a big effort to get our children to school before **9am, ready for prompt registration at 9am. Anyone arriving after the 9am register is marked late. Fines FOR BEING LATE CAN ALSO OCCUR.**

Holidays during term time WILL NOT be authorised, and the fine for holidays is increasing to **£80 per child, per adult.**

Thankyou as always parents for your support.

Christmas Dates for diary:



Wednesday 3rd December: Christmas Fayre 4-6.30pm in school.

Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day.

Friday 12th December: Christmas Party day

Tuesday 16th December: Nativity Performances:

EYFS (Wrens and Robins) 9.30am

Larks and Swifts Class 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 18th December : School Disco 5.30pm -7.30pm

Friday 19th December: Carol Service at Church. Owls class narrating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Hope and Benjamin M who both celebrate their birthday this week. I hope you have a lovely day!



St Mary's Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 3rd December

4pm -6.30pm



If you would like a stall at our Christmas Fayre then please just get in touch with the office- **Get in touch: 01833 637029** see FB page for further info too.

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 26th March 2026**
- ◆ **Summer term Mass : Friday 17th July 2026**

Faith In Action Group 2025

I am delighted that once again we have a group of Year 6 pupils who are going to be working towards achieving their PIN level badge as part of their Faith In Action award. Over the year , the children will lead, organize and promote events to support our school community, local community and global neighbours - their first project is going to be the **Shoe Box Appeal**. The link below gives further information and the children will be delivering their own presentation to the school during our Monday Candle Time after half term.

Thankyou

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox>





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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025
'Let your Light Shine Before Others' Matthew 5:16



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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.

Attendance this week

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'



Robins- 95%
Larks- 94%
Swifts- 94%
Owls- 93%

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!

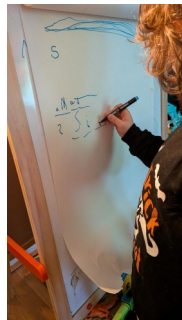
Punctuality

Improving every day but we need to keep it up- thank you parents. Great to see children in, on time, ready and settled on a morning.



When a child goes home at the weekend and just wants to write and practice their phonics... adorable!!

Had to share!
Well done Max!



Staying Safe Online and on Social Media Chats



This week Pc Preet has been in to talk to our Year 5 and 6 children about staying safe online and safe use of group chat apps. I wonder if your child can give you 5 top tips they were given from PC Preet?

Have a wonderful half term everybody
See you when we return to school on
Monday 3rd November.

Take Care—especially if you are trick or treating. Stay Safe!



Great to see our toddler group growing and growing each week. Please feel free to share our toddler times with friends and family- new faces are always welcome and it is lovely for both parents and children to get together and enjoy some quality time through play!

Thankyou!

Toddler Group every **Tuesday 9am -10.45am.**

