



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



7.11.25

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*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13*  
***'In November, We Remember'***

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!**

**Monday 10th November—14th November Anti- Bullying Week.**



See additional Weduc message with a breakdown for what we are doing as part of the theme 'Kindness Wins!'

**Monday 10th- Odd socks Day \* please see/read messages on Weduc too.**

**Friday 14th November- Photograph Day in school ( am) make sure you have full uniform- nice and smart!**

### 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**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Enzo and Lavarlah who both celebrate their birthday this week.

Have a wonderful birthday weekend!



### 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**

### ***In November, We Remember***

Thankyou to the children who have been taking it in turns to sell poppies on the drive after school this week, and of course to those who have supported the Poppy Appeal. St Mary's will be represented by Lillie in Year 6 this year- she will lay the wreath as part of the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church ( Cof E)

Thankyou Lillie!





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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- 98%**  
**Larks- 95%**  
**Swifts- 94%**  
**Owls- 99%**

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.

Every minute counts!



**Poster and Poetry Competition**  
**'KINDNESS WINS'**

As part of the many activities happening across school next week as part of anti-bullying awareness we are inviting our children to enter a competition.

Design either a poster or a poem ( any media, any type of poem) around the theme for this year- kindness wins.

Entries should be completed at home and will be judged in school on Friday 14th November.

Prize for every entry and overall winners for both KS1 and KS2.

Time to get busy and creative!!



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. Next week our theme will link to 'Elmer' celebrating being different as part of anti-bullying week across school. Come and join us if you are free.

Thankyou!

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



Don't forget to have a look at our Around School Blog and our Faith Journey section of the website where you will find lots of lovely photographs and information about the teaching and learning across school.