



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



10.07.26

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

Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and Newsfeeds)

[School Holiday sheets available from the office](#)

Monday 13th July- Sports Afternoon 1.15pm

Tuesday 14th July-Sponsored Walk 9:15am

Wednesday 15th July-Athletics Competition-Owls

Wednesday 15th July-St Mary's Sports Awards-details to follow

Thursday 16th July-Violin Performance 1:30pm

Thursday 16th July-Leavers' Assembly-2:30pm

Friday 17th July- Mass at St Mary's Church 10am

Break Up Friday 17th July

Back to School Wednesday 2nd September

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

No birthdays this week!

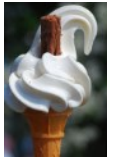


Don't forget we have the ice cream van from 2pm on Monday as part of Sports Afternoon.

Parents are able to buy an ice cream too,

Children will have their ice-cream after their last race.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Competition Winners!

Huge congratulations to Melody, Max, Reece and Harry for outstanding story writing!

The Owls enthusiastically took part in a story writing competition in Spring Term. The task was to write a 500 word creative story around the theme of Gold.

Melody, Max and Reece were all recognised for their creativity and Harry was the overall runner up, winning the school a visit from an ice-cream van. Free ice-creams on Harry!

What an incredible achievement boys and girls!



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** Thank you to everybody who joined us for Mass!
- ♦ **Spring Term Mass: Thursday 12th March 2026**
Thank you to all who were able to attend.
- ♦ **Summer term Mass : Friday 17th July 2026**
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*Each Mass will be at 10am. Hope to see you there.
Thankyou.*

Transition Afternoons 2026

Transition Afternoon 1: Wednesday 10th June

Transition 2: Wednesday 17th June

Transition 3: Wednesday 24th June (this session Owls are on residential. Y4 will have their session as planned with Mrs Lewandowski)

Transition 4: Wednesday 1st July

Transition 5: Wednesday 8th July

Transition 6: Wednesday 15th July.

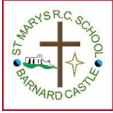
***Transition 6 will be the Teddy Bear's Picnic for our new nursery starters and reception starters together. Children are encouraged to bring along a favourite teddy from home and enjoy a shared picnic as part of this transition afternoon.**

Each afternoon session will be at the same time every week from **1.15pm- 3.15pm**. Children will go back to their own classrooms for usual home time arrangements for 3.30pm.

Thankyou Parents- we are looking forward, as always to welcoming our new children in Reception Class. Once again, this year we have a full cohort of 15 children.

Staffing next year will remain the same in each year group:

- Miss Pryke: EYFS
- Miss North: Year 1 and 2 (Larks)
- Mrs Jennings Year 3 and 4 (Swifts)
- Mrs Porter Year 5 and 6 (Owls)



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We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



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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!'

Overall attendance in school this week is 96%.
Let's see if we can get 100% this last week as a whole school!



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!

Enhancing our pupil's personal development.

A huge thank you to all the dedicated staff of St Mary's for their time and effort in ensuring our children make some wonderful memories and develop important life skills through our extra-curricular activities.

It really has been a busy few weeks!
Thank you staff!

