



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



12.9.25

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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](#)

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 18th September- Family Mass at Church 10am.

Monday 22nd- 24th September -Owls YMT Residential Retreat

Wednesday 24th September- Parent Workshop/Drop in with Durham EWEL Team (Emotional Wellbeing) Have a chat, ask advice, signposting information to further support and services for your child/ family.

Thursday 25th September (am) Two children will join me and the rest of BHCET to produce our Trust Wide Song as part of our Jubilee Year. Max and Thora are both looking forward to representing our school.

Monday 29th October- Robins and Wrens Forest School Session (see Weduc messages from EYFS staff) parent helpers always welcome!

Friday 3rd October 'Turn Barney Pink Day' non- uniform dress in pink today!! £1 donation. Bake Sale in school too.

Wednesday 8th October- MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10.45 am here in school.

Tuesday 30th September- Trip to Viking Centre Owls class

Friday 10th October: Harvest Festival in school. All parents welcome to join us. Each class will contribute to the assembly.

Monday 13th October- 3.30-4.30pm Tea and Chat. Have a cuppa and a catch up with your child's teacher and other parents.

Monday 20th October- EYFS Stay and Play- 9-11am. Autumn themed activities. See FB post and Weduc messages from EY staff for further details.

Thursday 23rd October- Break Up for half term.

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
- ♦ Spring Term Mass: Thursday 26th March 2026
- ♦ Summer term Mass : Friday 17th July 2026

*Each Mass will be at 10am. Hope to see you there.
Thankyou.*

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Harry, Fearne, Charlie and William who all celebrate their birthday this week.



Food Bank Leaders

Thankyou so much to our foodbank leaders this week; Fearne and Jake, who helped me deliver our donations on Tuesday.

Each week we have what we call our 'Foodbank Friday' and families are invited to bring in just one item or packet if they can so that together can offer items to support our local foodbank in West Auckland- The Well.

Obviously you do not need to bring an item every Friday- it might just be one per half term- every little helps.

We then deliver what we have each half term with the children on behalf of our school community.

Thankyou SO much St Mary's!





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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025



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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- 100% 'Amazing Robins!'

Larks- 95%

Swifts- 97%

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!

**Tea and Chat Night
Monday 13th October**

Come along to our autumn term Tea and Chat for a cuppa and a catch up with your child's class teacher and other parents too.

Very informal- drop in at anytime between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**.

We would love to see you there!



Don't forget to book your breakfast and after school clubs on the MCAS app. All clubs start back as usual as of Monday and we have our **FREE** choir club starting up again on Wednesday too don't forget. If your child enjoys singing we would love to see them there! (Y1-Y6)
Clubs need to be booked and paid for in advance.
Thankyou.



**We are Supporting Turn Barney Pink 2025
Teesdale Cancer Research UK**

Come to school dressed in **pink** on **Friday 3rd October** to support our local research charity group to help bring hope to many families in our region.

Suggested donation £1- wear as little or as much pink as you wish! We will also have a pink bake sale during break and at home time on the drive. Any bakers out there we would love your support. Any ingredients from home baking need to be listed.

Thank you everybody!

Don't forget to have a look each week on our school website and our FB page for further information and insights to the teaching and learning from across the week. Our 'Around School' Blog is updated weekly and regular posts on FB help keep parents well informed as to what is going on in and around school. Our newsletters and our Journey in Faith sections on the website are also lovely for parents to keep updated and share in some of the wonderful events that take place across the week.

Have to share this photograph from the week- doesn't it just say so much!

Adorable!

