



*'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!**

**11th March—Robotics Competition—Nissan Sunderland (Owls)**

**Thursday 12th March Family Mass**

**Friday 13th March—Lenten Lunches (Anyone Welcome at St Mary's Parish Church Hall)**

**27th March -Swift's trip to Beamish**

**Thursday 2nd April—Swifts Celebration of the Word  
Easter (All Welcome)**

**Thursday 2nd April- Easter Disco 5- 7.30pm. Tickets required.**

**Easter Holiday 3.4.26—17.4.26**

**Bank Holiday Monday 4th May**

**Y6 SAT Assessment Week W.B. 11.5.26**

**Thursday 21st May—Larks Celebration of the Word  
(All Welcome)**

**Summer Half Term 22.5.26—29.5.26**

**First Holy Communion Mass Sunday 7th June**

**Owls' Residential Visit to Lockerbie 24.6.26—26.6.26**

**(See MCAS for payment plan)**

**Break Up Friday 17th July**

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**Attend Today = Achieve Tomorrow**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday Charlie C, Finlay, Roman and Patrick who all celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day!



### Thursday 2nd April

**Easter Disco**

**5pm- 7.30pm**

Save the Date

Refreshments/Tatoos/Face Painting

All children welcome. Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets can be purchased soon.

£3 per ticket or £5 family ticket



### 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 12th March 2026**  
**CHANGE OF DATE**
- ◆ **Summer term Mass : Friday 17th July 2026**

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

### Holy Communion 2026

Children making their First Holy Communion this year are: **Katie, Rosalia, Gabriela, Margaret and Raph**. Please keep the children in your prayers throughout their preparation journey. Thankyou to both Father Thomas and Mrs McAuley who lead and organise the weekly preparation classes.

**Sunday 7th June 2026**





# St Mary's Catholic School Weekly Newsletter

*We are journeying together through Lent.'*



# 13.03.26

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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.

Fabulous to see our children in full PE uniform this week. Thankyou parents!

Some ( not all) children are often coming to school without water bottles. Can parents make sure water bottles are brought to school every day. Thankyou.

Thankyou to Father Thomas and everyone who was able to join us for our Spring Term Mass on Thursday.

We received a lovely email complimenting the children:

*"Thankyou, your colleagues and pupils for the beautiful singing at Mass this morning. The presence of the school is so uplifting for us.*

*As we have come to expect, their behaviour was impeccable.*

What a joy to read this lovely message!



### Attendance this week

**'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!**



**Robins- 98%**  
**Larks- 99%**  
**Swifts- 95%**  
**Owls- 97%**

A drop in overall attendance this week. Lots of bugs but hopefully after half term we will see an improvement.

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!**

### Robot Raiders!

Congratulations to our Robot Raiders who went along to take part in the Nissan Lego Competition this week. It was an amazing experience for them- they were a credit to our school. Mrs Porter, Mrs Drew and I were incredibly proud of their resilience, positive manner and motivation.

Well done Team- and to come away with the Nissan Award too! What a bonus that was. The children are looking forward to hopefully attending again next year.



A polite reminder to pay off any balances on MCAS. We will be going live with Arbor 12pm on the 20th March. Mrs Sedgewick will keep you informed with any further communications.

Thankyou

