



'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!

Monday 18th May—Y6 Orienteering

Monday 18th May—Y5/6 Football Tournament

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

BREAK UP THURSDAY 21st May

Sunday 24th May- Pentecost Sunday (End of Eastertide)

Barnard Castle Meet Parade—Monday 25th May.

Early Years Information Meeting—1st June 4pm

Wednesday 10th June- 6 week transition afternoons begin (see dates on newsletter for further info)

Friday 3rd July- End of Year Reports sent out

Friday 10th July- Sports Afternoon 1.15pm

Friday 10th July- Y6 Annual Sleepover- further details to follow

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

Owls Performance Tuesday 7th July 2pm & 5:30pm

Y6 Sleepover—Friday 10th July

Sports Day—Monday 13th July

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

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

Break Up Friday 17th July

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday Jake S and Margaret who both celebrate their birthday this week.



Lockerbie Information Meeting

As requested, Mrs Porter will be holding a second information meeting on Tuesday 19th May at 3:30pm to answer any last minute questions.



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)

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.



St Mary's Catholic School Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together during Eastertide



15.05.26

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<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

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- 97.5%
- Larks- 99%
- Swifts- 98%
- 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!

Football Tournament

We wish our St Mary's Football Team luck as they enter the first stage of the Small School Football League at Staindrop.

Miss Holywell will be in touch to confirm the team, but with such skilled pupils across school, we have agreed to take only pupils from Owls.

The tournament is Monday afternoon and the team must have shin-pads and boots to play.



Mini-Police Project



Owls will be taking part in a 3 week project to introduce them to the police through fun and interactive sessions. These will take place after the half-term.

Meet Parade Preparations

What an amazing turn out we had on Wednesday! Adult and animal costumes are completed!

Any character costumes prepared at home should be brought to school next week to be seen by Mrs Porter and checked off.

We will be meeting at school at 10am on Monday 25th to paint faces and add finishing touches to costumes.



We are going to look amazing and the sun is forecast to shine!

Our Time to Shine!

What incredible children we have!

SATs at St Mary's truly is a chance to shine and each and every Year 6 child has demonstrated resilience, confidence and determination and we are so incredibly proud of them.

Thank you Miss Bunford for treating Year 6 (and staff) to a delicious cooked breakfast today!

