



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



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



**19.9.25**

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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 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** *Thankyou to everybody who joined us for Mass!*
- ♦ **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.*

### 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 Remi who celebrated he birthday this week. I hope you had a wonderful day Remi!



### Food Bank Fridays



**Thankyou to those families who were able to bring in something for our Foodbank today- much appreciated.**

**Every Friday is 'Foodbank Friday' where we invite our children to bring in just one tin or packet to the foodbank. Each half term we then deliver our donations to The Well in Bishop Auckland.**

**Let's see what we can do this half term...  
thankyou!**

A big thankyou to Christine, one of our lovely parishioners who regularly gives up her own time and gardening skills to make sure our gardens looks beautiful!

We appreciate your time Christine- thankyou!





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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- 100% 'Amazing Robins!'**

**Larks- 99%**

**Swifts- 96%**

**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**

Attendance this week is looking very positive, especially in Robins, Larks and Owls. Well done.

A reminder that punctuality is equally as important so that your child can arrive on a morning settled and prepared for a prompt start, and with minimal distraction for both the class teacher and peers.

Please make sure your child arrives in good time for registration. Child can arrive to school from 8.45am, ready for a 9am registration.

Don't forget we have breakfast club too from 7.45am

Thank you parents



**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!



**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!**

**Parent Workshops**

Parent Workshops with EWEL (Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning) will take place here in school on **Wednesday 24th September** between **9.30am and 11am**.

Please do drop in, if there is anything you would like to discuss or if you have any worries or concerns about your child's emotional well-being. The sessions will hopefully offer support to some of our families and signpost to further help and support outside of school

Thankyou