



'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!

BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 1st June

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

Barnard Castle Meet Parade—Monday 25th May.

Cricket Competition (Swifts) 3rd June—Mrs Jennings will send further details

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday—7th June

Early Years Information Meeting— 8th June 4pm (Change of Date)

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

Wednesday 17th June—Year 5 St John's Taster Day

Owls' Residential Visit to Lockerbie 24.6.26—26.6.26

Monday 29th July—Y6 Festival Emmaus Village

Friday 3rd July—Swifts trip to the Botanic Gardens

Friday 3rd July- End of Year Reports sent out

Monday 6th July—Beach Day (Wrens, Robins and Larks)

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

Y6 Sleepover—Friday 10th July

Sports Day—Monday 13th July

Tuesday 14th July - Sponsored Walk—Striding for Strokes

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 Freddie G, Albie, Connie and Nancy, Sylvie, Annabelle, Ava Grace and Miss Holywell who all celebrate their birthday in the next two weeks.



Lunches—Polite reminder

Please remember to select your child's lunches on Arbor each week as after half-term any children who have not made selections will be given the blue choice for that day.



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

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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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- 96%
- Larks- 99%
- Swifts- 96%
- Owls- 94%

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!

Holy Communion

Katie, Rosalia, Gabriela, Margaret and Raph are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June 2026.

The service will be at 9:30am and friends and families are very welcome to come along to support them.

I'm sure it will be a very special day!



Summer Term Trips

Please check the 'dates for dairies' section of the newsletter for details about Summer Term Trips.

Class teachers will send further details closer to the date.



Meet Parade Ready

Thank you everyone for all of your support and help—we are finally ready and excited to show off our creativity on Monday!

We will meet at school on Monday morning at 10am to paint faces and allocate costumes.

Judging is at 12noon so please be at the carpark at 11:45am. The parade starts at 1pm and finish at Barnard castle school at about 2pm. If you are not involved in the parade itself, come out in support and give us a wave and cheer as we sing and dance our way down the street.

We are going to look amazing St Mary's and the sun is forecast to shine!



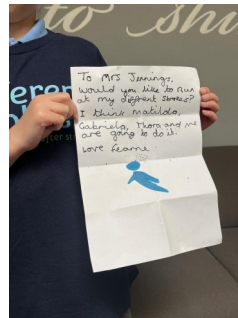
Sponsored Walk

Trainers on, team — Fearn's set us a mission!

Join us for our whole school sponsored walk on Tuesday 14th July at 9:15am.

We'll be striding out together in support of an amazing charity, which is close to our hearts—

Striding for Strokes.



When we return to school, refreshments will be served in the hall — a chance to rest, chat, and celebrate what we've achieved as a community.

Everyone is welcome. Families, friends, and supporters — lace up and walk with us.