

St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



25.09.26

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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 other Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am. £3 per session. All very welcome! **See Facebook for dates and details**

Monday 28th September- Celebrating European Languages. Theme 'Languages Unite.' Further info on Weduc message.

Wednesday 30th Sept- Flu jabs in school

Thursday 1st October- Reception Class trip to Hamsterley Forest- see weduc message from Miss Pryke for further info.

October 5th- beginning of Black History Month

Tues 6th Oct- toddler group 9.15am

Thursday 8th Oct- Harvest Offerings. All welcome to join us 9.15am school hall.

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING.

Tuesday 13th -Owls trip to Eden Camp

Thursday 15th Oct- EYFS visit to fire station

Tuesday 20th Oct- toddler group 9.15am

Friday 23rd Oct- break up for half term

Family Mass Dates for 2026-2027

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 walk with us from school, or join us there.

The dates for your diary are as follows:

- ♦ **Autumn Term Mass: Thursday 24th September 2026 - lovely to see you there- thankyou!**
- ♦ **Spring Term Mass: Thursday 29th April 2027**
- ♦ **Summer term Mass : Thursday 15th July 2027**

KS2 (Swifts and Owls) children will also attend Mass on a weekly rota each Thursday morning, strengthening parish and community links for both children and families.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Oliver K and Charlotte T who celebrate their birthday this week. I hope you both have a wonderful day!



Thankyou to Father Thomas, staff and children who joined us for prayer group over break time today.

As always, wonderful to gather together for prayer.



**FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
9.15AM -10.45AM**



It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us for our MacMillan Coffee Morning this morning- the hall was full!

Thankyou so much.

We will keep you informed with the amount raised after selling cakes and biscuits on the drive tonight too.

Thankyou for your generosity and making a big difference to the lives of others. MacMillan is a charity close to many hearts.

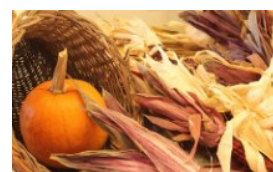
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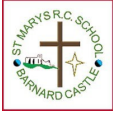
We hope you can come and join us for our Harvest Offerings Candle Time on Thursday 8th October, 2.30pm.

Each class will present a short song, hymn, prayer or poem and Father Thomas will close with a blessing.

Any fresh produce from your gardens would be appreciated, and can be brought to school on the morning of Thursday 8th. The fresh foods, or tins will then be divided into harvest hampers for our elderly neighbours. Children will deliver them with a member of staff, on behalf of St Mary's.

Thankyou.





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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.

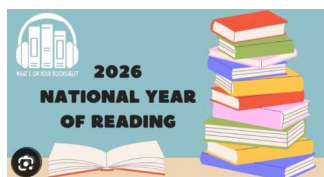
This Year we celebrate 'National Year of Reading!' along with the theme 'Go All In!'

We are looking forward to planning lots of wonderful reading opportunities, activities and competitions to promote reading and develop a love of reading for all ages across our school community.

Ready, Steady, Read!

'Inspiring a child to read is one of the greatest gifts you can give.'

Julia Donaldson



Attendance this week

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'



Robins- 99.3%

Larks- 97.5%

Swifts- 99%

Owls- %

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!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2026-27

