



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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



3.10.25

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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!

Wednesday 8th October- MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10.45am here in school. Drop in anytime!



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 Max, Oliver and Charlotte who all celebrate their birthday this week.

I hope you all enjoyed your special day.



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!*

This week in school we have been learning about 'Other Faiths' in our RE lessons.

I wonder if the children can tell you which faith we have been exploring, right from nursery to year 6. It has been wonderful listening to some of the wonderful conversations and questions asked by the children across the week.





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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- 92%
Larks- 97%
Swifts- 97%
Owls- 96%

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

MUCH improved this week—thankyou boys and girls and of course parents. It really does make a difference and the children are so much more settled and ready to learn on a morning- keep this up!



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!



Supporting Turn Barney Pink 2025
Teesdale Cancer Research UK

Thankyou to everybody who joined in our fundraiser today to support Cancer Research UK. Everybody looked fabulous, enjoyed their treats at break and more importantly helped raise money for such a worthwhile cause. We will share the total amount with you once we have sold the rest of the cakes on the drive tonight!

Thankyou SO much!



Let's Give Thanks for the Harvest'

We are looking forward to hopefully seeing many of our parents and grandparents join us for our annual Harvest Festival. Each class will contribute towards the harvest festival celebration with singing, prayers, poems and role play.

Any fresh produce, or tinned vegetables you would like to bring with you on the morning of harvest festival will be displayed in the hall and distributed by some of our children to our elderly neighbours who live locally. Thankyou!

Friday 10th October 2.30pm in school

