

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

If we look closely we will be able to find God in the ordinary of our lives.

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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!**

Netball coaching (Owls) - Every Wednesday

Tuesday 17th Feb—Netball Competition (Owls)

Friday 13th Feb 2:30pm —Wrens and Robins Celebration of the Word

Valentines (All Welcome)

Wednesday 18th Feb 10am ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Thursday 19th Feb—Multi-skills Festival (Larks)

Spring Half term 23.2.26 — 27.2.26

Thursday 2nd April—Swifts Celebration of the Word

Easter (All Welcome)

Easter Holiday 3.4.26—17.4.26

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

**Y6 SAT Assessment Week W.B. 11.5.26**

Thursday 21st May—Larks Celebration of the Word

(All Welcome)

Summer Half Term 22.5.26—29.5.26

**Owls' Residential Visit to Lockerbie 24.6.26—26.6.26**

(See MCAS for payment plan)

**Break Up Friday 17th July**

## 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 Cassian who celebrated his birthday this week.



## Toddler Session

Despite the rain this week we had another brilliant toddler session on Tuesday. The theme continued to be around snow and ice and the children enjoyed exploring the activities using different senses. It is wonderful to see their little faces, curious and full of concentration too!



## 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. Thankyou.

## Holy Communion 2026

Children making their First Holy Communion this year are: **Katie, Rosalia, Gabriela, Margaret and Raph.** Please keep the children in your prayers throughout their preparation journey. Thankyou to both Father Thomas and Mrs McAuley who lead and organise the weekly preparation classes.





'Let your Light Shine Before Others' Matthew 5:16

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#### Our Trust Virtues

Our Trust Virtues are woven 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



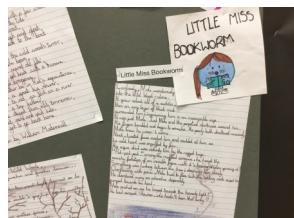
These virtues link closely to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles (CST) that underpin everything we do as a school, and as a Trust.

#### Little Miss and Mr Neat

To celebrate National Handwriting Day, we have been in search of our very own Little Miss Neat and Little Mr Neat across school.

Staff have selected winners from each class and displayed exceptional examples in our hall.

Feel free to pop into school to take a peek.  
Winners to be announced on Monday.



#### Attendance this week

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!



Robins- 93%  
Larks- 95%  
Swifts- 95%  
Owls— 93%

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!

Our talented artist, Lynda Nelson, has added some lovely scripture to complete our newly decorated Meeting Room.

Thank you



#### Climate Change Cake Competition

Thank you to our Climate Change Champions for organising this amazing fundraising event.

There were so many incredible entries that it was difficult to choose our winners.

- ◆ Edie
- ◆ Radhesh
- ◆ Sylvie
- ◆ Charlotte T

