



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



4.09.26

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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 7th September -PC Preet visiting school 'Keeping Safe in our community.

Tuesday 8th- Toddler group 9.15am

Tues 22nd Toddler group 9.15AM

Thursday 24th - Autumn Term Family Mass 10am St Mary's

Friday 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.15- 10.45am

Wednesday 30th Sept- Flu jabs in school

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.

Tuesday 13th -Owls trip to Eden Camp

Thursday 15th Oct- EYFS visit to fire station

Tuesday 20th Oct- toddler group 9.15am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Fearne, Charlie P and Willow who all celebrate their birthday next week. Have a great day!



Welcome Back St Mary's!

It has been a wonderful week- all be it a shorter than usual week! The children have all come back happy, full of energy and enthusiasm to learn. They look so smart too in their uniform and they have all, without doubt grown a cm or two over the holidays!! Great to be back everybody!



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 , walk with us from school, or join us there.

The dates for your diary are as follows:

- ♦ **Autumn Term Mass: Thursday 24th September 2026**
- ♦ **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.*

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 9.15AM -10.45AM

Come and join us for our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning here in school.

Any baking or cakes/ biscuits to sell would be much appreciated. Please remember however, to list all ingredients used and not to include nuts in line with policy.

It is also Fairtrade Friday so we would love to link any baking to fairtrade recipes too! Thank you!





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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.

Parking Permits

A number of parents have asked about parking permits this week.

As soon as we have them, Mrs Sedgewick will send a message and they can then be collected from the office.

Hopefully they will be with you at some point next week.

Thankyou.



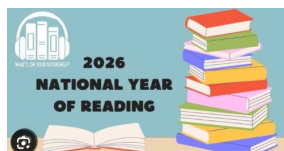
This Year we celebrate 'National Year of Reading!' along with the theme 'Go All In!'

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- 100%

Larks- 95.7%

Swifts- 98.7%

Owls- 90.1%

WELL DONE ROBINS!!

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

Whilst attendance and punctuality at St Mary's is overall very good, we want it to be even better! Over this year we are going to be introducing new initiatives to our attendance policy that rewards the children who have consistent, excellent attendance and punctuality, and also, we hope to encourage those that don't!

Examples include, certificates, attendance points, attendance treats and an overall attendance reward at the end of the year for all 100% attenders. Last year we had 16 children who achieved 100% attendance across the academic year. More information and our updated policy will soon be shared and pupil voice will be used to decide what our end of year reward will look like- maybe a day trip, vouchers, or cash prizes! We will also hold an end of year attendance event for parents and school to celebrate exceptional attendance achievements together as a school family.

As a reminder parents, we expect all children to be in school if they are well enough and on time.

Holidays will not be authorised and we hope that to ensure every child is able to reach their full potential both academically and emotionally, that family holidays are avoided during term time.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Matters

Attend Today- Achieve Tomorrow!