



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



5.12.25

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'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13
'In November, We Remember'

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!

TODDLER SESSIONS BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY 2026.



Tuesday 9th Dec - Choir carol singing at Barnard Castle Scouts Hut.
Break Up Friday 19th December and return to school Monday 5th January 2026

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.

Christmas Dates for diary:

Christmas Tree Festival (see Weduc messages)
3rd- 7th December St Mary's Church



Wednesday 10th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day.

Friday 12th December: Christmas Party day

Tuesday 16th December: Nativity Performances:

EYFS (Wrens and Robins) 9.30am

Larks and Swifts Class 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 18th December : School Disco 5.30pm -7.30pm

Friday 19th December: Carol Service at Church. Owls class narrating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Odette who celebrating her special day this week. I hope you had a wonderful day Odette- I love your wheelies too!



It was lovely to see Miss North, at the Christmas Fayre- our new teacher for Larks class, who will be joining the team in January.

Miss North met some of our staff, parents and children at the fayre, and she is visiting school on Wednesday afternoon too to say hello to Larks class and spend some time getting to know them.

We are very much looking forward to Miss North joining St Mary's after Christmas- she is an exceptional teacher!

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**

Holy Communion 2025

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.





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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- 98%

Larks- 95%

Swifts- 91%

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!**

Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch Day is on
Wednesday 10th December.

JUMPERS FOR ALL!

If anyone has any pre-loved Christmas jumpers they no longer need, bring them into school before Wednesday and we will have a Christmas Jumper Bank. Any unused jumpers will then be donated to a local charity shop.

Any issues get in touch with me and we will help to make sure every child has a jumper to wear.



This Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We will see the 2nd purple candle lit at Mass. I wonder if you know what this candle represents for us? I will ask you on Monday when we gather in the hall.

Lots of Advent pictures from around school on our website/Blog/Around School Page and Journey in Faith section too.



DISCO TICKETS AND PARTY DAY!



Tickets for both the Christmas Disco and £1 donation towards party food are now available to pay on MCAS. Tickets for the disco are £3 or £5 for a family ticket. Get your dancing shoes ready boys and girls!

***Nursery children and reception children (Wrens and Robins) need to be accompanied by an adult at the disco- obviously no charge for the adult tickets.**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What an absolutely fabulous Christmas Fayre we had this week at St Mary's! The hall was buzzing with festive joy and it was wonderful to see so many of you there.

Reaching out to the community to join us for our fayre helped us raise over £500 for school.

Each class will be given a budget to purchase some new resources for their class. I've already been to Teesdale Toys for some really beautiful sensory toys and resources. THANKYOU EVERYBODY!

'What a lovely school, I could sense the strong community.' Deb, Temple Spa Stall holder

