



'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 Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am. £3 per session. All very welcome! Toddler session the 13th May is cancelled due to SATs and our Year 5 pupils needing the hall.

Thankyou.

Sunday 8th June- Pentecost Sunday— end of Eastertide

June 11th- 13th- Edinburgh Residential Owls class

Friday 20th June- Larks trip to Auckland Castle * see additional Weduc messages from Mrs D

Monday 23rd June- Y6 YMT Festival—see additional messages from Mrs P

Monday 30th June- Mrs Porter and the two group finalists at Centre for Life for their Moon Base Projects. WOW!!

Friday 4th July- Y6 Sleepover

Thursday 10th July- proposed date for Y6 meal (organised by parent) message and contacts shared earlier this week via Weduc.

Tuesday 8th July Y6 Performances

Friday 11th July- End of Year Reports sent out

Monday 14th July- Sports Day (pm) further details to follow

Tuesday 14th July-16th July EYFS Bikeability Balance Bike sessions

Thursday 17th July- Owls class candle time

Thursday 17th July- Summer Term Disco 5.30pm- 7.30pm

SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAGE 2 FOR CLASS CANDLE TIMES

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Summer Term: Friday 18th July 2025- we would love as many of you to join us if you can as we will be saying Mass for our Year 6 leavers and all other school leavers.

Note: CHANGE OF DATES!!

Summer Term School Disco

We will be having a summer term disco 5.30pm- 7.30pm on Thursday 17th July.

All children welcome and as precious as our EYFS children ((Nursery and Robins) will need an adult to stay with them if they would like to attend.

Face Painting,

Tattoos,

Games

Tuck shop and sausages in a bun (went down well at the last one!)

Tickets will go on sale this week on MCAS . £3 per ticket and £5 for a family ticket.

Thankyou



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 Ava Grace, Annabelle, Gabriela and Tilly

I hope you had or for Tilly and Gabriela have a wonderful birthday at the weekend. Enjoy!



Transition Afternoons

As always we will be having our **6 week transition sessions** over the last 6 weeks of term for all children in school and our new starters in Robins class. The transition afternoons give the children an opportunity to bond with their new class, become familiar with their new teacher, class codes of conduct and familiar with their new environments.

The **last two sessions** we also invite our new nursery starters to join us. Letters has also been sent out to EYFS/Nursery.

The transition dates are as follows:

Thursday 12th June * Mrs Box will take the current Year 4 children for their transition in Owls class as they are in Edinburgh.

Thursday 19th June

Thursday 26th June

Thursday 3rd June

Thursday 10th July

Thursday 17th July * EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic



All sessions will be from 1.30pm- 3pm

Thankyou!



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- 96%
- Larks- 94%
- Swifts-96%
- Owls-95%

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!

Candle Times we would like to share with Parents

Please make a note of the additional dates below for the class Assembly, lead by the children linking to specific themes. Parents are welcome and we hope you can come and join us!

All Candle Times are at **2.30pm** on the dates below:

Friday 18th July 2025 **OWLS** Class Leavers Assembly

Year 6 Performances: 'The Greatest Showman!'

Tuesday 8th July at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

We continue to prayer for the children making their First Holy Communion this Summer: Sophia, Reece, Rowan and our friends from Staindrop school Florence, Ava and Georgia.

Holy Communion takes place on the 15th June at St Mary's Barnard Castle and the 22nd June for parishes St Osmund and St Mary's Wycliffe. Mass for both dates is 9.30am.

Please speak to Father Thomas should you require any further information.



I met with Miss Herbert this week for tea. She is doing well, keeping herself busy with pottery classes, going to the gym and trying her hand with flower arranging too. Keep Miss Herbert in your thoughts and prayers and don't forget I am more than happy to pass on any letters, cards or messages from the children and parents.

We miss you Miss Herbert.



Festival of Choirs 2025

A huge well done to all of the choirs from across our Trust who gathered together yesterday at Carmel for the annual Festival of Choirs in support of the Peru Mission.

The children as always were just fabulous, singing with such confidence, self- belief and passion. We have some very talented singers vocalists out there!

A big thankyou to Mrs Jane O' Byrne- West and Mrs Jennings for their time and dedication to ensure the children were able to participate and sing with such pride. Also, to the parents and staff who bought tickets and went along to support the event. Fantastic- well done!



'It was so good, I loved being on the stage even though I felt nervous!' Dotty Y1

It was lovely to see Bishop Stephen yesterday at the Bishop's Day in Durham. He was asking about everybody at school- including the chickens! He also passed on congratulations to us as a school, after reading about our Live Simply Award in the Northern Cross newspaper.

