



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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



9.10.25

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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!

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.

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:



Wednesday 3rd December: Christmas Fayre 4-6.30pm in school.

Christmas Tree festival 3-7 Dec, St Mary's Parish Church
Our theme this year is 'The Snowman'.

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!

To Mrs Jennings who had her birthday on Monday!



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!**

Family Mass Dates for 2025-2026

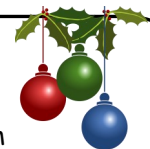
Each term here at St Mary's we gather together for our 'Family Mass' with Father Thomas, at St Mary's Catholic Church in Barnard Castle.

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**

St Mary's Christmas Fayre



Wednesday 3rd December 4-6.30pm

If you would like a stall at our Christmas Fayre then please just get in touch with the office. We will ask for £10 per table and the rest of the money you make is your own!

If you are a local business perhaps, a keen baker or a talented parent we would love to hear from you. Teesdale Toys, Temple Spa, have already signed up- thankyou!!



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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- 94%
Larks- 88%
Swifts- 92%
Owls- 91%

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



Keep up the punctual start to the day- what a difference it makes! Thank you everybody.

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!



Let's Give Thanks for the Harvest'

Thankyou to everybody who came along to our Harvest Festival today- we hope you enjoyed it.

We appreciate all of the items brought in for the food banks and parcels we will deliver to our elderly neighbours too.

True faith in action St Mary's - thankyou!



Cancer Research UK

Total raised £190- fantastic! Thankyou so much everybody.

MacMillan Coffee Morning raised £112.

THANKYOU!



Our first school council meeting for this term will be on Wednesday 15th October. I am looking forward to hearing the suggestions brought to the meeting. Each year group votes for their class representative, who then brings forward any suggestions from class. My favourite request from last year was

'Mrs Box can we have a pool outside on the field- it is big enough!'