



*'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!**

3- 16th March- Fairtrade Fortnight

Sunday 16th March - Holi Festival

Monday 17th March- SEND surgery drop in 2pm- 3.30pm ( change of date )Friday 7th-16th March- World Science Week

Monday 17th March- Robins trip to Hall Hill Farm

Thursday 20th March- Spring Term Family Mass—all welcome as always. St Mary's Catholic Church 10am.

Wednesday 26th March- Maths Day- dress as a number significant to you! ( football shirt, favourite number, your age... maybe design your own t-shirt or simply design a badge?)

Monday 31st March- Music Performance 2.30pm. All parents invited. Children presenting from each class.

Saturday 5th April- Easter Fayre 10-12noon See Weduc.

Friday 11th April- EYFS (Robins) Easter themed Candle Time Parents Invited

Friday April 11th- Break up for Easter—return Monday 28th April.

SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAGE 2 FOR CLASS CANDLE TIMES

**Family Mass Dates and Times**

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Spring Term: Thursday 20th March 2025

Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025



**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!**

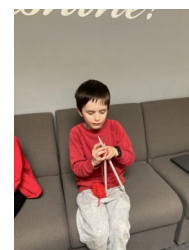
Happy birthday to Jack, Joel and Dryden who all celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day boys!



**Let's Get Knitting!!**

Our first knitting club went well and the children are all getting busy making crême egg holders for the Easter fayre.

Great idea girls- thankyou Charlotte, Layla-Mae and Connie for leading the group.



**World Book Day 2025  
Thursday 6th March**



We had a wonderful day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. I hope the children brought home their voucher to spend on a new book.

Everybody looked fabulous- well done! Lots more pictures on our FB page and Around School Blog.



**Drop- In SEND Surgery**

**Monday 17th March 2pm- 3.30pm**

A Weduc message has been previously sent out this week with information about a drop in SEND surgery here in school with a lady called Helen from the EWEL team ( Emotional Wellbeing and Effective Learning Team

**NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE!**





St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025**  
**First Friday of Lent**



**7.3.25**

Email: [office@stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk)  
<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

### 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- 97%**  
**Larks- 97%**  
**Swifts-98%**  
**Owls-96%**



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 14th February: SWIFTS Class 'All You Need is Love!'**

Friday 11th April 2025: **ROBINS** Class 'Easter themed'

Thursday 22nd May 2025 **LARKS** Class themed assembly

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

### Edinburgh Residential 2025 Owls Class

The residential trip to Edinburgh this year is from Wednesday 11th June- Friday 13th June 2025.

Mrs Porter will hold meeting closer to the time with all the relevant information you will need to know so that the children have what they need and you are aware of their very full itinerary!

Monthly or weekly payments can be paid using MCAS app.

Many thanks



### Journeying together through Lent

It was a wonderful start to Lent at mass on Ash Wednesday as we gathered together as a school community. Father Thomas reminded us that Lent is a time of reflection and a time to grow closer to God- in the things we say and the things we do.

What will you do this Lent to grow closer in love, with Christ?



On Saturday 8th March ( 5.30pm at St Mary's Church) the children making their First Holy Communion in Summer will make their First Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep the children, and their families in your prayers as they continue their special journey of preparation.

We pray for Sophia, Reece, Rowan and our friends from Staindrop; Florence, Ava and Georgia.

