



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

Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and Newsfeeds)

[School Holidays \(stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk\)](http://stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk)



Wednesday 13th September- Roald Dahl Day

Wednesday 13th September 9.30am - KS1 assembly Anti Social Behaviour, Cyber bullying with PC Singh (Teesdale Neighbouring Beat Team)

Friday 15th 9.30am - KS2 assemblies with PC Preet- ASB, Cyber bullying and Digital Images/ staying safe online.

Monday 11th September- Open Evening, Year 6 pupils Carmel College, 6pm.

Monday 18th September- Jeans for Genes Awareness Day. Come to school wearing your jeans instead of school trousers/ shorts or skirt. Please wear your school jumpers/ tops as usual. No donations—this is just an awareness day for us in school.

Tuesday 19th- World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 20th- Cafod Speaker in school/ workshops around Catholic Social Teaching

Thursday 21st September- International Day of Peace

Monday 25th September- Tea and Chat Night 3.30pm- 5pm. A chance to have a cuppa and a chat with your child's teacher and meet the team.

Thursday 28th September- Family Mass at St Mary's Church. Mass to welcome our new starters and mark the beginning of a new academic year. All very welcome, please join us if you can.

Friday 29th- MacMillan Coffee Morning- drop in anytime between 9-11am, school hall.

Friday 29th September- National Teaching Assistant Day

Friday 29th- Flu Vaccinations whole school

October- Black History Month

Friday 13th October- Harvest Festival Candle Time 2.30pm in school- all welcome. Each class participating.

October 16th- Recycling Week

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th- Cross Country and Rugby Competition. Miss C will email individual parents separately if your child has been selected to take part.

Thursday 19th- Y5/6 Multi Skills Festival

Break Up Thursday 19th for half term holiday

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everybody! We have had a wonderful first week back- full of busy!

We welcome our Little Wrens and Robins and their families, who have all settled beautifully, and have had lots of fun getting to know their friends and teachers. Mrs Hickey's lunches have also gone down well too!

Welcome to: Charlotte, Arthur, Florence, Iris, Albie, Luna, Oliver, Delilah and Maddie.

Our Robins are all doing a wonderful job at setting an example and showing you what to do- thank you Robins!

Welcome also to Miss Buck our trainee teacher from Carmel and Miss Brown our EYFS apprentice.



We had a lovely visit yesterday from Nick Conway, Deputy CEO of the Trust. He spent time talking to the children in every class as well as the teachers and praised the behaviour of our children. He said it was joy to visit and that we had a wonderful school.

Thank you Nick, we hope you come and visit us again soon- Mrs Hickey will make the flapjacks!



Thank you all for your patience this week as we have managed to set up new systems and apps in school. Mrs Sedgewick must be exhausted! Weduc is now back up and running and all clubs and lunches can now be selected and booked using My Child at School. (MCAS) Eventually, we will move towards using just the MCIS app but for now Weduc will run alongside it. Thank you.



THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Jesus is with us.'



Compassion
Justice



Matthew 18:15-20
'Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

CST Linked Principle: Solidarity and Subsidiarity

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Harry and Fearn who celebrate their birthday this week. Have a wonderful day! Stars of the weeks - don't forget to look on our school website to see who are our Stars this week and photographs on the Around School Section too.





St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
Ordinary time. A journey of growth.'



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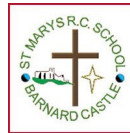


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Our Trust Virtues

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

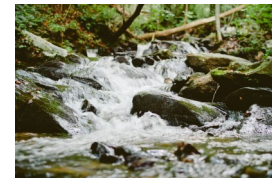


Open Water Safety

Once again we would like to share this water safety video with you all, as we are hopeful for one last weekend of beautiful sunshine I am aware that some of us, including older siblings may spend time at the river so it is very useful to watch to ensure we all keep safe.

Thankyou.

<https://youtu.be/Hn-h42TOg6k>



Let's do coffee on **Friday 29th September** and help people living with cancer.

Drop in **anytime between 9-11am, school hall.**

We would love to see you there. Feel free to bake (list ingredients) or buy cakes to bring along, but don't worry if not we will have lots of sweet treats for you to enjoy. Bring your family and friends too!



Autumn Term Family Mass St Mary's RC Church

We would love you to join us for our first Mass of the year as a school family on **Thursday 28th September.**

Some of our children will participate in the Mass (reading, bidding prayers and welcoming new starters with their buddies)

Save the date and come along if you can. Everyone very welcome.

Thankyou!

Holy Communion 2024- any parents wanting their child to make their First Holy Communion in the Summer 2024, please let me know and I will inform Father Thomas. Children who are in Year 4 or above are invited to make their First Holy Communion and must be baptised Catholic. Preparation classes usually start in the October/ November time. Further information will follow.

After School Clubs

Please see Mrs Sedgewick's message with regards to clubs and costs.

Note our breakfast club now runs from 7.45am (7.45am-8.45am)

Please read the Weduc newsfeed and messages for any updates , payments and instructions.

Thankyou

A special mention to Mrs Sedgewick this week who has worked relentlessly to get our new systems in school up and going. Thankyou Mrs Sedgewick!