



'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)

Monday 18th September- Jeans for Genes Awareness Day.

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

Monday 9th October and Tuesday 17th October- Sounds- Write Parent Info sessions. Further details on page 2 of newsletter.

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

Monday 30th October- Vikings/Saxon Trip, Yorkshire Museum for Owls class.

Monday 18th September

Don't forget to wear your jeans on Monday!

School jumpers are still to be worn.

We are not fundraising on this occasion but we are using the day to raise awareness of the Jeans for Genes charity, and I am hoping our Faith in Action group will get involved over tis academic year.

Thankyou everybody.



Thankyou!

Thank you to our community police officers who came in this week, to help develop their knowledge and understanding of how to keep safe outside of school and online. The children listened to talks about anti- social behaviour and cyber safety

I hope the children can come home and tell you all about it and the important lessons they have learnt.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Remi and Taio 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.



Chess Club

We are delighted to offer a free chess club this term to children on a Friday afternoon 3.30-4.15pm. Zach and Tommy inspired us to organise the club after giving up their own free time to enjoy the game. Mr West has kindly offered to give up his time and expertise each week to teach the game to children (and staff) who are interested. The club will start from next week (22nd) and children MUST be booked on as places are limited due to chess boards available in school. Please message me on Weduc if your child is interested and I will confirm a place. Thankyou—Mrs Box





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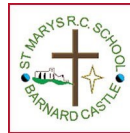


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Our Trust Virtues

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



Sounds-Write Phonics Parent Information Sessions

Mrs Dominick will be running two information sessions for parents who would like to know more about our Sounds Write Phonics scheme and early reading strategies to support quality reading at home. Both sessions will be of the same content so come along, if you can to whichever suits you on either:

- Monday 9th Oct 4-4.30pm or
- Tuesday 17th Oct 5.30-6pm.

Please just message me or Mrs Dominick to attendance so that we can prepare where to hold the meeting in school. Thankyou.



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 info to follow.

School Clubs

Don't forget to book your child on MCAS for any before/ after school clubs. Things have ran much smoother this week with Weduc and MCAS... thanks again for all of your patience and to Mrs Sedgewick for her hard work to ensure systems are in place.

We have introduced a new club this term too thanks to pupil voice. We will be having a **chess club** starting next Friday, free of charge- places limited. Further details are on page 1.

Also- don't forget to encourage your child to come along to our **lunchtime choir** if they enjoy singing and performing. Our governor Mrs O' Byrne West runs this every Wednesday lunchtime for anyone- children and staff who are interested. Thankyou.

