



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



19.10.23



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'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)

Break Up Thursday 19th for half term holiday

Monday 30th October- Vikings/Saxon Trip, Yorkshire Museum for Owls class. See Mrs Porter's Weduc messages for further information for the day. Thankyou

For sports festivals for your child's class, please see additional messages from Miss C our sports lead.

'Thankyou God for the Harvest!'



Our Little Wrens and Robins did a super job of delivering the fresh fruits and vegetables to some of our elderly neighbours. We have had some lovely cards and letters of thanks to the children.

The rest of the tinned and packets of food will be delivered tomorrow to the foodbank at West Auckland.

Thankyou again!

FREE Mini Medics Training

Brilliant opportunity for some of our children and parents...

We are delighted to offer FREE mini medics training to some of our KS2 children AND their parents. The training will be in school and will be for a maximum of 10 children (plus their parent) Training will take place in school on Tuesday 31st October, and further training in March, again for up to 10 children plus a parent on mental health mini medics. If you are interested in either, or both just send me a Weduc message—thankyou!

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Date: Tuesday 31st October

Time: 1-3pm



Swankie Sports

October half term Holiday Club

Don't forget to get in touch with Kyle directly if you would like a place for the October week holiday club. Please see the Weduc message previously sent with Kyle's details and details of the 3 days and times of the club

(Mon 23rd, Wed 25th, Friday 27th)

9am-3pm

Numbers will need to be limited but at present there are still places.

Please inform Kyle of the days you require and he will let you know how to pay.

Thankyou

Children can not just turn up on the day.

kyleswankie11@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Casper, Erika and Maisie who celebrated their birthday this week. And also to Lillie and Benjamin who celebrate their birthday during half term

Have a wonderful birthday!



We hope you have all managed to see some of the wonderful artwork displayed at St Mary's RC Church that we have received for our Rosary exhibition. We have had some beautiful pieces of work from the children, right from nursery to year 6.


Thankyou for taking the time to do this at home boys and girls. Such a lovely way to celebrate the month of the Rosary.





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Ordinary time. A journey of growth.'



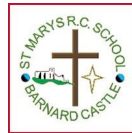
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Our Trust Virtues

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

Thankyou to the parents who came along to the Sounds Write session this week with Mrs Dominick, and also staff.

I hope you found it useful and enjoy using the additional resources and portal that was shared with you.

Don't forget if you have any further questions with regards to early reading or phonics, Mrs Dominick is always happy to help.

Thank you Mrs Dominick- I appreciate your time too.



Celebration of the Word Bishop Stephen

Thankyou to Connie and Sophia who represented St Mary's this week, as part of welcoming Bishop Stephen to our diocese and trust.

Every school from across our trust was represented, along with other Headteachers, governors and clergy. It was a wonderful celebration- very special, and both girls were just fabulous. Connie performed as part of the Trust combined choir, and Sophia performed with the dancers. I was incredibly proud! Well done girls and thankyou for taking Mrs Porter and I up on the offer to represent our school on such a special day for Bishop Stephen and all other schools. Good job!!

A wonderful celebration and a very warm welcome.



Attendance this week

- Y1 100%
- Y2 96%
- Y3 100%
- Y4 93%
- Y5 91%
- Y6 92%



School holidays during term time will not be authorised. Our attendance policy is available on our website for further information and overall aims to improve and manage attendance

World Porridge Day Tuesday 10th October



Thankyou to everybody who came along to the breakfast club, Mrs Dominick's stay and play, and also harvest festival. All money raised will go to the Mary's Meals Porridge Project, and together as a school we managed to raise£

Fantastic St Mary's- thankyou so much for your time, support and generosity.

Our faith in action!
Thankyou

