



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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

29.9.23



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



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

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.

Tuesday 10th October- World Porridge Day

Wednesday 11th October- Y3/4 Pedestrian Training. Whole School Assembly on Road Safety.

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

October 16th- Recycling Week- Climate Change Champions will keep you updated with their project in school!

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



It was lovely to see lots of you here this morning to support our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised over £130 and will be on the drive tonight with more cakes to take home tonight for a little treat, if you didn't manage to make it this morning.

Thankyou so much!



National Teaching Assistants Day

A huge thankyou to each and every one of our amazing teaching assistants...

Mrs T, Mrs Lewandowski, Miss Holywell and Miss Brown. We hope you have enjoyed your day and enjoy reading your special mentions from the children too.

Thankyou so much for all you do- you're just fabulous!



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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week we have Max, Scarlette and Charlotte who all celebrate their birthday at the weekend. I hope you all have a wonderful day!





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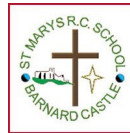


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Our Trust Virtues

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 Mrs Dominick or I, to confirm your attendance so that we can prepare where to hold the meeting in school. Thankyou.



Autumn Term Family Mass St Mary's RC Church

Thankyou to everybody who was able to join us for our Autumn term Mass on Thursday. It was lovely to see parishioners, parents and governors join us, and so lovely to hear that one parishioner had said to Father Thomas, that our children were 'inspiring!'

They sang beautifully, read so confidently and clearly and engaged with reverence and respect throughout mass.

Well done boys and girls.



Attendance this week

R 91.6%
Y1 100%
Y2 97.5%
Y3 100%
Y4 96.2%
Y5 99.3%
Y6 100%



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



World Porridge Day Tuesday 10th October

This year we are supporting World Porridge Day to support **Mary's Meals**.

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/sites/uk/files/2022-09/Marys-Meals-World-Porridge-Day-Pack.pdf>

We would like to invite parents to join their child, if they are able to, to breakfast club and enjoy a lovely bowl of porridge! We are also having a 'Packed with Porridge' raffle too!

Mrs Dominick has a feeling Goldilocks and the three Bears might just pay a visit to our EYFS classroom, and again, parents will be invited to join in the fun. Mrs Dominick will send further details for N/R class via Weduc Thankyou!

Harvest Offerings

We are hoping to see you at our Harvest Assembly on **Friday 13th October**. Each class will contribute to the assembly with stories, role play, songs and prayers. If possible, we would love to offer some of our Harvest Offerings to the local community and local foodbanks. Between now and the 13th, I wonder if we can bring just **one tin (per family) or packet of fruit or veg.**

Fresh produce can also be brought into school **the day before**, so that we can then deliver it fresh to our elderly neighbours and care homes. Thankyou

