



"We are Journeying Together through Advent"

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Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)

[School Holiday sheets available from the office](#)



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



BIKEABILITY- Owls class only 11th-13th December. See previous Weduc messages

Wednesday 13th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm. Further info to follow.

Thursday 14th Swifts Class Nativity 2pm and 5.30pm

Friday 15th December—Christmas Coffee Morning 9-11am drop in anytime. Celebrate 'International Tea Day!'

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas Party Day all classes- wear party clothes for school today!

Wednesday 20th- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Meals ordered via MCAS App.

Thursday 21st December -Carol Service, St Mary's Catholic Church 4pm Owls class narrating. Swankie Sports still on for those parents who need it.

Break Up Thursday 21st Dec and return **Monday 8th January 2024**

Tuesday 9th January 2024- 3.45pm-4.45pm- Anxious About School Project, all parents invited to attend. ( see Weduc)

### SWIMMING STARS!

Mrs T and Miss Holywell were delighted this week when they took our Little Wrens up to Teesdale Leisure Centre for their weekly swim/ splash session. Other swimmers ( members of the public) commented on how well behaved the children were, how much fun our staff made the sessions ( getting in the pool being sharks this week!!) and that it was a pleasure to see and hear the children confidently enjoying their pool time. One lovely lady said ' It is these children I love to come for each week- not the water aerobics!!'



### Delivering Joy



Well we certainly delivered Joy to the staff at Dunelm in Darlington this week when some of the children and staff went along to deliver the bags, and bags, and bags of gifts you have all so kindly brought in. Thank you so much St Mary's- I knew when we had our Candle Time to promote the project you were all right behind it!

Amazing work, and true faith in action.

Thankyou again Miss Holywell for bringing this wonderful project to the attention of St Mary's, and to Miss Alderson for giving up some her own PPA time to go along to help too- fantastic!



### PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

(PLT)



Interviews for those children who applied to be a Wellbeing Ambassador will take place next week:

**Tuesday 12th December 9.15am**

Mrs Lewandowski and I are looking forward to having pupils on board to help promote and support the health and wellbeing of our pupils in school!

### Travelling Crib 2023

Have a look at some of the adorable pictures sent in from our families in EYFS on our website and FB page.

Our travelling crib goes home every year in EYFS during Advent. A lovely way to share the story with family, in the comfort of your own home!

Spreading the joy, and true meaning of Christmas.

Wonderful- thankyou!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to Reece who celebrates his birthday this week- I hope you have a fabulous day Reece!





### 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

- Robins— %
- Larks— %
- Swifts— %
- Owls— %



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

### School and Parish Christmas Fayre

Thankyou to all who came along to support the school and parish fayre this year. It was a lovely day as always- a little quieter ( I think because of the snowy weather for some of our parishioners) but lovely all the same! All funds raised will be halved and go towards school and church. Thankyou!



### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday 20th December this year in school.

We would love to see every single child wearing a Christmas jumper and wondered that if you find last years jumper no longer fits your child, could you bring it in for us to share with another child? Any jumpers left, if other children do not need then can always be taken to the local charity shops.

We will have a little table set up in the hall on the Monday/ Tuesday for anyone who needs it- help yourself!



### Christmas Nativity Dates

Dates for performances are on page one of the newsletter- I am sure you have already made a note of them in your own diaries. No tickets needed, but we do suggest 2 adults per performance in line with hall capacity/health and safety. Raffle and Miss Dominick's Christmas Eve treats will be on sale too.



### WEBSITE UPDATE

Our new website is now live!



<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

I am still navigating my way around the site and also training to actually manage/ upload on to the site so please bear with me!! I am aware that some of the narratives on there are slightly out of date- this is due to the timing of when information was shared and transferred over- for example staffing/ governors etc.

It is looking fabulous though- the Team at BH CET have worked incredibly hard to meet deadlines across the Trust; Ella, Verity and team... thankyou!

Weekly newsletters will continue to go out via Weduc and pictures uploaded on to FB too.

Thanks again for your patience.