



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



1.3.24

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*'We a re journeying together through Lent'*

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

[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

Friday 1st March- Fairtrade Bake Off Competition!

**Tuesday 5th March- Mini Medics Mental Health Focus- parents and children (please let me know if you are interested, thank you to those who have done so already) PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day. Dress Up and take part in our 'Story in a Jar' competition. Info to follow!

International Woman's Day- Friday 8th- Robins Candle Time. All Invited.

Monday 11th March- British Science Week

Wednesday 13th March- Owls visit to GSK!

Sunday 17th- St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 19th, 20th, 21st- Sports Events. Please see individual Weduc messages from class teacher.

Sunday 24th- Palm Sunday/ Oscar Romero Day

Thursday 28th March- BREAK UP for Easter.

Return to school Monday 15th April.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please can I politely remind parents that any holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Thankyou



#### LENT UPDATES

We are delighted that within the first week and a half our of Big Lent Walk Challenge, we are over half way there with our £200 and 200km challenge.

It is wonderful to see everybody coming together both at school, and at home during your own weekend's to raise money for such an important cause.

We are incredibly lucky to have such supportive children, parents and staff.

Thank you so much everybody!



#### THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS



[https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-bc-big-lent-walk?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=PostOffice&utm\\_campaign=DS\\_EVENTS-LFC\\_Trans\\_NthDonation](https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-bc-big-lent-walk?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_NthDonation)

"And our Fairtrade Bake Off Winner is..."

**Joshua D from Owls—Well Done!**



Thank you to our catering team for judging (anonymously)



Well done to all the boys and girls who entered. They all looked and tasted delicious I hear!



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Rowan and Olivia who celebrate their birthday this week. Have a lovely day!



#### Holy Communion 2024

This year we have two children making their First Holy Communion with us, here at St Mary's Catholic Church.

Please pray for both Evelyn and Enzo, as they begin their journey of preparation with Father Thomas and Mrs McAuley.



Thankyou so much to Max's Grandad for giving up some of his own free time to coach cricket with some of our children on Tuesday after school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed it and it is always brilliant to see them developing new skills and sporting interests.

We really appreciate your time Mr Murdoch- Max is also very proud!



Our Spring Term Mass on Thursday was, as always beautiful. The readers read beautifully and the singing was impressive too! It is always lovely when parishioners and governors comment on the way our children behave, sing, read and show respect... and they did! Very proud of you all- you set such an example. Well done.



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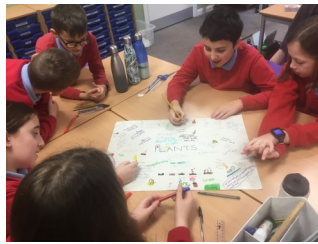
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### Our Trust Virtues

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



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-93%

Larks- 96%

Swifts- 98%

Owls- 95%



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

### SWANKIE SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

#### Easter Holiday Club

We are working in partnership with Kyle Swankie to offer a 4 day Easter holiday club, here at St Mary's

9-3pm

Contact Kyle directly to book:  
**07841038641**

Places will be limited so if you are interested, get in quick as other schools will also be joining us!

[kyleswankie11@gmail.com](mailto:kyleswankie11@gmail.com)

**Week 1:** week commencing 1st April Tuesday - Friday

**Week 2:** week commencing 8th April Tuesday - Friday



### World Book Day 2024

Thursday March 7th

*'Inspiring a child to read is one of the greatest gifts you can give'*

We are looking forward to our annual World Book Day Celebrations in school. This year we are inviting children to take part in the Story in a Jar competition, dress up as their favourite character, or come in their pjs!

We are also having a pre-loved costume bank to help make sure that all children who want to dress up can do without any additional costs to parents.

Please bring story jars into school on Wednesday 6th March for judging.  
(see previous Weduc message for further information)

Good Luck!



### Coffee Morning and Bingo Bonanza!

Our next coffee morning here in school will be held on Tuesday 26th March 9am - 11am

Drop in anytime- we will have 2 games of Bingo within the session- prizes to be won!



### SNAG

(School Nutrition Action Group)

Mrs Sedgewick and Elouise, our school cook have been gathering pupil voice all around school menus, preferences, likes and dislikes that will help us improve lunch options and feedback to BH CET. Thankyou boys and girls.