



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

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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 too;



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

EVERY FRIDAY IS A FOOD BANK FRIDAY! IF WE CAN, BRING IN JUST 1 TIN OR PACKET FOR OUR FOODBANK.



Monday 15th: To accommodate for the England Game on Sunday evening we will be allowing a later registration for all pupils if it is required. Registration will be open from 9.40am and close at 10am (after 10am arrivals children will be marked late) to allow for a little bit of a later start after what is hopefully a successful win for us. Come on England!

School will be open as usual- breakfast club etc. this is just to accommodate those pupils who are expecting a later night than usual!



Monday 15th July- Nursery Graduation 2.30pm , all welcome

Tuesday 16th- Last Tuesday Transition for whole school. Teddy Bear Picnic for Nursery/New Starters

Wednesday 17th July- End of Year Reports sent home via Weduc.

Thursday 18th July 2.30pm, Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, followed by Afternoon Tea for Year 6 parents/ visitors.

Friday 19th LAST DAY OF TERM: Ice cream van as a treat for the whole school! As requested by pupils we will also have the last day as a non- uniform day.

Y6 Breakfast: Miss Bunford has kindly offered to make our Y6 children a full English Breakfast for their last morning of primary school. If Y6 children come to school for 8.15am (or before of course if they already come to breakfast club) and enjoy a lovely breakfast together. Breakfast club for all other children is as normal.

Transition Sessions for new starters and whole school moving up a year group. Further details will follow but the following Tuesday afternoons will be transition afternoons: Tuesday 11th June 1.30-3pm, Tuesday 18th, Tuesday 25th, Tuesday 2nd July, Tuesday 9th, Tuesday 16th.



Tea and Chat

**Monday 16th September 2024
3.30pm- 5pm**



We will be having our usual Tea and Chat Night in the Autumn term for all parents, particularly new starters, or children who have moved up a class, so that parents can have an informal chat with the class teacher over a cuppa and a piece of cake!

From feedback from 1 or 2 parents too, we will be having a 'Weduc Workshop' as part of the evening to give any parents who are unsure of how to use Weduc an opportunity to work with Mrs Sedgewick and other staff who will happily show you how to find information, send and receive messages etc. Weduc is our main form of communication, as well as our school website so it is so important that we all know how to access information.

Thankyou

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



MINUTES COUNT!

Attend Today= Achieve Tomorrow

As a school we are very fortunate to have parents that completely understand and support the importance of attendance.

Whilst our attendance is very good overall, I just want to reiterate the importance of attendance and every day , and minute counting!

We often see patterns from our attendance data showing the same children arriving late. Every minute counts so can we make a big effort to get our children to school before **9am, ready to start the lessons. Anyone arriving after the 9am register is marked late. FINES FOR BEING LATE CAN ALSO OCCUR.**

Holidays during term time WILL NOT be authorised, and the fine for holidays is increasing to £80 per child, per adult.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy birthday to Freddie B who celebrated his birthday this week. I hope you had a great day Freddie!

Last Week of Summer Term

There are a few additional dates we have added to the calendar for you so just to make sure you are aware of them:



Last day of term: **Whole school non- uniform day.**

Ice Cream van on the last day of term- a little treat for all children from school. They do not need to bring any money. Staff might have a sneaky one too- I think they deserve it!



Year 6 are invited in for a **Leaver's Breakfast** on Friday 19th July. Come along for 8.15am and enjoy a full English Breakfast. There is no charge for this- it is something we would like to offer from us as a school. A lovely idea Miss Bunford!





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

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'

- Robins- 97%**
- Larks- 96%**
- Swifts- 91%**
- Owls- 97%**



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

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

Every day. Every pupil. Every minute!
Make it count!

Sports Presentation 2024

Well done to all of the pupils who came along last night to our very first St Mary's Sports Presentation Evening. We had 14 nominations- from both children and staff in recognition for sports achievements and excellence in and outside of school. The evening was a wonderful celebration of the talent, skills and ambition of our pupils as well as the pride of staff and parents.

Our overall sports person of the year went to Alice and Tommy (KS2) and in Key Stage 1 it went to Abigail and Louie. A big well done to each and every one of you- this is something Miss Callender will definitely be making an annual event!



Work Experience Pupils

We had had a lovely week this week welcoming back some of our ex-pupils from Teesdale as part of their work experience week. It has been a pleasure having you all in school and we appreciate all of your help and hard work. We hope you have enjoyed it! Thankyou Ollie, William, Harriette, Loraine and Harley. We still can't believe how much you have grown (you're all taller than me now!!)

Food Bank Offerings

Thankyou so much to everybody who has been able to make a donation to the foodbank Fridays over this last term.

I will be delivering the food on Thursday with 3 of our pupils- along to The Well in Bishop Auckland.

Any further items can be brought in to school before Thursday. Many thanks as always.



First Holy Communion 2025

If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2025 **then please get in touch with your parish, and myself** so that we can add their names to our register.

Preparation classes begin in the autumn term, and Holy Communion takes place usually in June or early July.

We have a section on the website under 'Holy Communion' too with further details and contact info.

Thankyou
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