



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

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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 too;

Monday 16th September: Tea and Chat Night. An opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher/ teachers over a cuppa . Drop in from 3.30pm - 4.45pm. Mrs Sedgewick will also be available to have any Weduc questions answered and demos/ workshops if necessary.

Friday 20th September: Year 1 and 2 at the Whitham 'Aladdin Showcase' FREE Children get to meet the cast too.

Wednesday 25th September Flu Vaccinations R-Y6 * all children need consent forms completing.

Thursday 26th September Whole School Family Mass (not including nursery) All welcome. 10am St Mary's Catholic Church Barnard Castle.

Friday 27th September Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-11am drop in.

Friday 11th October: Turn Barny Pink awareness day: Come to school dressed in something pink!

Thursday 17th October: Harvest Festival. Each class contributes to our Harvest themed Assembly. All parents welcome to join us at 2.30pm

Thursday 24th October: Larks Class Candle Time. Parents invited to join us at 2.30pm.

Half Term

School Closes Thursday 24th October and reopens Monday 4th November

Monday 16th December: Wrens Nursery Rhyme Nativity. In school at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

Tuesday 17th December: Reception (Robins) and Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 Nativity Performance. Three performance times of 9.30am/ 1.30pm/5.30pm. X2 adults per child/ per performance.

Friday 20th December: Carol Service in Church at 3.45pm. Join us if you can- we would love to see St Mary's RC Church full of festive joy!

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Autumn Term: Thursday 26th September 2024

Spring Term: Thursday 20th March 2025

Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025



Holy Communion 2025- don't forget to inform either Father Thomas or I if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2025.

Preparation classes will start in October. 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 Fearn, Charlie P, and William who all celebrate their birthday this week.



Late Arrivals

Parents, a polite reminder to please make sure your child arrives to school in good time for register. Children can arrive from 8.45am when there is an adult in the classroom and then be in, ready for register for 9am.

We are seeing an increase in late registrations, heightened anxieties and children arriving without having breakfast. Unfortunately, repeated late marks can also result in a fine from the authority.

The impact on the rest of the day for some children is huge, and unfortunately it seems to be these children that are often late. It also impacts on staff.

Individual messages and meetings will need to take place with myself and the attendance team if we do not see improvement.

If there is any further support as a parent you feel you need with any issues regarding morning arrivals and punctuality then please do ring me- we are here to help and support our families.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am each morning morning.



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



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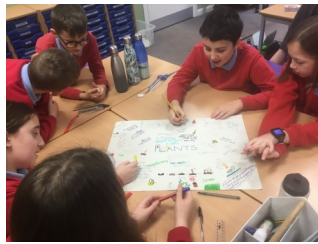
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Our Trust Virtues

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

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'

Robins-99%
Larks- 98%
Swifts-99%
Owls- 95%



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!

Faith In Action

Once again our year 6 children will be invited to take part in the Faith In Action Award.

Over the Year children will work towards their PIN level for the award.

The award recognises work children participate in to support our local community, our global neighbours, school and parish.

Further info can be found on our school website too.

Last year we had all 16 children take us up on the offer- hopefully this year we have a strong uptake to. Always wonderful to see children gladly embracing catholic life and mission of our school.

Thank you.

<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk/catholic-life/faith-in-action>



Turning Barney Pink!

To support the **Teesdale Cancer Research Branch** St Mary's will be supporting the work of this local group to ensure we continue to bring **hope** to many families in the region.

On Friday 11th October come to school wearing something pink and if you can donate **£1** towards the research group.

We will also have a 'bake it pink' stall at the end of day as well as a pink themed raffle!

Weekly Toddler Sessions

Don't forget to come and join us if you can for our weekly toddler sessions, here in school every **Tuesday morning 9.15am -10.45am**

Sessions include refreshments and are just **£3**.

Bring your friends and family- it is always lovely to see new faces in school! See FB page for more adorable pictures too.

