



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



15.3.24

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'We are 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 too;

Friday 15th- Swifts Beamish trip- see additional messages from Miss C

Wednesday 20th March- Y5/6 Festival

Wednesday 27th March - Y3/4 Orienteering * not ALL pupils

Sunday 17th- St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 19th March- Meet Parade after school club. Parent helpers required. Please see Mrs Dominick's additional messages.

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

Sunday 24th- Palm Sunday/ Oscar Romero Day

Tuesday 26th- Bingo Bonanza- here in school 9-11am.

Thursday 28th- Whole School Big Lent Walk- parents invited!

Thursday 28th March- BREAK UP for Easter. * deadline for pupil/parent questionnaires

Return to school Monday 15th April.



Big Lent Walk Updates

On Thursday 28th March we are going to have one final Big Lent Walk as a whole school. Each class will plan a time, and invite parents to come along to join us for a local walk to help give one last push towards raising as much as we can for Cafod. We are doing so well and have already reached our goal in km- we're so close to our £200 goal too.

Further information will follow via Weduc but **save the date** and get those walking boots on! Afterwards, each class will have refreshments too so you can enjoy a cuppa and put your feet up!

Donations welcome but we hoped that if every child and adult brought £1 to join in the walk that would be just wonderful!

ALSO... Robin Bear will need a good home after his Big Lent Walk so we will be raffling Robin too, to help raise further funds!

These will be on sale as of next week, and the raffle will be drawn on the 28th March.

Thanks so much everybody!



Stations of The Cross



The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally during Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells part of Jesus' passion (his suffering and his death) through images and words.

In each of our classes the children have created their own stations using different forms of art, and we have displayed them in our hall.

Today, Father Thomas came to lead us in prayer and reflection at each Station.

Owls also went along to Church this morning to join parishioners for Stations of the Cross.

Wonderful, prayerful participation during Lent; the heart of Christianity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Rosie , Charlie, Finlay and Roscoe who all celebrate their birthday this week. Enjoy your 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.



Please make sure that children arrive **no earlier than 8.45am** on a morning, unless of course they are at breakfast club.

This is to ensure that our children are safe and that an adult is in the classroom to welcome them in.

Many thanks





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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-100%
Larks- 91%
Swifts- 90%
Owls- 97%



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

Week 1: week commencing 1st April
Tuesday - Friday

Week 2: week commencing 8th
April Tuesday - Friday



Monday 11th March is British Science Week.

Aspiring Scientists



Owls visit to GSK! What an amazing opportunity our Owls have had this week when they visited GSK. They felt like 'real scientists' in their lab coats and goggles and were truly inspired! Thankyou to the team at GSK- such a worthwhile visit and wonderful local link too.



Story Jars

Don't forget to take your story jars home boys and girls- they can be collected from the hall.

Thankyou