



Journeying towards Pentecost Sunday

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13

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

Welcome back everybody!

SUMMER TERM

May: The Month of Mary



Sunday 19th May- Pentecost Sunday. End of Eastertide.

Tuesday 21st- Toddler session 6

w/b 22nd : Please see Weduc messages from class teachers with further info for the following Sports Events: Year 3/4 cricket, Y1/2 Orienteering, Y1/2 Festival.

Friday 24th May- break up for half term. Return to school on Monday 3rd June

Friday 24th June- Prayer Walk and Picnic at St Mary's Church 1.30pm.

Some of our children have asked to have a prayer walk and picnic in the beautiful grounds of our parish church. If you would like to join us, please come along to school for half past one to walk over together, and then Father Thomas will lead us in prayer... I am sure the children will lead us in picnic!!

Summer 2nd half Term

June: Gypsey, Roma and Traveller History Month.

Wednesday 5th June: Bishop Stephen visiting school.

Wednesday 5th June: World Environment Day. Visit from Bishop Stephen

Friday 7th June- Year 6 Sleepover. Arrive back to school 5pm, collected at 9am following morning.

Wednesday 19th June- National thank a teacher day

Wednesday 19th June- St Mary's Farmer's Market Stall. Further info to follow.

Thursday 20th June- World Refugee Day

Tuesday 25th June- Year 6 Youth Festival, Youth Village

Wednesday June 26th- Friday June 28th Year 5 and 6 Lockerbie Residential.

Friday 28th Missio Day of Many Colours, Colour Run. Further details to follow.

Wednesday 3rd July- Sports Afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 4th July: Summer Term Mass. Readings and prayers from, and for our Year 6 leavers.

Wednesday 17th July- End of Year Reports sent home

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

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,

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS FRIDAY 19TH JULY

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.

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

Thankyou as always parents for your support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Jake and Evie who both celebrated their birthday this week.



Holy Communion 2024

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



Date of Holy Communion:

1st June at Middleton (Enzo)

2nd June at St Mary's BC (Evelyn)

It would be lovely if you are able to join us on the 2nd, with both families for celebration cake and coffee following Mass, in church.



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- 100%**
- Larks- 93%**
- Swifts- 98%**
- 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!

Week Commencing: Monday 20th May 2024

THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Receive the Holy Spirit'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE

Self Belief

LINKED BH CET VIRTUE

Confidence

The Seventh Week of Ordinary Time Year B -
Receive the Holy Spirit.' John 20:19-23



FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY
20th Mary Mother of the Church, 23rd Feast of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest

(Special prayers for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and prayer for all priests. 25th Trust Patronal Feast Day- St Bede

27th Trust Patronal Feast Day- St Augustine of Canterbury

Leavers celebrations for Sixth Form and Y11

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:



St Mary's Sports Awards
Presentation Evening

'A Celebration of Sporting Achievements'

Thursday 11th July

4pm: Arrive and Refreshments

4.15pm- 5pm: (approx) Presentation of Awards

Miss Callender will shortly be sending out Weduc messages to all parents, whose child will be receiving an award.

We hope you can attend- everybody is welcome to come along

Further info to follow...



Food Bank Fridays

Don't forget to bring just 1 tin or packet to school, if you can one Friday per month. All items collected support our own families here in school and local communities in the areas of both Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland. Thankyou!

'It is not God's will for some to have all, and others to have nothing'
(Oscar Romero)



Here Comes the Sun!

Please remember to apply sun cream **before** school when the weather is hot. We are not able to apply in school. Children should not bring cream to school in their bags. Sun hats can be worn, sunglasses too and of course a big bottle of water!!

Stay Safe in the Summer Sun!
Thankyou