



"We are Journeying Together through Advent"

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

Break Up Thursday 21st Dec and return **Monday 8th January 2024**

Tuesday 9th January 2024- 3.45pm- 4.45pm- Anxious About School Project, all parents invited to attend. (see Weduc)

Please do come along to this information evening. Very informal but I think some of our parents will find it incredibly useful.



Happy Retirement Mr White!



Today Mr White leaves us to begin what we hope is a very long and happy retirement!

Thankyou for all your hard work and everything you have done for the school.

We will miss you Mr White- keep in touch.

You know you're always welcome to pop in and see us all !

Merry Christmas!



We would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

*'The Word became flesh
And lived among us.
We gazed on his glory,
The kind of glory that belongs
To the Father's unique Son,
Who is full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14



Stay safe and warm, cosy up and rest- enjoy quality time with your friends and family!

We will see you all in the New Year.

Return to school:
Monday 8th January 2024

Top Ten Schools In County Durham

Find us on the list of the top ten schools in County Durham, based on performance/ results in Summer.

It is wonderful to see St Mary's right up there- and exactly where they should be, as an outcome of our hard working pupils, amazing, dedicated staff and governors, and of course such supportive parents and families.

Thankyou- well done everybody. Very proud!

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23999586.county-durham-best-worst-primary-schools-2023/>

On returning to school, please remember to wear full uniform including school shoes. Every child is expected to wear smart black shoes for school- not trainers. Many thanks
Mrs Box



Attendance

Attendance summaries for each class over this term:

Robins: 96.65%
Larks: 97.39%
Swifts: 95.21%
Owls: 96.35%



Best chance of success = 95% +
Poor Attendance (less chance of success) = 90-95%

Very poor attendance (huge impact on academic learning)= 75-80%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Some of our children celebrate their birthday during the Christmas break; Alice, Grant, Florence and Robert. I hope you all have a wonderful day!

