



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



26.1.24

*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'*  
**Philippians 4:13**

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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

Saturday 27th January- Big Garden Birdwatch  
Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 31st January 1.30pm—Owls River Tees Walk and litter pick

February 5th- 9th 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 5th February- Non Uniform Day 'Express Yourself!'

Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th Feb- Owls parent info meeting for Youth Village Retreat 3.30pm- 4pm

Wednesday 7th February ' Time to talk day!! Coffee Morning 9-11am

Wednesday 7th 1-3pm Photoshoot in school to update website pictures (BHCET)

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term. Return to school Monday 19th February.

Holiday Club with Kyle Swankie: Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th. Contact Kyle for further details.

Saturday 10th February- Table Top Sale 10-12 school hall. £5 per table and the rest is your own! Further details to follow.

Saturday 10th Feb- Chinese New Year. Year of the Dragon

February 14th ... Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

Time to Shine Classes- Y6 only 3.30pm- 4.30pm. See additional message from Mrs Porter.

Wednesday 21st- 23rd Owls Residential Retreat.

Friday 23rd - Stations of the Cross Candle Time. All welcome to join us.

Tuesday 27th-12th March- Fairtrade Fortnight

Friday 1st March- Fairtrade Bake Off Competition!

Tuesday 5th March- Mini Medics Mental Health Focus- parents and children ( please let me know if you are interested, thank you to those who have done so already)

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day

International Woman's Day- Friday 8th- Robins Candle Time. All Invited.

Monday 11th March- British Science Week

Wednesday 13th March- Owls visit to GSK!

Sunday 17th- St Patrick's Day

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

Sunday 24th- Palm Sunday/ Oscar Romero Day

Thursday 28th March- BREAK UP for Ester.

Return to school Monday 15th April.

**It's Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend... get counting!!**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission>

Choose an hour outside in your garden or local park this weekend and record the birds that land. Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time. I will send a free checklist of birds for you to use, if you wish on our Weduc app.

Feel free to post any pictures on our school FB page over the weekend too- we would love to see them.



Connecting with Nature... supporting the UK's biggest citizen bird survey!

Have Fun!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday to Delilah, Oliver and Abigail. I hope you have a lovely 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.



**Spring Term Table Top Sale**

**'Grab a Bargain!!**

If you are interested in having your own stall at our table top sale, or perhaps know somebody in your family who would like to have one, get in touch and let us know. We would love to see you there whether it's selling, shopping or browsing. Valentine's

Raffle and refreshments will be available too. **£5 per table**, and the rest of the money you make is your own! Thankyou!

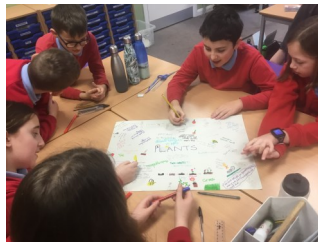


**Our Trust Virtues**

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-91%**
- Larks- 98%**
- Swifts- 98%**
- Owls- 98%**



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

**SWANKIE SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

Over the February half term, Kyle Swankie is offering holiday club on the following days:

- Monday 12th Feb
- Wednesday 14th Feb
- Friday 16th Feb

The club is £15 per day. 9-3pm here at St Mary's.

Contact Kyle directly to book:

07841038641

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**Faith In Action**

[Livesimply award \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://livesimplyaward.org.uk)

Over these next two weeks, some of our children will be visiting the Manor House to spend some time with our elderly friends and enjoy some quality time making Valentine's crafts as well as preparing crafts here in school to take with them.

Mrs Porter has also planned in a Litter Pick as part of her River Tees Walk on the 31st January. Fantastic!



**Spring Term Coffee Morning 'Time to Talk'**

Time to Talk Day is celebrated at the beginning of February this year, so we thought we would hold our termly coffee morning around that date, as part of Children's mental Health week.

Come in, relax, talk with friends and make new ones, enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake!

'It's always good to talk!'

**Wednesday 7th February**

**9-11am**

*Drop in anytime !*



Well done to our swimming team who went along to the swim gala this afternoon. Both Mrs Lew and Mrs McAuley said how brilliant the children were and that they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done swimmers- thank you for representing our school.

