



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

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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 too;



Please can I politely remind parents that any holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Thankyou

SUMMER TERM

EVERY FRIDAY IS A FOOD BANK FRIDAY! IF WE CAN, BRING IN JUST 1 TIN OR PACKET FOR OUR FOODBANK.



Summer 2nd half Term

Wednesday 3rd July- Sports Afternoon 1.30pm

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

Monday 8th July- pm Some of our KS2 children will be going along to take part in a football tournament organised by Kyle Swankie at Gainford. We will be taking 11 children in total. Further messages will be sent out to those children who have been selected by Kyle for the football team this year. Parents are welcome to come along and watch too if they are able to.



Wednesday 10th July- KS1 visit from Brass Band/Brass Band Show

Thursday 11th- Sports Presentation * individual invites will be sent out once votes are in! Miss C our Sports Lead is working incredibly hard to organise their presentation and if it goes well we are hoping to make it an annual Summer Term event.

Monday 15th July- Nursery Graduation 2.30pm

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**



Good Bye and Good Luck!

Today we say bye to both Miss Pascov and Miss Cadman who have been with us for these last few months as part of their teacher training programme at the University of Notre Dame, Australia.

It has been a pleasure working with you both- we will all miss you and we wish you both the very best of luck for the future and in your teaching careers. We have no doubt, you will both be amazing!

Take Care, Keep in touch- and hopefully we can make some links with you when you are back in Australia teaching your very first class.

God Bless you both
All at St Mary's x



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 Tommy L and Charlotte L who both celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day!



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 7.50am every



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- 99%
- Swifts-100%
- Owls- 97%



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!

Lockerbie Residential 2024

I am sure the children in Owls class will be coming home telling you all about their residential this week.

I hope they have all had a fantastic time with their friends, judging by the photographs it certainly looks like they have!

A HUGE thankyou to Mrs Porter, Miss Holywell and Miss Pascov who I know will have enjoyed it equally as much but I am sure will now be exhausted!! Residentials could not take place if we didn't have staff willing to give up their own time and energy. It is really appreciated- I am sure the children will treasure these memories forever and as well as that overcome fears, learnt new skills and embraced many new, exciting experiences. Amazing.

Thankyou!

(Lots of pics on Facebook)



Meet Cocoa and Marshmallow!

Sage has settled in well with two new companions... Cocoa and Marshmallow (named of course by the children!)

It is wonderful to see the children gladly embracing full responsibility as part of their morning routine to look after the chickens and maintain the garden.

Summer is amazing with handling the chickens... thank goodness it is not in my job description- I just can't do it!!

