



*Journeying towards the Sixth week of Eastertide*

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**

Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday- school closed

Tuesday 7th May—Toddler Session 4.

Friday 10th May: School Photographs. See additional message from the office.

Teesdale Transition Days Y6 pupils: Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July

Week Beginning 13th May- KS2 SATS Week

Tuesday 14th- Session 5

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

Monday 20th May New Starters (Reception) Parent Information Evening 4pm.

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**

Summer 2nd half Term

June: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month.

Wednesday 5th June: Bishop Stephen visiting school.

Wednesday 5th June: World Environment Day

Friday 7th June- Year 6 Sleepover. Arrive back to school 5pm. 8 further details to follow via Weduc.

Wednesday 19th- National Thank A Teacher Day.

Wednesday 19th- St Mary's Farmer's Market Stall... how exciting! Some of our children will experience life on the farmers market and host a stall. Further details to follow.

Thursday 20th June- World Refugee Day

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.

Tuesday 9th July- Y6 Performances 1.30pm and 6pm. NOTE this is a change of date from the initial Weduc message we sent out, due to the busy social lives of Y6!!

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

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,



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 Laila who celebrated her birthday this week.



BARNY BRASS BAND

Barnard Castle Brass Band have started a beginners group to attract anyone who maybe interested in learning to play a brass instrument. The band players will help and guide them and will have instruments for the children to use. Sessions are held Glaxo Sports and Social Club at 5.30pm on a Sunday evening. **There is no charge for these sessions or for the use of an instrument.** To confirm your interest, please email [suzannehunter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzannehunter@hotmail.co.uk)

The children have had a fabulous morning this morning experiencing playing some of the brass instruments- more pictures are also on our FB page.





St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter  
*Journeying towards the Fourth week of Eastertide*



3.5.24

Email: [office@stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk)  
<https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk>

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**  
*'Love.'*

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE  
LINKED BH CET VIRTUE

**Compassion**

**The Sixth Week of Eastertide**  
Year B.  
*'Love one another as I have loved you.'*  
John 15:9-17

**WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:**  
FAIR TRADE DAY 12TH  
INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

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**Create a Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

**Attendance this week**  
*'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'*

**Robins-99%**  
**Larks- 98%**  
**Swifts- 97%**  
**Owls- 96%**

**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!**

**BIG LENT WALK 2024**

The total amount has now been added to our fundraising page and we are delighted that we reached over our £200 target, raising a total of £330, and together walking over 351km.

Thankyou everybody- this is wonderful!

St Mary's BC Big Lent Walk

**THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS**

Raised	Target
£330	£200
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Distance travelled	Target
351.8 km	200 km
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My story

**WELCOME!**

Next week we will welcome two Australian students, from the School of Education at Notre Dame. This is part of an exchange partnership with BH CET. Our visitors are called Tahleah Pascov and Sammy Cadman, and they will be working alongside class teachers, supporting the delivery of our curriculum and also sharing a little of their own culture with us too. They will be with us for 8 weeks, with some flexibility.

As a school family I know we will make them feel most welcome, and if you see any new faces around school, do say hello!

A brilliant experience for the students and an excellent learning opportunity for us as a school too.

Exciting!

**Barney Meet Parade**

The preparations for the Meet parade are well on the way... here is a sneaky peek!

A huge thankyou to the parents, staff and Mrs Dominick for leading this project, it gets bigger and bigger every year!!!

The meet parade is on **Monday 25th May.**