



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



4.10.24

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

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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 too;

Friday 11th October: Turn Barny Pink awareness day
Come to school dressed in something pink, £1 donation

Thursday 17th October: Harvest Festival. Each class contributes to our Harvest themed Assembly. **All parents welcome to join us at 2.30pm**

Tuesday 22nd October- Open Day for prospective parents. 9.30am- 3pm, drop ins throughout and then 4pm- 6pm

Thursday 24th October: Larks Class Candle Time. **Parents invited to join us at 2.30pm.**

Half Term

School Closes Thursday 24th October and reopens Monday 4th November

Friday 15th November- Individual Photograph Day (not class photos)

Monday 18th November and Tuesday 19th November- Parents Evening 3.30pm- 6pm Appointments can be made via the office or Weduc message to Mrs Sedgewick

Wednesday 6th December- Larks (Y2) local market stall- get your copy of our very own King's Handkerchief book!

Monday 16th December: Wrens Nursery Rhyme Nativity. In school at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

Tuesday 17th December: Reception (Robins) and Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 Nativity Performance. Three performance times of 9.30am/ 1.30pm/5.30pm. X2 adults per child/ per performance.

Friday 20th December: Carol Service in Church at 3.45pm. Join us if you can- we would love to see St Mary's RC Church full of festive joy!

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Spring Term: Thursday 20th March 2025

Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025



Holy Communion 2025- don't forget to inform either Father Thomas or I if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2025.

Preparation classes will start in October. Thankyou.

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 this week to Charlotte T, Scarlette and Oliver K. Have a wonderful day.

Thank you God for The Harvest!



Come and join us for our Harvest Festival Celebration here in school on **Thursday 17th October 2.30pm**

Each class from nursery to Year 6 will contribute with songs, rhymes, prayers and harvest offerings.

Any fresh fruit or vegetables, or tinned items would be greatly appreciated. Please bring in to school on the Wednesday. The children will then go out to deliver parcels to our elderly neighbours and local food-banks too.

Many thanks as always for your support.

'Faith in Action!'

Look out for our **NEW** termly Sports Newsletter starting this Autumn term.

Full of events, achievements and celebrations!





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We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



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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-89%
Larks- 95%
Swifts-99%
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!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thankyou so much to everybody who came along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. It is always lovely to welcome you all in to enjoy a coffee and cake, whilst raising money for such an important charity that is close to many of our own hearts.

Together we have raised **£154 in total!**
HUGE thank you once again!



Turning Barney Pink!

To support the Teesdale Cancer Research Branch St Mary's will be supporting the work of this local group to ensure we continue to bring **hope** to many families in the region.

On Friday 11th October come to school wearing something pink and if you can donate £1 towards the research group.

We will also have a 'bake it pink' stall at the end of day as well as a pink themed raffle!

We are delighted to have a group of children in Year 6 working towards completing their PIN level in the **Faith In Action Award**.

They have already got their first project underway; promoting the turn Barney Pink day and are full of energy and inspirational ideas. Thankyou boys and girls.

The Faith in Action Team this year is: **Tomek, Tommy L, Charlotte, Amber, Sophia, Oliva and Connie.**



Weekly Toddler Sessions

Don't forget to come and join us if you can for our weekly toddler sessions, here in school every **Tuesday morning 9.15am -10.45am**

Sessions include refreshments and are just £3.

Bring your friends and family- it is always lovely to see new faces in school! See FB page for more adorable pictures too.

