



*'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*  
Phil 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 too;



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

### SUMMER TERM

#### Summer 2nd half Term

Friday 7th June- Year 6 Sleepover. Arrive back to school 5pm, collected at 9am following morning.

Wednesday 19th June- National thank a teacher day

Wednesday 19th June- St Mary's Farmer's Market Stall. Further info to follow.

Thursday 20th June- World Refugee Day

Tuesday 25th June- Year 6 Youth Festival, Youth Village

Wednesday June 26th- Friday June 28th Year 5 and 6 Lockerbie Residential.

Wednesday 3rd July- Sports Afternoon 1.30pm

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

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 9th, Tuesday 16th,**

**BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS FRIDAY 19TH JULY**

### 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 Gabriela and Tilly who both celebrate birthday this week. Have a great day girls.



### A visit from Bishop Stephen

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday to celebrate World Environment Day. Bishop Stephen came to visit and hear all about our Live Simply Award and the work we have been doing across school with our Climate Champions.

It was a wonderful morning and we hope Bishop Stephen comes to visit us again soon!



Please keep Christine Raine, who passed away recently, and her family in your prayers this week. Christine worked at St Mary's for a number of years as school cook and was much loved by our school community. Her Christmas dinners and puddings were delicious! Rest in peace Christine.



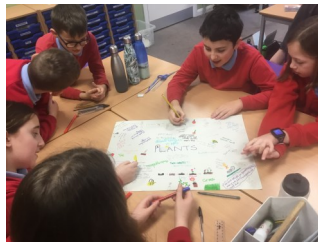


**Our Trust Virtues**

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- 100%**
- Larks- 96%**
- Swifts- 99%**
- Owls- 99%**



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!

**Week Commencing: Monday 10th June 2024**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: 'The Family of God.'**

**LINKED CST PRINCIPLE**

**LINKED BH CET VIRTUE**

**Self Belief**

**Honesty**

**Week 10 of Ordinary Time Year B.**  
 'Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'  
 Mark 3:20-35

**WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:**  
 12th World Day Against Child Labour,  
 16th GURU ARJAN MARTYRDOM  
 SIKHISM

**FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:**  
 11th St Barnabas, 18th St Antony of Padua,  
 JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

**St Mary's Sports Awards**

**Presentation Evening**

**'A Celebration of Sporting Achievements'**

**Thursday 11th July**

4pm: Arrive and Refreshments

4.15pm- 5pm: (approx) Presentation of Awards

Miss Callender will shortly be sending out Weduc messages to all parents, whose child will be receiving an award.

We hope you can attend- everybody is welcome to come along

Further info to follow...



**Food Bank Fridays**

Don't forget to bring just 1 tin or packet to school, if you can one Friday per month. All items collected support our own families here in school and local communities in the areas of both Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland. Thankyou!

**'It is not God's will for some to have all, and others to have nothing'**

(Oscar Romero)



A visit from Sean Gaffney, a Team GP Paralympian

What an inspiration... see our Around School for further pictures and information.

