



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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

9.2.24

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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

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

Thursday 29th Feb- Spring Term Family Mass-10am in Church

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. Dress Up and take part in our 'Story in a Jar' competition. Info to follow!

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 Easter.

Return to school Monday 15th April.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

Come along and join us for our Spring Term Family Mass

Thursday 29 February 2024, 10am in Church

Children will be involved with the readings, offertory and bidding prayers.

We would love to see you there.

Safer Internet Day



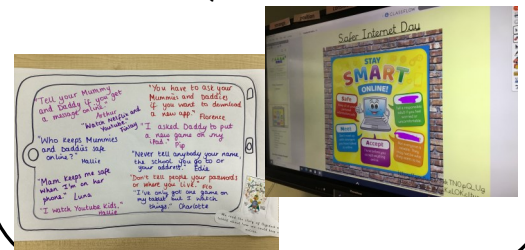
Hopefully the children are able to come home and talk to you about their learning this week as part of Safer Internet Day.

From nursery to Year 6 we have been discussing ways to stay safe online.

There are so many resources out there to support and raise awareness for children and parents.

A useful link below shares lots of ideas and fun, interactive ways to teach your child how to stay safe at home and at school whilst using the internet and other social media.

<https://www.childnet.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-avP2v-bhAMVKhiiAxOKQAI->



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Josh, April, Matilda and Penny who all celebrate their birthday either this week or during the half term. Have a great 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

10-12 noon Saturday 10th February 2024

We are looking forward to seeing many of you either behind a stall or coming along to grab a bargain on Saturday! We have stalls, games, refreshments and raffle. Come along and support our school- all money raised will go towards developing each of the library areas in our classrooms and reading spaces around school.



Thankyou!



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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

Robins-100%
Larks- 95%
Swifts- 90%
Owls- 99%



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

Faith In Action

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

Some pictures of our children carrying out their faith in action... making sure we make time to connect with our elderly friends in the community.

This week we visited The Manor House and enjoyed some quality time making cards, sharing stories and even a bit of knitting!



SWANKIE SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Places Still Available

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



Spring Term Coffee Morning 'Time to Talk'



Thankyou so much to everybody who came along to our Spring term coffee morning- linking beautifully to the 'Time to Talk' day. Although I was not in school that morning, I hear from children and staff that they were delighted to see Mr White back in school too! Together we raised **£72.38** for our school fundraising pot! Thankyou so much everybody.

Save the date: Next half term's coffee morning: **Wednesday 27th March 9-11am** Drop in anytime. As always- everybody welcome!