



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



04.4.25

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'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Phil 4:13



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 Mrs Jennings our sports lead and class teachers too.

Every Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am. £3 per session. All very welcome!

Friday 4th April- Some of children joining Mrs Porter to serve Lenten Lunches in town.

Saturday 5th April- Easter Fayre 10-12noon See Weduc.

Monday 7th April Bikeability—Y4 children

Monday 7th April- Reception Vision Screening

Wednesday 9th April- School Disco. See further details on newsletter.

Friday 11th April- EYFS (Robins) Easter themed Candle Time Parents Invited

Thursday 10th April- St Mary's Sponsored Walk. 9.30am set off.

Friday April 11th- Easter Garden Judging

Friday April 11th- Break up for Easter—return Monday 28th April.

Tuesday 29th April- Receive Pilgrimage Cross. Candle Time whole school- parents all very welcome. Swimming cancelled on this date.

12th- 16th May Y6 SATs Week— free full English breakfast served on Friday's (16th) at breakfast club for all Y6 pupils.

SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAGE 2 FOR CLASS CANDLE TIMES

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Spring Term: Thursday 20th March 2025

Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



MINUTES COUNT!

Attend Today= Achieve Tomorrow

Every minute counts so can we make a big effort to get our children to school before **9am, ready for prompt registration at 9am. 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.**

Thankyou as always parents for your support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

No birthday celebrations this week!



**St Mary's Sponsored Walk
'Different Strokes'**

I hope you are managing to get some sponsors ahead of our whole school community walk.

We are hoping to give a generous amount of money from us all as a school family to the charity of Miss Herbert's choice

'Different Strokes'

The link on our Facebook page also gives further details and a link to their page. Don't forget if you need sponsor forms we have some already printed at the front porch.

Thanks in advance St Mary's- I hope lots of you can join us for the walk too. We are hoping to have refreshments in the hall afterwards too.

Well done to both football teams this week- it is brilliant to see children trying a new sport, and children inspiring each other with their talents and interests. Thankyou to Kyle Swankie for organising the small schools events and to Mr Box and Miss Holywell for giving up their time to support.

'the lads set their own high standards- they all played brilliant' Mr Box Parent helper

Thankyou also to Mrs Metcalfe for giving up her time this afternoon to take the girls to their games at St John's.

'the children were so good and enjoyed playing, they are so resilient.' Mrs Metcalfe

'I like Mrs Metcalfe taking us- she knows what she is doing!!'
Pupil voice Y6

Well done St Mary's!





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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025
Together we journey through Lent



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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- 97%
Larks- 96%
Swifts-95%
Owls- 97%



Well done Robins -100%

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!

Candle Times we would like to share with Parents

Please make a note of the additional dates below for the class Assembly, lead by the children linking to specific themes. Parents are welcome and we hope you can come and join us!

All Candle Times are at 2.30pm on the dates below:

Friday 14th February: SWIFTS Class 'All You Need is Love!'

Friday 11th April 2025: ROBINS Class 'Easter themed'

Thursday 22nd May 2025 LARKS Class themed assembly

Thank you to everybody who has helped St Mary's achieve our LiveSimply Award. We are delighted! See further info on our school website too.

We will continue to pledge, commit and dedicate time to ensure that we continue to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity.

Well done everyone- this is a fantastic achievement.



Please continue to pray for the children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion this summer.

We pray for:

Sophia

Reece

Rowan and our friends Florence, Ava and Georgia.

Date to be confirmed by Father Thomas and Claire McAuley.

Thankyou!



EASTER FAYRE SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025 10AM-12 NOON

Giant Bunny raffle- raffle will be drawn tomorrow at around 11.50am

Face painting/Tatoos £1 and 50p per tatoo

Egg hunt- egg hunt will be at 10.45am- find and win up to 5 eggs!! £2 to take part

Bingo- bingo at 11.30am £1 per game

Chocolate Tombola

Cakes and bakes stall

Fudge stall

Teesdale Toys stall

