



'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 Mrs Jennings our sports lead and class teachers too.

'Welcome Back Everybody!'

January 23rd—small group of children visiting The Manor House with Mrs Box.

Friday 24th- Launch of the Jubilee Year. School Liturgy 9.30am. All very welcome- please come along and join us if you can.

January 29th- Chinese New Year

Sunday 2nd February- PARISH Social Event- Afternoon Tea 2-4pm here in school hall. FREE event, shared table and activities. See FB too for further info.

February 11th- Safer Internet Day

Spring Half Term: Break up Thursday 20th Feb and back to school Monday 3rd March

Monday 3rd March- Fairtrade Fortnight

Wednesday 5th March- Ash Wednesday. Lent Begins. Whole school attend Mass

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day- further info will follow.

Friday 7th—16th March- World Science Week

Sunday 16th- Holi Festival

Thursday 20th March- Spring Term Family Mass—all welcome as always. St Mary's Catholic Church 10am.

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

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

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 to Grant, Florence and Archie who celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day!

Welcome Back Everybody!

Welcome Back St Mary's and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a magical Christmas and a well deserved rest.

We have had a wonderful week back and the children have made the most of the snow during break times too! Don't forget to look on our Around School section and school website for weekly snapshots and information. There's some fabulous teaching and learning going on!



Friday 24th January 2025
Year of Jubilee Liturgy 9.30am
'Opening the Doors'

<https://youtu.be/IA-0QN-pyFE>

You are invited to come and join us for this very special Liturgy launching this Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church: Pilgrims of Hope.

The children and staff will be taking part in the liturgy and the hall doors will open and represent our Holy Doors during this time.

Please see further details on FB and Weduc and I have also attached this recorded message from our Bishop; Bishop Stephen Wright.





St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
Welcome Back Everybody and Happy New Year!



1.12.25

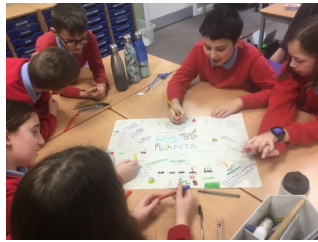
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Our Trust Virtues

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-95%
Larks- 95%
Swifts-96%
Owls- 98%



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

Friday 18th July 2025 **OWLS** Class Leavers Assembly



Dates may need to change for various reasons but we will inform you in advance on the newsletters/Weduc if this is the case and in good time.

Thankyou!

Parents in EYFS- please can you ensure your child has a hat, gloves, scarf and several changes of socks during this cold, snowy weather.

We are now out of socks and spare clothes etc so please bring them in and label items as they are often left in the corridors and end up getting lost.

A change of shoes or slippers is also needed for all children who want to play on the field.

Hopefully the snow clears soon- although the children won't want that I am sure!!

Thanks everybody.

Any donations to EYFS such as pants, socks, gloves would be much appreciated too.

