



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



11.4.25

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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 11th April- Termly Progress report sent via Weduc. Paper copies can be sent on request, just ask at the office and we will be happy to print off!

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 (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!**

Happy birthday to Jakob, Anna, Edie and Max H who celebrate their birthday this week or during the Easter holiday- have a wonderful day!



Some of our Year 4 children enjoyed their afternoon of Bikeability on Monday, developing further riding skills and road safety. Level 1 helps prepare children for the sessions they will participate in once they reach Year 5 and 6. Our Robins children are also going to enjoy their Bikeability session in the summer term using balance bikes—both bikes and helmets provided from school.

Bikeability Level 1 teaches you to:

**Maintain your cycle:** make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs

**Glide:** smooth, calm and collected

**Control your bike:** including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!

**Pedal:** without feeling wobbly or out of control



**Be aware of your surroundings:** looking behind and turning around obstacles



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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.

**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

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.



Total money raised for our Fairtrade Fortnight fundraiser this year was **£112.50** (cakes and hot chocolates)

Our Easter Fayre raised **£632.50**- amazing!  
**THANKYOU!**

Thankyou so much everybody- you are incredibly kind and so supportive.



**Attendance this week**

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'

**Robins- 90%**

**Larks- 97%**

**Swifts-97%**

**Owls- 94%**



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!

Owls have been using creative prayer time to reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

The artwork will go along to church, along with our A4 stations in Church from last year. It is always lovely to be able to share what we do in school with Father Thomas and parishioners at St Mary's.

Beautiful work Owls- a wonderful form of creative prayer.



The children had a fabulous time at the Easter disco on Wednesday night. It was so lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves in full Easter spirit!

Thankyou to staff, as always for their extra time and energy, we couldn't do these things without such an amazing team. Parents, your help and support is also hugely appreciated-  
thankyou!

The disco raised **£268.89** for school funds. Thankyou.



The children have requested a summer disco too!



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'Ain't nothing Gonna Break her Stride!'

St Mary's Striding for Strokes  
April 10th 2025



Striding For Strokes: Team Herbert!

Yesterday we had the most amazing day! The weather was beautiful and so many of our parents, Grandparents, Governors and friends joined us for our whole school community walk in aid of the charity 'Different Strokes'

Whilst we still have money coming in- and we have until after the Easter holidays for sponsor money to be brought in to school we have already raised almost £2000!

St Mary's this is incredible...

One school Community

One chosen charity

One TRULY INSPIRING LADY

We were delighted Miss Herbert joined us at Scar Top, along with her family and enjoyed refreshments once we were back at school.

All of this Miss Herbert because of, and for you!

'It was good to see  
Miss Herbert and to  
see she is doing okay.'  
Margaret



'It was important because  
Miss Herbert was there. It  
was a long walk, it was nice!'  
Fearne

'It's just that I felt  
happy that I have seen  
Miss Herbert now.'  
Raph