



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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



11.7.25

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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.

Every Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am. £3 per session. All very welcome! Toddler sessions start back September 9th (the second week back)

Friday 11th July- Y6 Sleepover

Friday 11th July- End of Year Reports sent out

Monday 14th July- Sports Day (1.30pm) further details to follow

Tuesday 14th July-16th July EYFS Bikeability Balance Bike sessions

Thursday 17th July- Owls class candle time 2.30pm

Thursday 17th July- Summer Term Disco 5.30pm- 7.30pm

SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAGE 2 FOR CLASS CANDLE TIMES

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Summer Term: Friday 18th July 2025- we would love as many of you to join us if you can as we will be saying Mass for our Year 6 leavers and all other school leavers St Mary's Church 10am.

Summer Term School Disco

We will be having a summer term disco 5.30pm- 7.30pm on Thursday 17th July.

All children welcome and as precious as our EYFS children ((Nursery and Robins) will need an adult to stay with them if they would like to attend.

Face Painting,

Tattoos,

Games

Tuck shop and sausages in a bun (went down well at the last one!)

Tickets will go on sale this week on MCAS . £3 per ticket and £5 for a family ticket.

Thankyou



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.



Transition Afternoons

As always we will be having our **6 week transition sessions** over the last 6 weeks of term for all children in school and our new starters in Robins class. The transition afternoons give the children an opportunity to bond with their new class, become familiar with their new teacher, class codes of conduct and familiar with their new environments.

The **last two sessions** we also invite our new nursery starters to join us. Letters has also been sent out to EYFS/Nursery.

The transition dates are as follows:

Thursday 12th June * Mrs Box will take the current Year 4 children for their transition in Owls class as they are in Edinburgh.

Thursday 19th June

Thursday 26th June

Thursday 3rd July

Thursday 10th July

Thursday 17th July * EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic



*All sessions will be from 1.30pm- 3pm
Thankyou!*



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025



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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- 96%
Larks- 96%
Swifts- 96%
Owls- 96%

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!

Swankie Sports
18 June at 12:01



SUMMER SPORTS CLUB

Weeks 1 and 2 St Mary's RC Primary School and Little Wren's Nursery - Barnard Castle

Weeks 3 4 and 5 Green Lane Church of England Primary School

MON-FRI 9-3PM

£15 PER £60 FULL WEEK

PAY INSTALMENTS

Places are limited to book

Contact [Kyle Swankie Swankie Sports](mailto:kyle@swankiesports.co.uk)
07841038641

Please see the attached water safety poster with activities to promote water safety during the holidays.

Sessions are held at Teesdale Leisure Centre.
Stay Safe this Summer- build skills, confidence and stay safe.



Year 6 Leavers Meal

Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their leavers meal, organised by parents at Capri in town.

They all had a fabulous time—thankyou parents for organizing such a lovely treat for the children!



Busy, Busy!

I can't quite believe we are going in to the last week of term! It is a busy one!!

Hopefully we will see you at Sports Day Monday, we have our disco on the Thursday and our last transition session, we have the Year 6 Leavers Candle Time at 2.30pm and then on Friday we have our end of term Family Mass (10am) where we will be dedicating prayers and readings to our Year 6 leavers, Tilly and Mrs Dominick who is also leaving us this term. The best bit... ice- cream van for the whole school Friday afternoon!



We have teachers visiting school next week for the position we have in school. I will keep you informed before we break up. Thankyou again for your patience and understanding with this.