



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.

Monday 16th December: **Robins and Wrens** Nursery Rhyme Nativity. In school at 9.30am AND 1.30pm Parents welcome £1 on the door—no tickets needed

Tuesday 17th December: Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 Nativity Performance. Two performance times of 1.30pm/5.30pm. **X2 adults per child/ per performance.** £1 on the door -no tickets needed

NO TODDLER SESSION THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Order lunches via MCAS.

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Party Day

Thursday 19th December: Carol Service in Church at 3.45pm. Join us if you can- we would love to see St Mary's RC Church full of festive joy!

Friday 20th December—Break Up for Christmas

Monday January 6th 2025 —Back to school.

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

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 Reece who celebrated his 10th birthday on Tuesday.

Advent

Gaudete Sunday and the *Third Week* of Advent

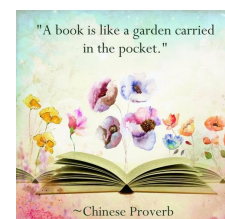
'Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice'

What colour candle do we light?



Thankyou to everybody who either came along to the book fair or purchased books online.

Altogether we sold £462.70 worth of books and as a school received £185 to spend on books for school. Thankyou.





St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together through Advent



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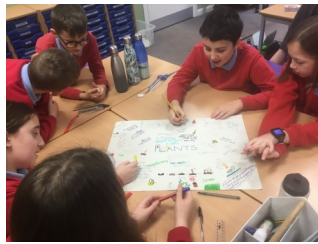
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Our Trust Virtues

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-93%
Larks- 94%
Swifts-95%
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!

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December is our Christmas jumper day!. It is also our **Christmas lunch day** too.

Come to school wearing your school trousers/ shorts or skirt, and swap your school jumper for a little bit of sparkle and shine!

If anyone has any pre-loved Christmas jumpers they would like to donate we would love to have them so that every child has a Christmas jumper to wear.

Thankyou!



Christmas Activities next week

It is a busy week next week with Nativity performances, Christmas lunch, party day, Carols and so much more!!

Any parent helpers for the party day would be a huge help. If you can help with the party prep, please message your child's class teacher.

Thanks in advance- always appreciated.



Weekly Toddler Sessions

Don't forget to come and join us if you can for our weekly toddler sessions, here in school every **Tuesday morning 9.15am -10.45am**

Sessions include refreshments and are just £3.

Bring your friends and family- it is always lovely to see new faces in school! See FB page for more adorable pictures too.



Sessions start back on **Tuesday 14th January 2025.**