



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)

[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 18th November and Tuesday 19th November- Parents Evening 3.30pm- 6pm Please see Weduc message with regards to changes for Swifts class only.

Monday 16th December: Wrens Nursery Rhyme Nativity. In school at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

Tuesday 17th December: Reception (Robins) and Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 Nativity Performance. Three performance times of 9.30am/ 1.30pm/5.30pm. X2 adults per child/ per performance.

Friday 20th 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!

Family Mass Dates and Times

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am

Spring Term: Thursday 20th March 2025

Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025

Holy Communion 2025- don't forget to inform either Father Thomas or I if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2025.

Preparation classes will start in October. Thankyou.



Look out for our **NEW** termly Sports Newsletter starting this Autumn term. Full of events, achievements and celebrations!

Thankyou Mrs Jennings!



Holy Communion Initial Meeting

TBC by Father and Claire M in your group message!! Thank you all.

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!



No birthday celebrations this week in school!



Late Arrivals

Parents, whilst the vast majority of our children arrive to school in good time for registration and start the day settled, happy and ready to learn, sadly we do have a minority group of children who are often arriving late. This was flagged as part of the inspection and will be part of our school development plan moving forward. Please make sure that your morning routines give you time to get the children here in good time from 8.45am so that a prompt registration can take place. We see some children's anxieties heighten due to being late and this is really sad to see. It is the responsibility of parents to get their child to school on time. As a school we really do not want to have to be considering possible fines or for the lateness to become a safeguarding concern.

We are here, working with you but it is the overall responsibility of parents to arrive in good time.

Thankyou so much!

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am each morning morning.

Bookings via MCAS App



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



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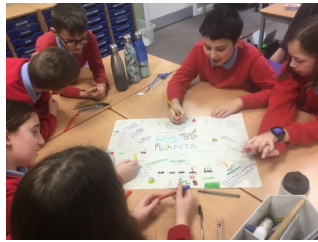
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Our Trust Virtues

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-88%
Larks- 93%
Swifts-98%
Owls- 99%



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!

Prayer Requests



During this month of Remembrance we would like to invite you to share in prayer with us both here in school, at home and at church.

The children will be handing out prayer request cards at the back of church, and they will also be on the drive if you would also like to take one. We will add each request to our Remembrance tree and focal prayer area in school.

We will add the requests to the tree and those completed at church will be included in prayer with Father Thomas too.

Our EYFS children will continue with their monthly prayer bags and children will be bringing home the Remembrance themed bags over the remainder of this month.

Thankyou also once again to Remi, who represented our school on Sunday, laying our wreath, and also to all other families who joined the annual service and parade. Thankyou.

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.

