



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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'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.

Every Tuesday Morning: Toddler Group 9.15- 10.45am.
£3 per session. All very welcome!

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

Friday 31st January- *Judging of the Jubilee Wreaths*

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.

Wednesday 5th February- *More than Dance in school 'What is hope?*

Tuesday 11th February - *Safer Internet Day*

Thursday 13th February- *Valentine Coffee Morning. All welcome 9- 10.45am.*

Friday 14th February—*Swifts Candletime-All welcome*

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.*

SEE ADDITIOINL 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

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 good attendance with 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 into class after 9am 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 Birthdays this week!



Friday 24th January 2025

Year of Jubilee Liturgy 9.30am

'Opening the Doors'

<https://youtu.be/IA-OQN-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.



A polite reminder for all parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

I appreciate some of our newer parents may not have realised this!

Thankyou in advance for your cooperation.



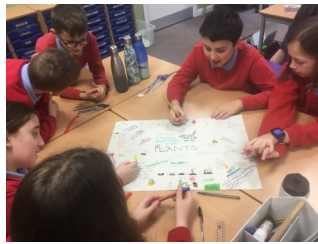


Our Trust Virtues

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-100%

Larks- 95%

Swifts-98%

Owls- 97%



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 minute. Every pupil!
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

Arthur had some wonderful news to share this week when he introduced me to his new baby sister. When I asked what his baby sister was called he beamed with the biggest of smiles and said 'I named her. I named her Alice like my buddy!!'

Isn't that just adorable- it really did warm my heart and so I just had to share!

Congratulations to Arthur and his family on their beautiful little

buddle of joy.



PE UNIFORM

Parents we are still seeing some items of clothing that are not part of our PE uniform. Please respect the uniform policy and ensure that your child has the following:

Blue t- shirt (plain)

Plain red shorts (no stripes or patterns or any other designs)

Grey or black joggers or leggings (plain leggings, no patterns or other colours)

Trainers

Thankyou- I appreciate your support. It is so important that the children are all in the same uniform, not only to develop that wonderful sense of belonging, but to teach and develop a respectful attitude too.

I always admire other schools when they attend competitions and festivals or when you see their photographs of PE on their websites... lets make that effort at St Mary's too!

Thankyou so much

[St. Mary's RC Primary DL12 - etika uniforms](https://stmarysbc.bhcet.org.uk)

