



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



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



**2.5.25**

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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!**

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 5TH MAY- SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tuesday 8th May VE Day Celebrations in school. Wear something red, white and blue or WW2 costume. Celebration of the Word at 2.30pm- all welcome**

**Monday 12th May- SATs week for Y6 pupils**

**Thursday 22nd May- break up for half term**

**Monday 26th May- Meet Parade—see messages for further details from Mrs Dominick**

**June 11th- 13th- Edinburgh Residential Owls class**

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

**12th- 16th May Y6 SATs Week— free full English breakfast served on Friday's (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**

**Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025**

**Striding for Strokes**

Altogether we raised an incredible **£2323** for Different Strokes. Twenty pounds more than our last count!!

How amazing is that... well done everybody, what an effort and what an inspirational event.

Miss Herbert is as equally thrilled with the amount raised!

Well done everybody- true faith in action!



**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 Laila B who celebrates her birthday today! I hope you have a brilliant birthday Laila and enjoy your long birthday weekend too.



**Here Comes the Sun!**



Don't forget to apply sunscreen **before** children arrive to school as we are not able to apply in school.

Sunhats or a cap are also advised and if your child would like to wear their sunglasses that is also fine too.

Thankyou

**VE Day Celebrations!**

We are looking forward to our VE celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary.

The children and staff are invited to wear either red, white and blue colours or a WW2 themed costume if they like..

We will have a whole school Celebration of the Word, led by Owls class and hope parents can join us too if they are free.

Some of the children are going to be visiting our friends at The Manor with me, listening to stories shared by some of the residents and singing WW2 songs. We are looking forward to seeing them!





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**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Jubilee Year 2025**  
*Together we journey through Lent*



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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- 98%**  
**Larks- 95%**  
**Swifts-99%**  
**Owls- 98%**



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!

### 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:

Thursday May 8th 2025 VE Day Celebration of the Word

Thursday 22nd May 2025 **LARKS** Class themed assembly

Friday 18th July 2025 **OWLS** Class Leavers Assembly

### Pilgrimage Cross

We had a wonderful Celebration of the Word this week as part of our Jubilee Year; Pilgrims of Hope. The Pilgrimage Cross continues its journey to the last few schools in our Trust

A wonderful way to celebrate being part of one family, one Trust and one very special year, inspired by Pope Francis.



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.



Mrs Porter will confirm additional dates via Weduc once they are confirmed for Y6 performance. This is additional to the Year 6 Leaver's Candle Time. Thankyou.