



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



20.12.24

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

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.

Friday 20th December—Break Up for Christmas

Monday January 6th 2025 —Back to school.

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.

We have had a wonderfully busy last week in school with parties, lunches, nativities and Carols.

Thankyou so much to all of the staff who work incredibly hard; over and above to ensure the children have an enjoyable week in school before they break up.

Thankyou also to the parent volunteers who offer their time week in and week out. Your are just fabulous and we couldn't offer the experiences we do in school if it wasn't for you offering to give up your own time. So, from all of us at St Mary's 'Thankyou!!'



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday Joey and Maddison who both celebrated their birthday this week.



Good Luck in your new job Miss Carter- we hope you enjoy it and that you still come to see us at school.

After Christmas we will welcome Mrs Hiles who will work alongside Miss Bunford in the school kitchen.



Thankyou so much for all the Christmas cards, messages, and gifts.

It is very much appreciated.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Stay safe, warm and cosy and I hope you get everything you've wished for and more!

Merry Christmas Everybody!



Your child's Autumn term progress reports should be with you today- sent via Weduc. Thank you



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Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas!



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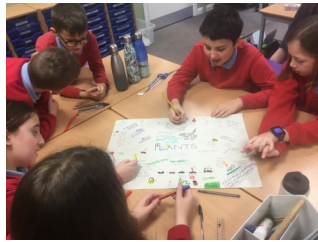
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Our Trust Virtues

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-92%
Larks- 99%
Swifts-91%
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 pupil. Every minute!
Make it count!

On behalf of all staff at St Mary's I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very **happy and holy Christmas**.

May it be a time of peace, joy, and love spent with those dearest to you.



We will all continue to pray for Miss Herbert and her family over Christmas time and hope that she continues to make positive steps of progress each and every day. We will make sure all of the cards and gifts get to Miss Herbert too- I know she will be delighted with them. The children have made some beautiful cards and gifts for her. Thankyou!

Please see the link below with further information about a part-time temporary TA vacancy we are currently advertising.

[Teaching Assistant | Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust](#)



Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant
Grade 3 SCP 4-6
£11,416-£12,042
pro rata
(£24,416 - £25,184 FTE)
£12.65-£13.05 per hour
20 hours per week
9am-1pm
Mon - Fri
Term time only

The Directors of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust are seeking to appoint a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to join our team. The successful candidate will be caring, reliable, flexible, and enthusiastic. All applicants should be willing to support the Catholic ethos and values of the school.

Successful candidates will be able to:

- Establish productive working relationships with pupils, acting as a role model and setting high expectations.
- Support pupils consistently whilst recognising and responding to their individual needs.
- Encourage pupils to interact and work co-operatively with others and engage all pupils in activities.
- Promote independence and employ strategies to recognise and reward achievement of self-reliance;
- Provide effective support to the Teachers across the school.