



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



21.3.25

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



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!**

**Spring Half Term: Break up Thursday 20th Feb and back to school Monday 3rd March**

**Wednesday 26th March- Maths Day- dress as a number significant to you! ( football shirt, favourite number, your age... maybe design your own t-shirt or simply design a badger?)**

**Friday 28th March- Ladies who Love Us Candle Time. All welcome ( Larks class leading) 2.30pm.**

**Wednesday 2nd March- Music Performance 2.30pm. All parents invited. Children presenting from each class.**

**\*Monday 31st March- School football team tournament with Kyle Swankie ( individual messages will be sent to parents) \*Please note change of date.**

**Friday 4th April- Some of children joining Mrs Porter to serve Lenten Lunches in town.**

**Saturday 5th April- Easter Fayre 10-12noon See Weduc.**

**Monday 7th April Bikeability -selected KS2. Further info to follow.**

**Wednesday 9th April- School Disco. See further details on newsletter.**

**Friday 11th April- EYFS (Robins) Easter themed Candle Time Parents Invited**

**Thursday 10th April- St Mary's Sponsored Walk. 9.30am set off.**

**Friday April 11th- Break up for Easter—return Monday 28th April.**

**SEE ADDITIONAL 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**

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 Josh and Annie who both celebrate their birthday this week. Have a great day!



**St Mary's Sponsored Walk  
'Different Strokes'**

I hope you are managing to get some sponsors ahead of our whole school community walk.

We are hoping to give a generous amount of money from us all as a school family to the charity of Miss Herbert's choice

**'Different Strokes'**

The link on our Facebook page also gives further details and a link to their page. Don't forget if you need sponsor forms we have some already printed at the front porch.

Thanks in advance St Mary's- I hope lots of you can join us for the walk too.



Thankyou to everybody who joined us on Thursday for our Spring term family Mass. The children read beautifully as always and sang so reverently too. It was also really lovely to see Tomek serving at Mass too, along with John. Good job Tomek- well done!

**Drop- In SEND Surgery**

**Monday 17th March 2pm- 3.30pm**

Thankyou to the parents and staff who made use of the SEND Surgery offer this week. I hope it was useful. Teachers will be using any recommendations from Helen as part of the SEND reviews and will share updated plans with parents.

Thanks again-we appreciate you time and support in ensuring we are giving our children the best possible chance of



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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**

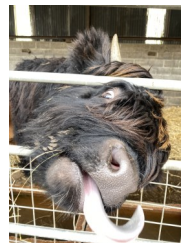


These virtues link closely to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles (CST) that underpin everything we do as a school, and as a Trust.

EYFS had a fantastic day at Hall Hill Farm this week.

The photographs are adorable- have a look at our FB page!

Thankyou again to all of the parents who volunteered to come along with us, and of course to staff. This picture that Miss Holywell took made me laugh!!



### Attendance this week

**'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'**

**Robins- 97%**

**Larks- 97%**

**Swifts-92%**

**Owls- 95%**

**Well done Robins and Owls.**

**Room for improvement this week Swifts.**



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:

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

### EASTER FAYRE SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025 10AM-12 NOON

Giant Bunny raffle  
Face painting/ Tattoos  
Egg hunt  
Bingo  
Chocolate Tombola  
Cakes and bakes stall  
Fudge stall  
Teesdale Toys stall  
Tea/Coffee and SO much more!!



Join us if you can- bring along friends and family- we would love to see you there and to support our Spring term fundraiser. Thankyou!



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!**



Don't forget to get your Easter Disco tickets!

**Date: Wednesday 9th April 2025**

**Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm**

**£3 per ticket/ £5 family ticket.**

Nursery and reception children very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

