



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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

22.11.24

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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 16th December: **Robins and Wrens** Nursery Rhyme Nativity. In school at 9.30am AND 1.30pm Parents welcome.

Tuesday 17th December: Reception Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 Nativity Performance. Three performance times of 9.30am/ 1.30pm/5.30pm. X2 adults per child/ per performance. **NO TODDLER SESSION THIS WEEK**

Thursday 19th 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!

Friday 20th December—Break Up for Christmas

Monday January 6th 2025 —Back to school.

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 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!



Happy Birthday to William, Keegan, Benjamin, Miles and Sonny who all celebrate their birthdays this week!

Don't forget to bring your raffle money and raffle tabs in to school next week if you would like to be in the Teesdale Lions Grand Raffle Draw. There are some fabulous cash prizes to be won! If you still have tickets in your child's book bag and don't wish to buy them- send them back in and we will sell them on.

Thankyou- Good Luck!

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

Thankyou Mrs Jennings!



Scholastic Book Fair

Our book fair in school will run from **Wednesday 4th December until Monday 9th December.**

Each class will have a chance to browse the book fair and parents can come in Any night after school if they wish to purchase any books.

Ideal for Christmas!

Further information will follow but the books can be paid for online and using the QR codes displayed at the fair.

If we make over £300 school then receive FREE books.

Lots of competitions and vouchers also to be won... look out for them on our FB page and Weduc.

Thankyou



Holy Communion 2025

Holy Communion preparation sessions are here in school, Mondays at 4pm. The sessions are organized by Father Thomas and Claire McAuley if you have any issues.



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We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



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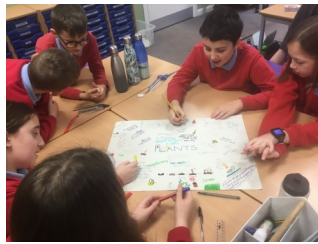
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Our Trust Virtues

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-79%
Larks- 98%
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 pupil. Every minute!
Make it count!**

A huge thankyou to every single parent making and attending an appointment at parents evening.

Your time is much appreciated- as is the time of staff.

I hope you found it useful and enjoyed looking at the wonderful work in children's books.

Mrs Jennings will be having the parents evening for Swifts class as planned on Monday 2nd December. If you have not made an appointment then you can do so via Weduc to Mrs Sedgewick or give us a ring.

Thankyou Parents



PE UNIFORM

Boys and girls we look so smart in our St Mary's uniform and it is great to see you all in smart shoes too- thank you. It develops that wonderful sense of belonging and pride.

However, our PE uniform seems to have a few additional colours, logos and styles! Please make sure you wear RED shorts or GREY JOGGERS/ LEGGINGS

Please make sure we treat the PE uniform with the same respect as our school uniform. When we are representing St Mary's at festivals or having PE here in school, it is so important we all follow the same policy.

I have attached the link to remind yourselves of the expectations and policy. Please make sure this is followed. Thankyou

[School Uniform | St. Mary's RC Primary](#)

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.

