



'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 too.

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

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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?'

February 11th- Safer Internet Day

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

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

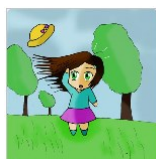
Summer Term: Thursday 10th July 2025

Stay Safe!

Take Care tonight and over the weekend in this very windy weather!

Hopefully it eases tomorrow—the forecast suggests it should do.

Stay snuggled and warm- see you all Monday.



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 Abigail who celebrates her birthday tomorrow. Have a wonderful day Abigail.



Pilgrims of Hope Wreath Competition

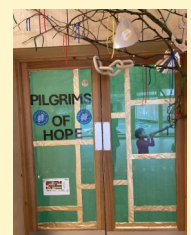
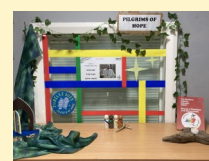
Don't forget that you are all invited to get creative and design a wreath as part of our Pilgrims of Hope theme this Jubilee Year and link to the opening of the Holy Doors.

Any shape, size or design- completely up to you!

Deadline for the wreaths to be brought in to school is on **Friday 31st January.**

Father Thomas will have the difficult job of judging them!

Good Luck!



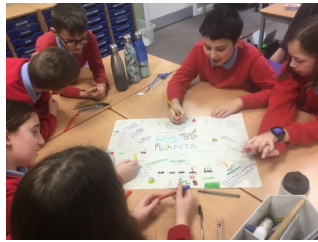


Our Trust Virtues

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- 99%
Swifts-87%
Owls- 95%



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'**

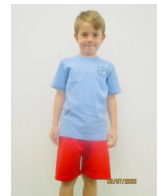
Thursday 22nd May 2025 **LARKS Class** themed assembly

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



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St. Mary's RC Primary DL12 - etika uniforms



Parish Event at St Mary's School

Sunday 2nd February 2pm- 4pm

Come along and enjoy an afternoon tea (shared table) with friends as well as join in Candlemas activities and reflection with Father Thomas.

It will be a wonderful family afternoon event and it is **FREE!** Donations welcome on the day. **See FB for further details.**

