



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



28.3.25

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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!

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—Y4 children

Monday 7th April- Reception Vision Screening

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.

Tuesday 29th April- Receive Pilgrimage Cross. Candle Time whole school- parents all very welcome. Swimming cancelled on this date.

12th- 16th May Y6 SATs Week—full English breakfast served in breakfast club for all Y6 pupils. FREE.

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 Reuben and Charles who both celebrate their birthday this week. I hope you both had a fabulous 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.

A special visitor!

It was lovely to see Miss Herbert back in school this week when she popped in to see staff and some of the children during their after school club.

Children and staff were delighted to see her- and looking so well too.



Take Hope Home

I have added a lovely activity for parents and children to enjoy prayer time together called **'Take Hope Home'** as part of our Pilgrims of Hope Journey. I hope you find the prayer resources useful as a family. This link takes you straight to our website page. If you would like them printing off, please just ask.

[Our Faith Journey | St. Mary's RC Primary](#)



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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.

We are delighted to share with you that we have our **Live Simply Award** Assessment on Wednesday 2nd April. We feel we are ready to submit all of our evidence that we have to support the pledges we made over these last 18 months- thank you to all of the parents, parishioners, children and staff who have all helped contribute to us hopefully achieving the award.

'Faith in Action.'



Livesimply

Thank you to Father Thomas, and the children who came along to prayer group today during their break time.
Wonderful!



Attendance this week

'Minutes count, Attendance Matters!'

Robins- 100%
Larks- 98%
Swifts-98%
Owls- 99%



Well done Robins - 100%

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

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!



A big thankyou also, to Amber in Year 6 who is doing an amazing job of selling the raffle tickets on the school drive each night. Amber, thankyou so much for your help- your selling skills are impressive!!

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. Thankyou!

