



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 29th November- Lantern Parade (see message from Mrs P on Weduc)

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

Tuesday 17th December: 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**

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. Order lunches via MCAS.

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 Melody, Pip, Evelyn and Jack who all celebrate their birthday this week.

Have a lovely day boys and girls!

Advent Begins

Advent begins this Sunday 1st December 2024.

Look out for the Advent Around School section on the website to see how we are preparing for Christmas as a school family.

Psalm 31:24: "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

Isaiah 40:31:



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 organised by Father Thomas and Claire McAuley if you have any issues.



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



29.11.24

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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-100%
Larks- 92%
Swifts-95%
Owls- 96%



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!

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to our regular volunteers in school who week in, week out offer their own time to come and work with the children. It is really lovely to welcome you into school and we are very grateful for your time.

Thankyou **Danny, Nicole, Julie, Miss Belshaw and of course the parents** who come along to ensure we can continue to offer wider experiences such as forest school, local adventure, toddler group and forest school.

You are all just brilliant!



Next week we welcome Miss Lucy Pryke to our school for a 3 week block of supply taking us up until Christmas.



Miss Pryke will be teaching in our EYFS along with Mrs T and Miss H and is looking forward to meeting the class on Monday. Miss Pryke has a background in early years and experience of working in school within our Trust too.

Mrs Dominick will continue to deliver daily phonics and Mrs Jennings is also spending every Tuesday afternoon in EYFS to plan and deliver science focused investigations and activities.

See you Monday Miss Pryke!

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.



Thankyou **Lizzy and Aimee** for your time each week- it is very much appreciated—you're both doing an amazing job too! **Last session this Tuesday 3rd December until after Christmas.** Thankyou .