



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.

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- Christmas Party Day

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!

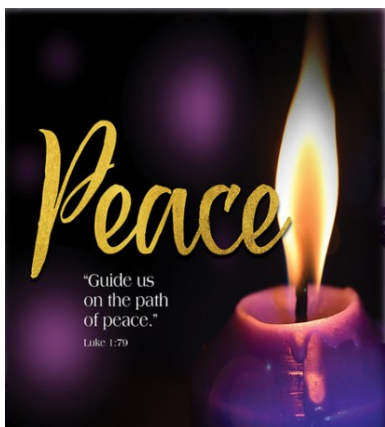


Happy birthday to Odette, Edward and Sophia who all celebrated their birthday this week on the very same day too!

Advent

This Sunday will be the second Sunday of Advent- the end of the first full week.

This Sunday we light another purple candle representing **Peace**.



Scholastic Book Fair

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





St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter

We are journeying together through Ordinary Time



6.12.24

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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-96%
Larks- 96%
Swifts-90%
Owls- 90%



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!**

Lantern Parade

Thankyou to everybody who came along to join us for the Lantern Parade on Friday night.

It was really lovely and the lanterns that the children made with TCR Hub all looked so beautiful in the dark, along with all of the other lanterns.

It was lovely to see so many people come out and support the children in the parade too- they love to spot you in the crowds!

Well done everybody.



Miss Pryke has had a wonderful week with us here at St Mary's. Our Little Wrens and Robins have made her feel very welcome. Miss Pyke has agreed to stay longer term and so we are delighted that she will be with us after Christmas too and until further notice.

We continue to pray for Miss Herbert. She is in our thoughts and prayers every single day and is still very much part of our team- just not with us right now.

I have some gorgeous prayers from the children- I know they will make Miss Herbert smile when I next see her.

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 .