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Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and News-feeds)

[School Holidays \(stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk\)](http://stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk)



- Wednesday 15th March- EYFS visit to Hall Hill Farm.
- Thursday 16th March- Owls at Mass today, then Stations of the Cross (along with Swifts) All welcome to join us. Mass 10am.
- Wednesday 22nd March- Swifts visit to Brightwood. Wild Escape Project with Bowes Museum/Brightwoods. Children will need wellies, warm coats and gloves etc.
- Thursday 23rd- Dance Festival Multicultural Event- Miss C has sent further info to dancers.
- Spring term Parent Evenings- Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Appointments made via the office/Weduc Mrs Sedgewick.
- Thursday 30th—Speak Out Stay Safe—workshops in school for Owls class.
- Friday 31st March- Easter Liturgy 2.30pm Parents Welcome. See further info on newsletter too. Don't forget your Easter raffle tickets!
- Friday 31st March- Break Up for Easter and return to school 17th April 2023.

**Spring Table Top Sale
THANKYOU!**

Thankyou again to everybody who came along to support our Spring table top sale. The hall was buzzing! I hope you all found some bargains, enjoyed a coffee and hopefully made a little bit of money from your clear out too! Staff and parents have asked if we can have a summer table top sale too, so we will confirm the date once we have it in the diary, and we will aim for June/July time.



Easter Events and Easter Garden Competition

Friday 31st March

On Friday 31st March (last day of term) we will be having an Easter liturgy, led by some children from each class. Parents are very welcome to join us for prayer and reflection, school hall at 2.30pm.

Easter Garden Competition

We would like to invite all children to enter our Easter garden competition this year. The children can make their garden with any materials they would like and there will be an Easter egg prize for each year group. (If you need any materials from school just let us know and we will see what we have!) Father Thomas will judge the entries and hand out prizes after the liturgy on Friday 31st. All entries to be brought to school on Friday 31st March- please do not put your name on your garden design to make it fair... good luck!



Our children in Year 4 continue their Journey of preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for Amber, Alfie, Robbie, Tomek and Edward, as well as our friends from Ingleton too. Thankyou!



Next week's linked Virtues:
Confidence and Resilience

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday this week to Rosie, Charlie and Roscoe. I hope you all have a wonderful day!



Wellbeing Walks: St Mary's Ramblers!

Mrs T is very keen to start a local, monthly walking group for our children, staff and families. We are aiming for our first walk to take place the first Saturday of each month

(time to be confirmed) and our first walk organised for **May 13th 2023**. Mrs T will lead this local walk, but then hoped other parents or staff would then lead other walks too. Parents would have to stay, and be responsible for their own children. I think it is a lovely idea- let me know what you think too! **Our climate change Team also think it is a perfect opportunity to carry out their litter picking too.**

Further information will follow nearer the time... hunt out those walking boots!!





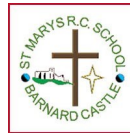
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Our Trust Virtues

(Please see the additional A4 poster I have attached with further information about each Virtue)

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



Attendance this week:

Robins: 91.3%

Larks: 91%

Swifts: 91.5%

Owls: 95%



Well done Owls class, and to everyone who managed to make it to school today!

Please see our attendance policy on the school website for further information about expectations and parental responsibilities.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and fines may occur.

Our Lenten Journey Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

Our Lenten Journey continues and it has been another busy, busy week! Each class getting along with their own ideas inspired by both children and staff. We really do appreciate your support with all of the events going on. I loved the dedication from Miss Alderson and Rosalia this week, selling raffle tickets even in the snow!! Ian has been in touch this week to see how we were getting on and I told him we were in ' full swing!'



Further information about toilet twinning can be found here:

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>



SNOW PLAY!

Thankyou to all staff, and parents for making the effort to get to school today and making sure we are able to stay open. A huge THANKYOU to Jakob's Mum, for helping clear our drive this morning too, along with Mr White and Mrs T. Mrs Kindleyside took my shovel... clearly she could see I was struggling!!



The children have had a gorgeous time playing in the snow on the field- I am sure they are memories they will treasure!



I have also added pictures on Facebook too.

Thankyou again everybody- have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the snow! Stay Safe.

