



*'A smile is a curve that sets everything straight' Phyllis Diller
'Friendly February'*



Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and Newsfeeds)

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



- Tuesday 14th February- Valentine Coffee Morning
- Spring Term Mass Thursday 16th February- St Mary's Church 10am. Everybody welcome.
- Monday 27th February- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day.
- Tuesday 7th March—Zoolab visit to Larks class
- Wednesday 15th March- EYFS visit to Hall Hill Farm. (change of date)
- Friday 31st March- Break Up for Easter
- Palm Sunday- 2nd April... Holy Week.
- Good Friday 7th April, Easter Sunday 9th April
- Monday 17th April- Return to School

Spring Table Top Sale

Date? Saturday March 4th

Where? Here in the school hall

When? 10-12 noon

If you fancy a bit of a clear out and an opportunity to make a little bit of money from your unwanted things then come along to our Table Top Sale!

School will charge £7 per table... and the rest is yours!

There will also be a raffle, tea, coffee and cakes. Local businesses are also very welcome so spread the word, or if you yourself have a little business... get yourself along!

If you would like a table, please just message or ring Mrs Sedgewick or Mrs Box who will be happy to help.

Thank you for helping us raise money for our school.



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. Claire McAuley and Father Thomas have organised First Confessions. Children making their First Confessions at St Mary's will take place on Thursday 16th at 5.30pm. Please message Claire or Father Thomas if you have any questions.

Thankyou!



Next week's linked Virtues:

All Virtues (see 2nd page of newsletter for our full virtues)

Happy birthday this week to Matilda, Penny and William who all celebrate their birthday this week.

Stars of the week—don't forget to look on our school website to see who are our Stars this week and photographs on the Around School Section too.

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!

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





'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'

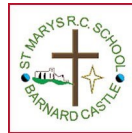
Our Trust Virtues

(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



Have that conversation with your child... can they tell you the Virtue we have been exploring in school and more importantly, do they know what that looks like in action?

Thank you parents.

Attendance this week:

Robins: 94.29%

Larks: 93.33%

Swifts: 95.94%

Owls: 96.79%



Fantastic Owls class!"

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.

I am hoping the children have all come home and told you all about the exciting 'Lententerprise' project we are getting involved with this Lent. Recently, we were gifted a donation to 'twin' a toilet with Toilet Twinning Org. From there, we were inspired to raise funds ourselves during Lent to hopefully raise enough money to twin every toilet block in school. You may have spotted us in the Teesdale Mercury this week, along with our visitor Ian Blake. I will attach the letter each class received this week for your info- I am sure class teachers will be in touch soon with their plans- the children have so many wonderful ideas! The link below also gives further information about the project too. Thank you.

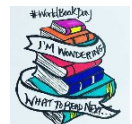
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World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March

Come to school dressed as either a character from one of your favourite stories or get creative and come dressed as... an **adjective** of your choice!!



Another wonderful week at school... happy and 'connected'!



Valentine's Coffee Morning
'Share the love and a slice of cake!'
Tuesday 14th February 9-11am

Everybody welcome. School hall between 9am and 11am. Tea, coffee, cakes and treats. We will also draw the raffle for the Valentine Hamper. Children will soon be selling tickets after school each night and also at the coffee morning. We would love you to join us!