



'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'

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

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

- Tuesday 18th October- Year5/6 (Owls) Eden Camp trip. **Thursday 20th- Break up for half term**
- Friday 4th and Monday 7th November- Black History Exhibition. School Hall- drop in 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 14th November- Anti- Bullying Week
- November 21st and 22nd- Parents Evenings



If you are at Mass this week- have a look at our new display from Owls class at the back of Church... 'We are All Gifts from God'

Tell us what you think in our little book too! Thank you

BLACK HISTORY
MONTH
OCTOBER 2022

Don't forget to log into Scopay if you would like your child to attend any of the films dedicated to Black History this month on a Monday evening. This week our Bigfoot Arts Production is :

'Africa, My Story'

Thank you



Next Week our Trust Virtue is: Compassion and Justice

A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken with misfortune.

Accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

The quality of being just: righteousness.

The moral principle determining conduct

Happy birthday this week to Casper, Erika and Maisie who both celebrate their birthday this week. Have a lovely day!



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.

Harvest Festival Candle Time

A HUGE thank you to everybody who came along to the Harvest Festival Candle Time today. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The children were just fabulous singing their songs, reading their beautiful prayers and retelling stories through role play. Well done.

Thank you so much for your kind donations- we delivered the fresh fruits and vegetables today and our friends and neighbours were so grateful. The tinned items are ready to be delivered to the foodbank next week.

Our foodbank leaders in school will help me do this before we break up. Thank you ...

(photographs will be added to Around School soon)



On Monday it was World Mental Health Day, and as part of the theme 'Now you're talking' our EYFS and KS1 classes invited parents in for a stay and play to do just that... get talking and involved in lots of fun activities themed around the topics in school. It was just wonderful to see the parents engaging and chatting with the children and staff... and lots of talking too- fabulous!

Our Swifts class also had their CHAT-late Café and enjoyed a good chat over a hot chocolate... adorable.





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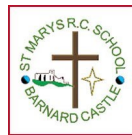
Our Trust Virtues

(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 7 Virtues that we promote and celebrate as a school community:

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Justice
- ◆ Compassion
- ◆ Self Belief
- ◆ Resilience
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Confidence



We will also start sharing each Virtue that we are focussing on-linking also to our liturgical year, on our weekly newsletters. Have that conversation with your child... can they tell you the Virtue we

Attendance this week:

Robins: 98.7%

Larks: 98%

Swifts: 93.1%

Owls: 92.5%



Well done Larks 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.

Congratulations on your engagement Miss Callender... it is wonderful news and we can't wait to hear all about the wedding plans! We are delighted for both you and Ryan.



Thank you to the parents who have helped out once again this term for swimming with Swifts class. We really appreciate you giving up your time. I will put together a rota for next half term too.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evening will take place this term on **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November 3.30pm- 6pm**

Appointments can be made via the office as of next week. It is expected all parents make an appointment. Thank you