



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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'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)



- Monday 27th February- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day.
- Friday 3rd March- Prayer group in school with Father Thomas. 10.15-10.30am. All welcome
- 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.



Don't forget to come along even if you do not want a table. Come for a browse, or even a cuppa and a cake! Miss Holywell will also be doing her face painting and we are having a tombola stall too.

We would love to see you there!

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:

Half term holiday ... our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday

Happy birthday this week to

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! **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!!





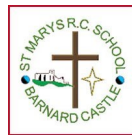
'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'

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



Attendance this week:

Robins: 94.2%

Larks: 98.6%

Swifts: 90.9%

Owls: 98.9%



Well done 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.

Thankyou, and congratulations to the children who represented our school this week in the swimming and netball events.

Our netball team came 1st place and our swimming team came 3rd. Absolutely fantastic! Thankyou also to the staff and parent helpers—we appreciate your time and support.



Well done to our swimmers: Ramona, Mary, Sophie, Sam, Taio, William, Josh M, Alice, Olivia M, Charlotte, Rosie, Robert, Max and Harry.



And our netballers: (Team A) Zach, Sophie, Mary, Ramona, Sam, Emma, Abigail (Team B) William, Theo, Rose, Josh M, Tommy, Alice, Taio.

We are all so incredibly proud of you all!



Thankyou to everybody who came along to the coffee morning on Valentine's Day and to everybody who helped either bake or buy cakes to sell. It was such a lovely morning- staff, parents and friends commented on the school, the manners of the children and the community feel from the morning. It is such a pleasure to have you all back in school again...

THANKYOU!

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!!

