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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)

- November 21st and 22nd- Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 16th November- Flu Vaccines in school
- November 21st- 25th Scholastic Book fair in school.
- Friday 25th November- school closed- PD Day (see holiday list also)
- November 27th- 4 weeks of Advent Begins- wear something purple today!
- Monday December 12th- Afternoon and Evening performances for our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm Save the date- further details will follow.
- Saturday 12th December- Christmas Fair 10-12 in school. All Welcome.
- Monday 12th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details will follow. Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch Day
- Tuesday 13th December- Christmas Party Day- children come to school dressed in party clothes.
- Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day. Lunches payable via Scopay.
- Monday 19th December- Christmas Carol Service- 3.45-4pm. Narrated by KS2 and all classes involved in Carol singing. All welcome- further details to follow. St Mary's Church * please see Weduc message with regards to Swankie Sports Club
- Tuesday 20th December- break up for Christmas



Thankyou!

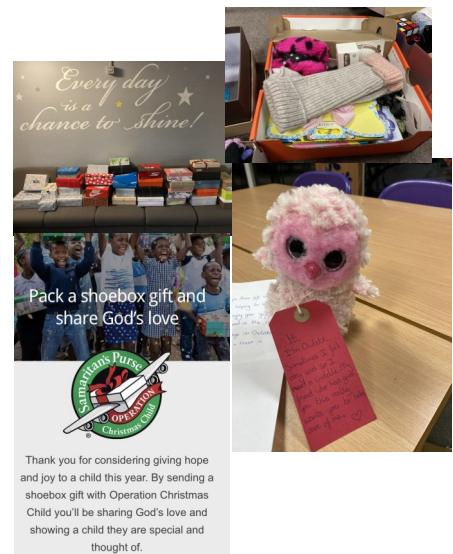
Thank you so much to everybody who helped us support the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

We initially aimed for 1 per class and today we delivered a car full!!

Absolutely fantastic!

Thank you also to Maxim and Layla for their help today delivering them, along with our foodbank offerings this month too.

The staff at The Well at Bishop Auckland, were, as always very grateful to you all.



Next week our Virtues are: **Confidence** and **Resilience**

Belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities;

Feeling self confident and assured.

The ability to cover readily from illness, depression, adversity.

To bounce back



St Mary's is one of few schools in County Durham to achieve 'Outstanding' in Personal Development. As part of our commitment to fully support both our children and staff we have made a pledge to work towards achieving the Health and Wellbeing Award.

We want St Mary's to be a 'special place to be' for our whole school community.

Happy birthday to Benjamin H, Miles and Melody who all celebrate their birthday this week. I hope you all have a wonderful 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.



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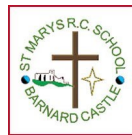
Our Trust Virtues

(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**



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?

Attendance this week:

Robins: 95.33%

Larks: 97.33%

Swifts: 94.69 %

Owls: 98.21%



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.

We had some wonderful news this week... Mike Shorten, the CEO of BHCET invited all Trust schools to enter a Christmas Card Design Competition. The winning design will be used from the Trust to all they send a card to this Christmas, and guess what... Maia in Year 6 won!! How fantastic. Well done Maia. Your design is beautiful. Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter too.



Monday 21st- Friday 25th

3.30pm in school. Card payments preferred but cash also acceptable



Advent Begins...

The First Sunday of Advent, the start of a four-week observation beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, takes place on **November 27 this year**. Come to school wearing something purple on Monday 28th

