



'We are journeying together through Advent'

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

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



- Monday December 12th- Afternoon and Evening performances for our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm
- Saturday 10th December- Christmas Fair 10-12 in school. All Welcome. Share our posts on Facebook too.
- Friday 9th December- dress rehearsal for school. Costumes ready in school.
- Monday 12th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Please make sure you inform the office of which performance you plan on attending to help us with our numbers, safety and of course safety. Each child is able to have 2 adults per performance.
- 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 NO SWANKIE SPORTS CLUB TONIGHT!
- Tuesday 20th December- Christmas Coffee Morning. Everybody welcome, we would love to see you there. Raffle prizes too.
- Tuesday 20th December- break up for Christmas
- Wednesday January 4th 2023- Return to school

Sharing the hope of Advent...



Next week our Virtue is: Self Belief

Having confidence in your own abilities or judgement

A persons belief in their ability to complete tasks and to achieve their goals.



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 Dotty, Edward and Sophia. 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, and Our Faith Journey section too.



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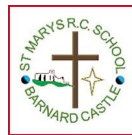
Our Trust Virtues

(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 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?

Attendance this week:

Robins: 92.67%

Larks: 97.33%

Swifts: 94.06%

Owls: 90.71%



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.



Morning Drop Offs

Parents just a polite reminder that children should not be arriving to school before 8.45am to go and sit in the classroom. Breakfast club is from 8am -8.45am for all children so please make use of the club if you need to drop your child off any earlier than 8.45am. Teachers are not always in their classrooms and it is a safeguarding concern if we have children in school earlier than expected. We have seen a growing number of children arriving between 8.35am -8.40am. Breakfast club can be booked on Scopay, and any children arriving earlier than 8.45am will be asked to go along to breakfast club and unfortunately parents will have to be charged.

Breakfast club is £2.50—includes a variety of breakfast choices (hot and cold) and morning play activities. Breakfast Club is free to PP children.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY 10TH
DECEMBER 10AM-12PM

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
BIRCH ROAD

WIN A HAMPER

SEE SANTA

MYSTERY PRIZES

CRAFTS & GIFTS

TOMBOLA

TREATS

CHRISTMAS BINGO

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 PROMOTOR: FR T MASON, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BIRCH ROAD,
 BARNARD CASTLE
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