



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



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

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

- Monday 6th- 12th is Children's Mental Health Week.
- Monday 6th- Dress to Impress non uniform Day: Celebrate being YOU! Fundraising event. Details to follow on Weduc.
- Tuesday 7th February- Reception Vision checks with NHS.
- Tuesday 7th Feb- Safer Internet Day
- Spring Term Mass Thursday 16th February- St Mary's Church 10am. Everybody welcome.
- 22nd February: Ash Wednesday. School will attend Mass today, time tbc.
- Monday 27th February- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day. Further info will follow after speaking with the children and staff.
- Wednesday 22nd March- EYFS visit to Hall Hill Farm. Further details to follow from Mrs D via Weduc
- 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.



Next week our Virtues are: **Honesty, Resilience and Self Belief**

The quality of being honest.

An aspect of moral character that indicates positive and virtuous attributes such as integrity and truthfulness

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

To bounce back

Having confidence in your own abilities or judgement

A person's belief in their ability to complete tasks and to achieve their goals

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!!



No birthday celebrations this week. To Oliver C and Abigail who both celebrate their birthday next week. 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.



'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'

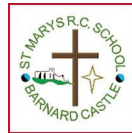
Our Trust Virtues

(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 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?

Thank you parents.



Attendance this week:

(% from Wednesday- Friday so lower than usual!)

Robins: 91.6%

Larks: 93.5%

Swifts: 94.1%

Owls: 99.1%



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.

You are likely to be aware of the Teacher Strike days that have been confirmed recently. St Mary's school will remain open, for all children during these days.

Another wonderful week at school. Busy bees! Enjoy the weekend and see you all on Monday.

