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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)

Thursday 20th October- break up for half term holiday. Return to school Monday 31st October

- 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
- 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)
- Monday December 12th- Afternoon and Evening performances for our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, 1.30pm and 5.30pm Save the date- further details will follow.



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. The Monday we return to school our film:

'Ruby Bridges'

Thank you



The week we come back to school our Trust Virtue is: **Confidence and Resilience**

Belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities;

Feeling self confident and assured.

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

To bounce back.

Happy birthday this week/ week we return to school to Benjamin, Jacob, Zach, Enzo, Lillie and Sam. Have a lovely birthday boys and girls.

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.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Congratulations to both our Rugby Team and Cross Country runners this week.

Overall, the Rugby team came 2nd place- how fantastic!

Our cross country children all did exceptionally well too, and Mary finished 1st place out of the girls. Wow... congratulations everybody and well done. Thank you for representing St Mary's and doing such a good job at it too!

Well done.



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.



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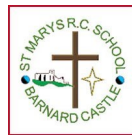
Our Trust Virtues

(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: **98.33%**

Larks: **91.67%**

Swifts: **96.88%**

Owls: **98.21%**



Well done Robins 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.

PARENT PARKING BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

It has been drawn to my attention that the parking both before and after school is becoming a bit of problem and safety concern to staff so we are asking that:

If you drop off for breakfast club before 8.30am, coming onto the school drive is not a problem, but please park in a parking space- not just anywhere at the top of the drive.

If you are picking up children from after school clubs, then again, this is fine, as long as you arrive before 4.55pm, and park in a space available. Staff park from the top, down, so spaces (if available) will be towards the bottom of the car park. Children will be handed over to parents in the usual way, but please be mindful of the cars that may be leaving as you pick up your child.

Thank you parents.



Happy Half Term everybody- have a SPOOKTACULAR holiday!!

See you all Monday 31st October



Parents Evenings

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

It is expected all parents make an appointment. Thank you