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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)



- Tuesday 28th March - Spring term Coffee Morning. Drop in 9am- 11am. All welcome.
- Spring term Parent Evenings- Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.
- Thursday 30th—Speak Out Stay Safe— NSPCC workshops in school for Owls class.
- Friday 31st March- Easter Liturgy 2.30pm Parents Welcome. Don't forget your Easter raffle tickets!
- Friday 31st March- Break Up for Easter and return to school 17th April 2023.
- Monday 17th April- Return to School
- **Tuesday 18th April- Swifts Fun Run. See messages from Miss C for further details. Whole school invited to join in.**

Don't forget to check the dates and times for events over this next week for the Small World Multi Festival in Barnard Castle. All dates are on our FB page. Our EYFS are also taking part in the art exhibition, along with other local schools so if you can- get yourself along to have a look at their wonderful work!

**Easter Events and  
Easter Garden Competition  
Friday 31st March**

On Friday 31st March (last day of term) we will be having an Easter liturgy, led by some children from each class. Parents are very welcome to join us for prayer and reflection, school hall at 2.30pm.

**Easter Garden Competition**

We would like to invite all children to enter our Easter garden competition this year. The children can make their garden with any materials they would like and there will be an Easter egg prize for each year group. (If you need any materials from school just let us know and we will see what we have!) Father Thomas will judge the entries and hand out prizes after the liturgy on Friday 31st. All entries to be brought to school on Friday 31st March- please do not put your name on your garden design to make it fair... good luck!



**Multi- Cultural Festival**



A HUGE well done to our dance club this week, who represented our school in the multi- cultural dance festival at Barnard Castle school. It was such a wonderful event, and great to get together with other local schools to join in celebrating diversity across the dales! The children were amazing, they danced with such confidence. Miss C and I, and of course parents who came along were all bursting with pride! Well done!

**Next week's linked Virtues:**

Respect, Responsibility, Self- Belief

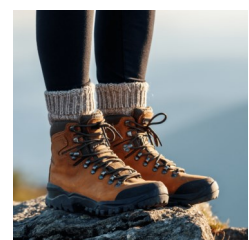
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday to Joshua D, Emma and Evan who 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.

Owls Lenterprise Last Walk—all welcome to join in

The last local walk with Owls class as part of their Lenterprise will be **Wednesday 29th March...** I am really hoping to come along to this one too. Mrs Porter has told me to hunt out those walking boots!!



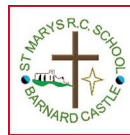


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### Our Trust Virtues

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:

Reception: 100%

Larks: 93.13%

Swifts: 97.81%

Owls: 97.50%



Well done Reception!!

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.**

### Our Lenten Journey Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

We are overwhelmed with the kind donations you have made across each class, as part of our Lenterprise project. Each class getting involved in doing their bit to raise money for the toilet twinning project. We are really looking forward to inviting Ian back into school, after the holidays to present him with our donations from St Mary's. £60 is enough for one toilet... let's see what we can raise. The last event to take place with the Fun Run in Swifts- for all to join in, so we will invite Ian, and parents along to present our funds over, and a little bit about each class project, or projects in some classes!

Well done everyone!

Further information about toilet twinning can be found here:

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>



### Easter Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28th March 9am - 11am



Come and join us for coffee and cakes- drop in anytime between 9-11am, in the school hall.

There will be an Easter raffle, Easter treats and Easter crafts.

Spread the word and bring your friends and family- as always everybody welcome.

