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

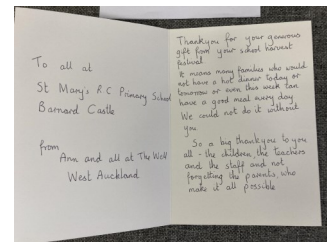
[School Holidays \(stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk\)](http://stmarysprimary.durham.sch.uk)

- 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 10th December- Christmas Fair 10-12 in school. All Welcome. Share our posts on Facebook too.**
- Monday 12th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity. 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details will follow.
- 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 * SWANKIE SPORTS CLUB CANCELLED TONIGHT
- Tuesday 20th December- break up for Christmas
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- We are having a Christmas Coffee Morning here in school anytime from 9am-11am. Pop in after drop off or at a later time if that suits. Have a cuppa and piece of cake, as well as having some time for you! It is a lovely way to meet other parents... and some calm time before the Christmas chaos we all of course love!! Hope to see you there.



A lovely letter of thanks...

This week we received a lovely thank you card from our friends at The Well in West Auckland for our foodbank donations this term... our faith here at St Mary's in action. Wonderful



Lunchtime Choir

We are delighted to be able to offer a lunchtime choir for our children each Wednesday 12.15am -1pm. The focus this term will be our Christmas Carols. Thank you very much to Mrs O'Bryne-West who will be supporting this club along with Mrs Fells



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

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

To bounce back

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



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 Pip, Evelyn and Jack D 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.

There's also a special little mention to a little lady in Robins for being incredibly helpful around school this week!



St Mary's Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter



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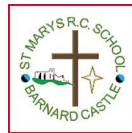
Our Trust Virtues

(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 for this week will be on next weeks newsletter... thank you

Robins: %

Larks: %

Swifts: %

Owls: %



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.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Monday 12th December 2022 1.30pm and 5.30pm

We are delighted to be able to once again invite parents to our Nativity performance this year. Mrs Dominick and Miss Alderson will continue to send out further information to keep you up to date with anything we need you to be aware of with regards to costumes, learning lines etc. Please do not worry about costumes and often the best ones are those that are made rather than bought. Mrs Dominick will be more than happy to suggest ideas if you are stuck and will let you know exactly what your child needs, as will Miss Alderson. If your child is usually in Swankie Sports on Monday night after school, then they will still attend and then a member of staff will take them to their class to get dressed for the nativity at 5.30pm. All other children will go home as usual, and then come back to school at around 5pm to get dressed and ready for their performance.

Please can parents inform the office (either Weduc, telephone or call in) to inform Mrs Sedgewick which performance you will be attending so that we can monitor numbers. Each child can have up to two adults at each performance. Siblings will get to see the performance at the dress rehearsal in school.

Thank you



Thank you to everybody who came along to the book fair this week. We reached our target so the children will be able to help their teachers choose some free books for their own class libraries too. Thankyou again for your support.

