



St Mary's Catholic School  
Weekly Newsletter



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*'We are journeying together through Lent*



Dates for diary (Please also see Weduc Calendar and Newsfeeds)

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



- Tuesday 7th March—Zoolab visit to Larks class
- Wednesday 15th March- EYFS visit to Hall Hill Farm. (change of date)
- 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.*

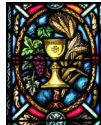


*Don't forget to come along even if you do not want a table. Come for a browse, or even a cuppa and a cake! Miss Holywell and Mrs Dominick will also be doing face painting, nail painting and we are having a tom-bola stall too.*



*We would love to see you there!*

Our children in Year 4 continue their Journey of preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for Amber, Alfie, Robbie, Tomek and Edward, as well as our friends from Ingleton too. Thankyou!



**Next week's linked Virtues:**

Compassion, Justice and Responsibility

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday this week to Jack, Joel and Harmony and Dryden 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.

### 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! *Our climate change Team also think it is a perfect opportunity to carry out their litter picking too.*

Further information will follow nearer the time... hunt out those walking boots!!





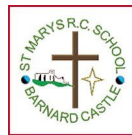
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### Our Trust Virtues

( 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



### Attendance this week:

Robins: 88%

Larks: 86.8%

Swifts: 95%

Owls: 99.3%



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.**

### Our Lenten Journey Prayer Fasting Almsgiving

The children in Owls had their first Lenten walk this week to support the Toilet Twinning Project. This year during Lent we have pledged to raise money to help other countries have clean clear water and build toilet blocks. The children in all classes have lots of things planned for over the Lenten season and we are very much looking forward to inviting Ian Blake back into school to show him what we have been doing and hopefully to hand over some money towards the project.

Thank you everybody for your energy and enthusiasm in supporting this- what a worthwhile thing to do!



Further information about toilet twinning can be found here:

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



### World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

We had a fabulous day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day- everybody looked brilliant in either their costumes or dressed as an adjective of their choice- some creative ideas as always. On our Around School section on the website there are lots of photographs from across school. Well done everybody.

Don't forget to use your vouchers, and also, let me know if there's a book you recommend we purchase for our shared library... you can never have enough books! This week we purchased this one... a beautiful book about each child having a voice and encouraging them to be heard.

