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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 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)
- November 27th- 4 weeks of Advent Begins...
- 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 12th December- Christmas Fair 10-12 in school. All Welcome.
- Monday 12th December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity. 1.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details will follow. Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch Day
- Monday 19th December- Christmas Carol Service- 3.30- 4pm. Narrated by KS2 and all classes involved in Carol singing. All welcome- further details to follow.



BLACK HISTORY EXHIBITION

Don't forget to come along to see the wonderful work the children have been doing across Black History month as part of our curriculum and also as part of our before and after school provision. There is some wonderful, creative work from the children.

Thank you so much to staff too, for spending time to set up the displays and plan purposeful, inspiring activities for our children to engage in. Not only are they learning about the historical events but we are also teaching them important values and virtues. Well done everybody.



Next week 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.

Happy birthday to Zach and Enzo who celebrate their birthday tomorrow. Have a fun but safe Fireworks Night over the weekend!

[Bonfire Night: How to have fun and stay safe - CBBC News-round](#)



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.

POPPY APPEAL 2022

Once again we will be selling poppies and stationary to support the Royal British Region.

Children will be selling the poppies each night, throughout

November from 3.25-3.45pm if you would like to purchase anything .

Thank you



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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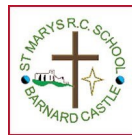
Our Trust Virtues

(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: 97.33%

Larks: 99.3%

Swifts: 97.50%

Owls: 98.21%



Well done Larks 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.



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

St Mary's will once again support the Shoebox Appeal this Advent. Further information will be sent out via Weduc but we hope to send 1 box from each class.

Advent Begins...

The First Sunday of Advent, the start of a four-week observation beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, takes place on **November 27 this year.**

