



'Welcome Back!'

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

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

- Spring Term Mass Thursday 16th February- St Mary's Church 10am. Everybody welcome.
- 22nd February: Ash Wednesday. School will attend Mass today, time tbc.
- Monday 27th February- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day. Further info will follow after speaking with the children and staff.
- Friday 31st March- Break Up for Easter
- Monday 17th April- Return to School



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everybody and a Happy New Year to you all.

It has been lovely to get back into the routine of things and the children (and staff!) have all settled in beautifully.

Feast of the Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast day of the Epiphany. The last day of Christmastide and a reminder of the journey of the three wise men, following the star that lead them to Jesus... God's greatest gift to us all.

It was wonderful to celebrate the feast day today at Mass with Father Thomas as a whole school, along with parents and parishioners.



Next week our Virtues are: **Confidence** and **Self Belief**

Belief in oneself and one's powers or abilities;

Feeling self confident and assured.

Having confidence in your own abilities or judgement

A person's belief in their ability to complete tasks and to achieve their goals



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.

Happy birthday to Grant, Aiden and Isla who celebrate their birthday next week. Have a wonderful day! Happy birthday also, to Miss White who also celebrates her birthday today.

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.



'We are journeying together through Ordinary Time'

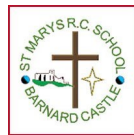
Our Trust Virtues

(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?

Thank you parents.



Attendance this week:

(% from Wednesday- Friday so lower than usual!)

Robins: 66.6%

Larks: 81.1%

Swifts: 80.7%

Owls: 81.5%



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.

A brilliant start to the New Year. Well done everybody. Enjoy the weekend and see you all on Monday.

