

# St Mary's Weekly

## 'Every Child Flourishing'



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Monday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what is going to be an extremely busy, but exciting half term! You know what's on the way! We are now less than 7 weeks away from Christmas! This means nativities, parties and concerts galore. I cannot wait as I know that so many families just love this time of year in school.

This week has been exceptionally busy, with Father Miguel coming to do the All Saints Mass in school, Year 5 representing school on the Remembrance event at the Town Hall and a stem specialist hosting three workshops in KS1 about where our food comes from. We also had an enquiry day in school on Wednesday to look at our leadership of EYFS, Science and art. The day was a great success and we received lots of positive feedback. We are very proud of the curriculum we offer at St Mary's. All our schemes of learning can be found on the school website, which is updated daily, if you would like to read through what children study in each year group. Knowledge organisers for Years 1-6 can also be found on here so know you the core knowledge pupils will learn in each history, geography or science unit.

Today, we have launch Anti- Bullying week in school with odd socks day. Also, our School's Learning Council visited Orchard View Care home to meet the residents and take part in some art activities.

### [Children in Need](#)

On Friday pupils can come to school wearing dress down clothes, PJs or spots to support Children in Need. There will a collection for this superb charity in each class for anyone who would like to donate any amount.

### [Bun Week](#)

This week, pupils can buy buns at break for 50p. We rely on your donations to keep this week going until Friday which always raises valuable funds for school. We kindly ask for donations of baked or shop bought goods, nut free, to help support us.

### [Christmas Fayre](#)

If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fayre, please let the office staff know. Stalls are £20.00 each. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have added diary dates for bring a bottle and bring a chocolate contribution. On these days children can wear dress down clothes; we will use the contributions as a chocolate tombola and a bottle tombola on the Christmas Fayre.

## Diary Dates

DIARY DATES- Here are some useful dates for your diaries already. We will provide further information about specific events nearer the time. We have lots of exciting activities in store...

### NOVEMBER

Year 4 Barnsley Library visit (pupils will be leaving school at 1pm) 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Parents evening 15<sup>th</sup> November  
BYC workshop for KS2 pupils 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Parents evening 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need Day 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Height and weight checks Year 6 and Reception 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 6 Robinwood parents meetings 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3:30pm and 4:30pm  
Collective Worship Council to attend St Mary's Church to prepare the St Mary's tree for the Bright Nights Festival 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Dress down day- bring a bottle 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 6 Robinwood 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November

### December

Dress Down day- bring a chocolate contribution 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Dinner Day 6<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)  
National Christmas Jumper Day 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Elf Run for Barnsley Hospice – sponsor sheets to be sent in due course 8<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)  
Advent Mass in school 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip – 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party Day 12<sup>th</sup> December (Party clothes can be worn to school)  
Christingle service at St Paul's Church (pupils only) 13<sup>th</sup> December (All classes in school uniform)  
Christmas Fayre 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Afternoon production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Rock Steady Concert 19<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm (for parents and carers of pupils taking part in Rocksteady lessons)  
Evening production for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Carols Around the Tree PM 21<sup>st</sup> December (all parents/ carers welcome) (All classes in school uniform)  
Reception/ Year 6 Nativity at St May's Church AM 15<sup>th</sup> December (parents/carers welcome of pupils in Year 6 and Reception) (All classes in school uniform)  
Last Day before Christmas Holidays 21<sup>st</sup> December

Yours sincerely,

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