

# St Mary's Weekly

## 'Every Child Flourishing'



Follow us on X: @stmarysbarnsley

Website: [www.barnsley-stmarys.org.uk](http://www.barnsley-stmarys.org.uk)

Monday 4th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

That's it - we're now in December! We have a super exciting 3 weeks left in school and we are loving the sound of Christmas carols around school. Christmas jumpers can be worn Wednesday, Thursday and Friday if children wish to. This Sunday marked the beginning of Advent and we will be holding our Advent Mass in school this Tuesday led by Father Miguel. Pupils who are confirmed are welcome to take communion alongside staff in school. I want to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your chocolate donations. We will be using these for the chocolate tombola in the Christmas Fayre. We are overwhelmed with your generosity as always; the St Mary's community is truly wonderful. Year Six were wonderful on their recent residential to Robinwood. Their behaviour was outstanding, and they had the best time. Thank you to Mr Kilner, Mrs Saynor and Mrs Corner for supporting the children on this trip.

### [Christmas Fayre](#)

We would really appreciate families to support school by attending our wonderful school Fayre; please make sure the date is in your diary - **14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you can help school by running a stall for us, please let your child's class teacher know - your help would be very much appreciated. The fayre will open after school to allow staff to dismiss pupils safely. Raffle tickets are now on sale ahead to the Fayre. Tickets are £1 a strip. Children can bring money into school if you would like any tickets. Staff in school have dedicated lots of their weekend time contacting organisations for donations for the raffle.

### [Staffing](#)

Mrs Brook will be returning to teach Year One after Christmas after her maternity leave. Mrs Brooke is also SENCO and will be returning to this post on her return. We would like to thank Miss Hines for everything she has done for school in her year with us at St Mary's. Miss Hines will move to take on the role of Year Two teacher at Royston St Johns from January.

### [Elf Run](#)

The sponsor forms for the Elf run have been given out, let's raise as much as we can for an amazing charity, Barnsley Hospice. There are spare forms at the Office if needed. Classes take place on the Elf run this Friday. Pupils are welcome to wear warm comfortable clothing to school on this day with Christmas jumpers to take part in the event. Sponsor forms and money can be brought in any time form now until the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### [Christmas Productions](#)

The KS1 (years 1 and 2) performances are 1.30p.m Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and 6.00p.m 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
The KS2 (years 3, 4, 5) performances are 2.30p.m Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and 7.00p.m, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### [Christmas Lunch/Party Menus](#)

Can all letters be returned to the Office a.s.a.p. for the festival lunch menus.

### [Lunch Payments](#)

Can all lunch debt payments be cleared and kept in credit on ParentPay.

## Diary Dates

### December

Advent Mass in school 5<sup>th</sup> December- pupils only

Christmas Dinner Day 6<sup>th</sup> December (**Christmas Jumpers can be worn with uniform**)

National Christmas Jumper Day 7<sup>th</sup> December (**Christmas Jumpers can be worn with uniform**)

Elf Run for Barnsley Hospice – (**Christmas Jumpers can be worn with comfy clothing**)

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 (After School in the main hall)

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 Mary'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 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer  
Headteacher

R. Steele  
Deputy Headteacher