



St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'

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Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, a busy week at St Mary's. Our Year Six members of collective Worship Council Led us in Collective worship this Monday and did a magnificent job. We are very proud and a huge achievement for all these pupils. We celebrated World Religion Day on Monday; the pupils did a variety of activities to celebrate this wonderful day across school. This week, the School's Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Greenfield, came in to watch RE taught in KS1 And KS2. She was delighted with the lessons she watched and passed on how kind and respectful all pupils were of each other. We are very proud of the learning behaviours shown by all pupils at our school. Well done St Mary's.

Just a reminder that we have booked in a Valentines craft afternoon for Reception parents on the 5th February. If you wish to, you can come into school and enjoy a craft afternoon with your child (parents/carers to attend through the hall doors). Pupils who do not have an adult in attendance will do some crafts in class and can be collected at 3:20pm as usual.

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition in school on the 22nd March. Children can make a bonnet at home and bring these into school for a parade. We will select winners from every class to win an Easter egg. The wonderful Mrs Armitage will be judging the competition in school after the parade. We will share lots of photos from the event and we hope children are keen to be involved.



[Easter 2025](#)

We know its a long way off, but we wanted to let you know as early as possible that the Easter Holidays next year (2025) do not follow the usual pattern of one week either side of the Easter weekend. Easter Sunday will be on 20th April in 2025 which is very late so the LA have pulled the holiday forward a week to even the terms out. We wanted to let families know early if you do plan to use this time to book a family holiday. The Easter holidays 2025 will run from the 7th April 2025 and we will start school again on the 22nd April 2025.

[School Lunches](#)

Thank you for your understanding with our changes to the school meals service we offer this week. We have had to have urgent repairs to our oven and the ventilation system. Hot school dinners are now up and running again. We have one of the highest uptake of school meals in Barnsley and our kitchen staff pride themselves of the service they offer our children so we are sorry for the inconvenience caused mid week. Please note all school lunches **must be paid for in advance**, the ParentPay Lunch item is not a debt system. Any debts not cleared – a packed lunch must be provided.

Reason for Absence

If your child is going to be absent from School, please call the school **01226 206422** the first day and each consecutive day following, there is also an option to leave a voicemail.

If your child is absent from School due to any illness, please inform the school every day with the nature of illness so we can monitor any outbreaks rather than just 'unwell' we appreciate your support in this.

If school is not made aware of a child's absence and we cannot contact you, we will do a safe and well check to the family home.

Diary Dates

February

Year Four Robinwood meeting for parents and carers 02.02.24 3:30pm (if you cannot attend this meeting, a pack will be sent home with information for you)

Childrens Mental Health Week starts 05.02.24

Express yourself Day (wear what makes you happy) 05.02.24

Valentines Craft afternoon for Reception parents/ carers 05.02.24 1:30pm

Place2 Be fundraising circuit training led by Ms Saynor and Mrs Copley 08.02.24

Last Day of school before Half Term 09.02.24

Inset Day 19.02.24

Collective Worship Council to attend St Mary's church service 21.02.24 10am

Ash Wednesday Mass in school (pupils only) 22.02.24

PTA film Night after school 29.02.24 (a letter will be sent closer to the time)

March

World Book day 07.03.24 (Pupils can dress as their favourite book character)

Red Nose Day 15.03.24 (non- uniform day)

Year Four Robinwood residential 18.03.24-20.03.24

Compass Be workshops in school for Year 5 and Year 2 about pupil wellbeing and emotions 18.03.24

Year One Easter Craft afternoon for parents/ carers 20.03.24 1:30pm

Lent/ Easter Mass in school (pupils only) 21.03.24

Easter Bonnet competition 22.03.24

Last Day of school before the end of term 22.03.24

April

Parents/ carers meetings morning option for Reception, Year 1, Years 2 and Year 3 10th April 9:00am-11:20am

Parents/ carers meetings 10th April 3:30-6:00pm all classes

Parents/ carers meetings morning option for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 11th April 9:00am- 11:20am

Year 5 Enterprise Project Day 25th April

May

SATS week for Year 6 pupils 13.05.24- 16.05.24

Yours sincerely,

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