



# ST MARY'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Families,

It has been extremely busy this week and the children have participated in a range of activities including Year 6 leading a Remembrance Celebration of Word for each class; Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying workshops; Food Waste workshops and supporting Children in Need today. Our Year 6 children have also been busy filling shoe boxes with donations for the Operation Child appeal; many thanks for your kind donations.

### Celebration of the Word

The theme of our Celebration of the Word next week is 'Know That He Is Near'. We will be thinking about how change is part of life and that some changes can be welcome whilst others can be daunting. We are reminded that through all changes we are supported by God.

### School Minibus

We were delighted to take delivery of our new school minibus this week which we will be able to start using from next week.

### North Tyneside Parent/Carer Forum Meeting

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, a representative from the Parent/Carer Forum will be in to lead a workshop about supporting children with sleep. The meeting will start at 9.00am – tea and coffee will be available!

### Reading in Action Sessions

Next week have the first of our phonics/reading in action lessons:

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Reception class
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 1

In order for the sessions to run smoothly we would ask:

- For only one adult per child comes to the session, as space in classrooms is limited.
- As this would be a lesson, we would not be able to have toddlers/babies in the classroom.
- Mobile phones would have to be turned off and no photographs/videoing.
- For parents to join in with the learning with their child.

Parents will be able to come into the school hall from 8.50am for an introduction about the session and then will be taken to their child's classroom at 9.10am.

### Whole School Mass

We will be celebrating Mass in the church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.00am. The children will be leading the readings and singing. All families are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

### PTFA Christmas Fair & Non-uniform Day

The PTFA Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 3.30pm. There will be whole range of stalls and activities for all to take part in and we hope many of you will be able to join us and support this event! If anyone would be interested in helping out at the fair, please do get in touch with the PTFA via email: [ptfa.stmarysforesthall@gmail.com](mailto:ptfa.stmarysforesthall@gmail.com)





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We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November and children are asked to bring in a donation for the fair; donations could include chocolates, wine, beer, toiletries etc. The PTFA will have a drop off point on the yard for donations to be dropped off at. Please note pupils must not bring in alcoholic donations or a donation in a glass jar/bottle themselves - these must be handed in by an adult to the PTFA members/school office.

### Online Safety Guide – What Parent & Carers Need To Know About Group Chats

Recently we have spoken to classes reminding them being sensible and responsible about what they put into group chats. I would also advise that parents do check and monitor their children's phones. I am re-issuing the following guide which highlights the risks associated with group chats and provides advice for parents and carers. [What Parents & Carers Need To Know About Group Chats](#)

### Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 97.03%.

Well done to Year 6 who have won the Attendance Award for this week with 99.33% attendance.

Reception	96%
Year 1	98.28%
Year 2	96.67%

Year 3	98.33%
Year 4	92.41%
Year 5	97.92%
Year 6	99.33%

### Reminders:

#### PTFA News - ASDA Cashpots For Schools Campaign

Asda is supporting UK primary schools with their new 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support St Mary's Primary Catholic School, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school (postcode NE12 7AB), shop and scan in store or shop online. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school via our Friends of St Mary's PTFA. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support St Mary's Primary School, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

#### School Admissions – Reception class (September 2025)

Applications for primary (Reception) places for September 2025 is now open and can be accessed at <https://my.northynteside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>

- Reception class admissions must be completed and submitted by **13th January 2025**.

Please note applications for places at Catholic schools do require supporting evidence of baptismal certificates if applying under a catholic category. If you require a copy of your baptismal certificate please contact the church where your child was baptised as early as possible. For GDPR reasons, this must be a written request not an email/telephone call.

### Attendance & Punctuality

- The school day starts at 8.55am with the school doors opening at 8.45am.
- Registers are taken from 8.55am and will remain open for 30 minutes.
- Any pupils arriving after 9am will be marked as 'late before register closes'.
- Any pupil arriving after the register closes will be marked as an unauthorised absence.
- Please note that holidays should not be taken in term time and will not be authorised; if a holiday is taken and meets the new threshold of 10 sessions\* within a period of 10 weeks, we may refer the matter to the





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Local Authority who may issue a penalty notice. **The penalty notice has increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

(\*1 session = a morning/afternoon session)

### Statutory Assessment Dates

Each year statutory assessments are carried out for certain year groups in the summer term. This year's dates are as follows:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening check – Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication check – Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Clubs

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
<b>Monday</b>		Recorders	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 1 & Year 2 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)		KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm) Y5 & Y6 Art Club (3.30 -4.15pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 3 & Year 4 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)	Recorders	KS1 Art (3.30 -4.15pm) Y2 Rugby Minis (3.30-4.30pm) Y6 SATs Club (3.30-4.30pm)
<b>Thursday</b>			Y1 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Choir (3.30 -4.30pm)

### Diary Dates

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Carer Forum Meeting 9.00am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception class Phonics Stay and Play session
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Reading in Action session
	Year 5 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 1 Phonics in Action session
	Year 6 Athletics at The Parks Leisure Centre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Whole School Mass at Church (10.00am)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Phonics in Action session
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 residential to Robinwood
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Reading in Action session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 4 Reading In Action session





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Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Reading In Action session
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm (School Hall)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 2.00pm (Church)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 'That History Bloke' class workshops PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Foster  
Head Teacher

