



# ST MARY'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

### Minivinnies MacMillan Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Minivinnies Macmillan Coffee Morning in school today by coming in this morning and for all the generous donations of cakes for the coffee morning and cake sale. As always the children enjoyed the cake sale! We will update you next week with the amount we raised for this worthy cause.

### Celebration of the Word

The theme of our Celebration of the Word next week is 'Jealous or Generous'. We will be exploring how there are times when we may feel jealous of others and even though it may be challenging for us, it is important that we celebrate the abilities and character of others.

### Desert Themed School Lunch

Next week on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, there will be a desert themed menu for the children to choose from. Please see the attached menu; if your child requires a school lunch please book via the Appetite system.

[Desert Adventure School Lunch Menu](#)

### Whole School Mass

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we will be celebrating Mass in Church at 10.00am. The children will be leading the readings and singing. All families are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

### NEAS Workshop & Zoom Webinars

North East Autism Support will be running workshops and zoom sessions during October/November for parents/carers of children who are awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

[North Tyneside Autism Support Workshops](#)

[North East Autism Support Zoom Webinars](#)

### Online Safety Guide

Please see the following guide which gives advice and highlights the risks involved if your child is using Instagram.

[What Parents & Carers Need To Know About Instagram](#)

### 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 & High School

Applications for primary (Reception) and high school (Year 7) places for September 2025 are now open and can be accessed at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions>

- Year 7 high school admissions must be completed and submitted by **31st October 2024**.
- Reception class admissions must be completed and submitted by **13th January 2025**.





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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 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	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Recorders	
Tuesday		KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm) Y5 & Y6 Art Club (3.30 -4.15pm)
Wednesday	Recorders	KS1 Art (3.30 -4.15pm) Y3 Rugby Minis (3.30-4.30pm)
Thursday		Y2 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Choir (3.30 -4.30pm)

### Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 96.7%.

Well done to Year 6 who have won the Attendance Award for this week again with 98.9% attendance.





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Reception	97.8%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	95.6%

Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	98.9%

## Diary Dates

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	National Poetry Day Schools Nursing Team – Flu Immunisations for all pupils
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Mass 10am at Church
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception & Year 6 Buddy Liturgy (School Hall) 9.10am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Show Racism the Red Card Day
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival 2.00pm at Church
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 residential to Robinwood
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
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 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Foster  
Head Teacher

