



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Families,

Celebration of the Word

Our Year 6 pupils will be leading the whole school in a special 'Remembrance' themed Celebration of the Word.



School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 11th November to take individual pupil and sibling photographs.

Anti-bullying Week

Next week the children will be taking part in a range of activities and assemblies related to anti-bullying. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect'. Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November and the children are invited to wear odd socks to school; this is designed to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them all unique!

Children in Need Day

Next week on Friday 15th November, we will be supporting Children in Need Day by having a non-uniform day; for not wearing their uniform, we are asking the children to make a £1 donation (via Parentmail) to this worthy cause.

North Tyneside Parent/Carer Forum Meeting

On Monday 18th 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

Following on from the success of our Maths in Action sessions, we have decided to offer parents the opportunity to come into their child's class and take part in a reading or phonics lesson with their child. We hope that this will give parents the chance to see a snapshot of how we deliver reading and phonics learning as well as participating in learning alongside their child.

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 would be able to come into the school hall from 8.50am for an introduction about the sessions and then will be taken to their child's classroom at 9.10am. The session will last until 10am.

The Reading in Action sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 19th November – Reception
- Wednesday 20th November – Year 6
- Thursday 21st November – Year 1
- Tuesday 26th November – Year 2
- Thursday 28th November – Year 3





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- Monday 2nd December – Year 4
- Thursday 5th December – Year 5

Online Safety Guide – What Parent & Carers Need To Know About Fortnite

Please read the following guide which highlights the safety concerns of this popular game and offers advice on how to protect children and young people as they enjoy the game.

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

Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 97.77%.

Well done to Year 1 who have won the Attendance Award for this week with 99.31% attendance.

Reception	97%
Year 1	99.31%
Year 2	98.67%

Year 3	97.67%
Year 4	97.93%
Year 5	99.17%
Year 6	94.67%

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 are 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 faith category. If you require a copy of your child's 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)





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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 10th June 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication check – Week beginning 2nd June 2025
- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs – Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025

Clubs

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Recorders	
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)		KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm) Y5 & Y6 Art Club (3.30 -4.15pm)
Wednesday	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)
Thursday			Y1 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Choir (3.30 -4.30pm)

Diary Dates

Monday 11 th – 15 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	School Photographs
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 18 th November	Parent/Carer Forum Meeting 9.00am
Tuesday 19 th November	Reception class Phonics Stay and Play session
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 6 Reading in Action session
Thursday 21 st November	Year 1 Phonics in Action session Year 6 Athletics at The Parks Leisure Centre
Friday 22 nd November	Whole School Mass at Church (10.00am)
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 2 Phonics in Action session
Wed 27 th – Friday 29 th November	Year 5 residential to Robinwood
Thursday 28 th November	Year 3 Reading in Action session
Monday 2 nd December	Year 4 Reading In Action session





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

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Foster
Head Teacher

