



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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7th February 2025

Dear Families,

Celebration of the Word

In our Celebration of the Word next week, our Gospel reading describes how Simon Peter, James and John were compelled to follow Jesus after witnessing a miraculous catch of fish. We are reminded that we too are invited to follow Jesus and become part of God's family.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. On Monday the children will be taking part in Online Safety assemblies delivered by Clennells Education Solutions and on Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 11th February) the children will be exploring how to keep themselves safe online and not being 'tricked' into sharing personal information particularly through online games. We also be focusing on the importance of being responsible ourselves in what we say or write online about others.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings are due to take place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Please ensure you have booked your appointment via Parentmail. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative date/time.

Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 97.98%.

Reception	96.94%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	99.33%

Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	98.62%
Year 5	98.33%
Year 6	93%

Reminders:

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





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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 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

Clubs for next week:

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Recorders	KS1 Art (3.30 -4.15pm) Y5 & Y6 Football (3.30-4.30pm)
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)		KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm)
Wednesday	Year 3 & Year 4 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)	Recorders Mini Vinnies	Y1 Rugby Minis (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Art (3.30 -4.15pm) Y6 SATs Club (3.30-4.30pm)
Thursday			Y3 & Y4 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Choir (3.30 -4.30pm)

Diary Dates

Monday 10 th February	KS1 & KS2 Online Safety Assemblies
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 17 th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18 th February	Year 6 Trip to St Mary's High School – 'Les Miserables' performance.
	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Friday 21 st February	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd March	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4 th March	Pedestrian Training Sessions (R, Y1,Y2,Y3,Y6)
Monday 10 th March	North Tyneside Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse (7.00pm)
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
	KS2 Pupils attend Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at Church(10.00am)





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Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
	Year 5 Trip to St Mary's High School – Spiritual Retreat
Wednesday 12 th March	Full Lego League Event
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st March	Year 5 Bikeability Sessions
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 Skipping Festival Event
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 4 Pedestrian Training Session
Tuesday 7 th April	Year 5 Pedestrian Training Session
Friday 4 th April	Year 4 Bikeability Sessions
Thursday 10 th April	Active Mile Day
Friday 11 th April	Break up for Easter holidays

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Siobhan Foster
Head Teacher

