



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

Celebration of the Word

In our Celebration of the Word next week, we will be thinking about how there are times when it is important to put others before ourselves and to be able to show compassion and care.

Parent/Carer Forum Event

We are having a coffee morning on Monday 16th September at 9.00am to introduce the aims of the Parent/Carer forum and to get a chance meet some of their representatives.

Parents' Phonics & Early Reading Meeting

Mrs Thompson will holding a Phonics meeting on Friday 20th September for parents/carers of pupils in Reception and Year 1. She will be sharing information about our phonics scheme, Monster Phonics and talking about how parents can support their child with their reading at home. The meeting will be at 9.15am in the school hall and parents will be able to come into the hall from 9.00am.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be taking place on Monday 14th October and Monday 21st October. Booking information will be sent out via Parentmail next week for parents to book on.

Safeguarding at St Mary's

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils is of paramount importance and is everyone's responsibility. The Designated Safeguarding leads for the school are Mrs S Foster (Headteacher), Mrs D Thompson (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs J Jarvis (SENCo). Further information about safeguarding at our school can be accessed on the school website.

Online Safety

Please see the attached guide with advice and top tips for parents/carers for keeping children safe online.

[What Parents & Carers Need To Know About Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

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 schools (Year 7) places for September 2025 is 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**.





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 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 | Lunchtime | After School |
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| Tuesday | Recorders | KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm) Y5 & Y6 Art Club (3.30 -4.15pm) |
| Wednesday | | 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 Reception class who have won the Attendance Award for this week again with 100% attendance.

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| Reception | 100 % |
| Year 1 | 96.4% |
| Year 2 | 93.9% |

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| Year 3 | 96% |
| Year 4 | 94.6% |
| Year 5 | 98.9% |
| Year 6 | 98.5% |





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Diary Dates

Please note Christmas dates have been added.

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| Monday 16 th September | Parent/Carers Forum Meeting 9.00am |
| Friday 20 th September | 9.15am Reception & Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting |
| Tues 24 th September – Fri 27 th September | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Wednesday 25 th September | Year 5 Robinwood Residential Parents' Meeting 3.30pm (Year 5 Classroom) |
| Friday 27 th September | MacMillan Coffee morning run by the Mini Vinnies (School Hall) 9.10am Year 2 & Year 5 'That History Bloke' class workshops |
| Thursday 3 rd October | National Poetry Day Schools Nursing Team – Flu Immunisations for all pupils |
| Friday 4 th October | Whole School Mass 10am at Church |
| Monday 14 th October | Parent/Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 17 th October | Reception & Year 6 Buddy Liturgy (School Hall) 9.10am |
| Friday 18 th October | Show Racism the Red Card Day |
| Monday 21 st October | Parent/Teacher Meetings |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Harvest Festival 2.00pm at Church |
| Friday 25 th October | Break up for half term |
| Monday 4 th November | Pupils return to school |
| Monday 11 th – 15 th November | Anti-bullying Week |
| Friday 15 th November | Children in Need Day |
| Wed 27 th – Friday 29 th November | Year 5 residential to Robinwood |
| 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 |
| 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 |





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Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Foster
Head Teacher

