



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky."

**JANUARY 2025**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back everyone.

It has been a great start to the new year. The children have settled back into their classroom routines and they are working really hard.

The children look very smart. Thank you to all parents who are supporting our school uniform policy and have been ensuring that their children arrive at school on time.

## WINTER WEATHER



It has an incredibly cold start to the new year.

It looks like warmer weather is on the way. **For future snow**, please note that children will only be able to go out and play in snow if they are suitably dressed, **including** an appropriate change of footwear.

If the school needs to close for adverse weather, families will be sent a text and a notice will be added to Facebook as soon as the decision has been made.

**NOTE for parents and carers** : the car parks used for drop-offs are owned by the Parish Council, not the school. It is the school's responsibility to make sure pathways are safe on school grounds.

## NOTICE for YEAR 4 parents

Children in year 4 take part in a times tables check in the Summer term.

Knowledge of times tables helps your child in so many areas of mathematics and there is an expectancy for pupils to know all tables on entry to year 5.

Please help your child to practise at home. It can have such a positive impact on their progress in maths.

*Thank you*

## Multiplication Square

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

## SCHOOL UNIFORM – PE KIT

At the end of last term, there were a number of pupils not wearing school PE kit. Last week, we also noticed that a number of children were wearing PE kits that did not follow school policy.

School PE kit comprises of a **plain black or navy** hoody, **plain black or navy** joggers /shorts with a **plain white** T-shirt.

We **do not** promote logos or expensive sportswear.

Please support us in following our uniform policy.

School will be reaching out to families not following our school policy to see how we can support you, so that it is fair to everyone.



**ATTENDANCE UPDATE** – Current overall attendance is currently 94.8%.

In line with our policy, parents will be receiving updates later this week if their child's attendance is lower than 92%.

**Drop-offs and Pick-ups** To support teachers with a safe and smooth handover at the start and end of the school day, (**particularly in Class 1**), can we ask all parents to stand back from the classroom door and wait on the school yard, so that the door is not blocked. If you have younger siblings with you at pick up, please can you stop them from knocking on the classroom door. The end of the day is an important time and a story is often being shared. Thank you for support.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Details
Understanding Autism Workshop for Parents	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 1pm
Class 2 trip to Durham Cathedral	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Parent's Evening Slots can now be booked.	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Break up for half term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Return to school	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Break up for Easter 1pm finish	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April