

**IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:**

- Y4 trip to Vindolanda, Monday 21.10.24. Sensible outdoor clothing/footwear and packed lunch.
- Y6 trip to Beamish Museum, Tuesday 22.10.24. Victorian attire (with coat and sensible outdoor shoes) and packed lunch.
- Y2 trip to Campground Recycling Centre, Tuesday 22.10.24.
- Y2 will be walking to Whickham Library on Wednesday 23.10.24.
- Last running club of the term, Wednesday 23.10.24.
- Whole school Mass, 9:30am Friday 25.10.24 St Mary's RC Church. All welcome.
- Please make a note of the below dates for the Christmas events taking place next half term.
- Key Stage 2 pupils sign up for our Choir breakfast club taking place 8:20am every Tuesday (starting 5.11.24) [here](#). Read more below.
- Please be reminded that our half-term holiday will be from **28.10.24 to 1.11.24**. Term Dates can be found on the school website: <https://stmaryswhickham.bwcet.com/parents/term-dates-school-day/>.

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S 2024:

Please make a note of the following dates for our planned Christmas events taking place next term. We will share more regarding our plans for Advent after the half term break.

EVENT	OPEN TO FRIENDS/FAMILY	DATES/TIMES
Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play	Y	Tuesday 10.12.24 10am Thursday 12.12.24 10am
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play	Y	Tuesday 10.12.24 2pm Thursday 12.12.24 2pm
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Play	Y	Monday 9.12.24 2pm Wednesday 11.12.24 2pm
Party Day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers	N	Wednesday 18.12.24
Friends and family Christmas crafts	Y	Monday 16.12.24 9-11am
Carols at St Mary's RC Church	Y	Tuesday 17.12.24 2pm
Whole School Mass at St Mary's RC Church – followed by refreshments at school (all welcome)	Y	Thursday 19.12.24 9:30am

SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge well done to our Y6 sports hall athletics teams who represented the school fabulously in an event this week. The team showed commendable team spirit and competed with enthusiasm and positivity.

Well done too to the school football team who advanced to the second round of the Bishop's Cup competition with a win and a draw at St Patrick's, Consett on Monday night.

SCHOOL CHOIR:

Mrs Sanderson will be starting up practices for our school choir on a Tuesday morning before school (8:20am). The choir is open to all pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Parents/carers must register their interest by Friday 25.10.24.

The choir will begin preparing several pieces for our Christmas events taking place at the end of term.

REMINDER - EXPLORE THE CURRICULUM:

Our Autumn Term 'Explore the Curriculum' sessions will give you the chance to learn more about the learning going on in your child's classroom this term, to receive some guidance as to how you may help their ongoing learning and to celebrate their ongoing progress by looking at their school books together with them.

The dates for this term's 'Explore the Curriculum' sessions are as follows:

DATE	CLASS
Tuesday 19 th November 9:15am	Y6
Tuesday 19 th November 2:30pm	Y4
Wednesday 20 th November 9:15am	Reception
Wednesday 20 th November 2:30pm	Y2
Thursday 21 st November 9:15am	Y1
Friday 22 nd November 9:15am	Y3
Friday 22 nd November 2:30pm	Y5