

My name is Sonya.

Sonya comes from the Greek name Sophia and means wise.

My name Sonya comes from the Danish name Sonja but my parents added a y as they thought people might mispronounce my name.

My mum's older sister is also Sonja and that is who I am named after.

I am proud to carry my auntie's name and she was extra special to me because she was also my Godmother and was there when I was baptised.

I associate my name to a warrior and think it is a good strong name. My Godmother was a strong lady and accomplished a lot in her life. She was an excellent role model for me. Both in her name and in her character.

My second name is Marie and is a derivative from Mary. My second name is my baptismal name. My third name is Francis and I chose this name when I was older when I was confirmed. I chose Francis from St Francis of Asisi who was known as the saint for animals. Francis depicts service and I liked the way he was always looking for ways to make the world a better place.