

Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Respect myself, Respect others, Respect our world. Love God



St Mary's Catholic Primary
School & Nursery

**The Headteacher is Mrs V. McBrown, the
Deputy Headteacher is Mrs M. Smith and the
SENCo is Mrs AM Nunn.**



Mrs M. Smith
Deputy Headteacher and EYFS Lead
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs V. McBrown
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs AM Nunn
SENDCo



Your child's class teacher is Miss England and their teaching assistant is Mrs Clarke



Miss S. England
Reception Teacher



Mrs F Clarke
Teaching Assistant

There are lots of other people who will help your child in Reception.

Your child will meet them when they start with us in September.

They will work alongside the other adults in the class.



**Mrs Bishop and Mrs
Macovei in our School
Office are always here
to help!**



Mrs Bishop



Mrs Macovei

Working in partnership



Parents are the first educators of their children and we value your contribution in helping us to get to know your child's needs and achievements better.

During this crucial formative part of your child's life, working very closely with mums, dads and carers is essential.

We operate an open door policy where achievements and concerns can be shared/addressed immediately.

You can:

Speak to a member of staff after school

Email/call the school

Parent's evening

Book an appointment via the school office

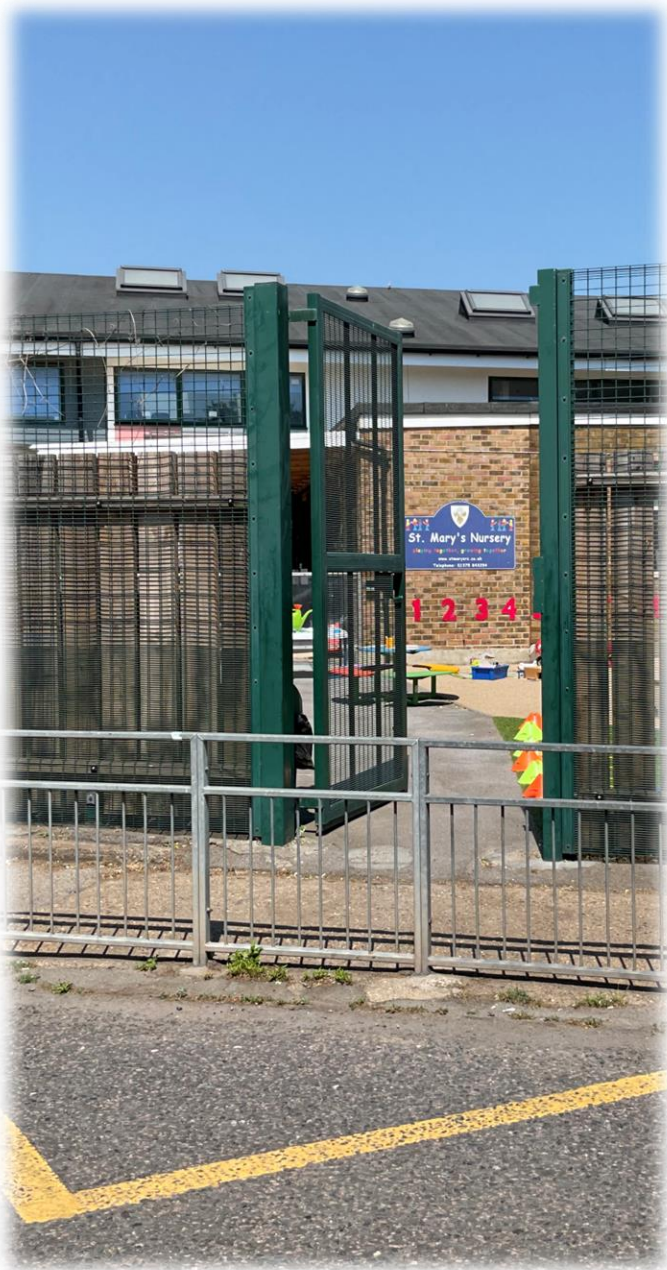


The start and end of the school day

When your child comes into school they say goodbye to their adult at the school gate between 8.40am and 8.50am.

For the first two weeks they are collected at the same spot at 3.15pm. When they are full time, they will be collected at the Reception door.

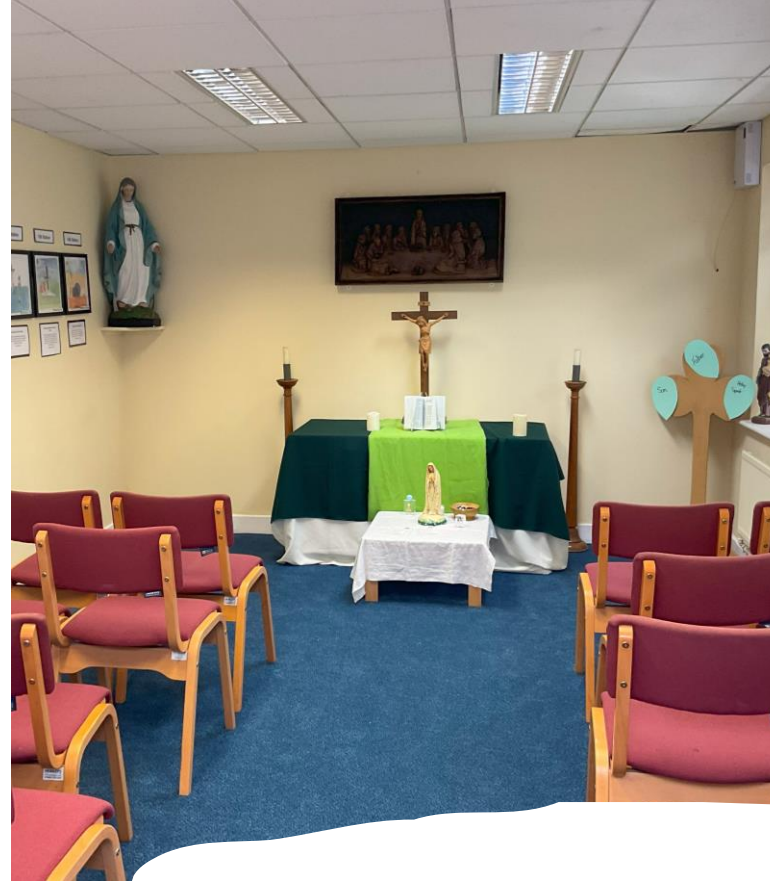
If your child arrives late due to a medical appointment or for another reason, please take them to the School Office via the main gate





We are very lucky to have an indoor classroom and an outdoor classroom! We learn outside all year round.





Children can use our library, our cooking hub, our computing suite and our chapel. We also have a music room.



A typical day in Reception...

Register
Assembly or Collective Worship
Phonics
Child Initiated Learning
Maths
Story time
Lunch
Register
Child Initiated Learning and adult
focused tasks
Snack
Hometime



There are lots of activities to do at school.

It is a good idea to leave a child's own toys at home so they are safe



Our school uniform

Winter Uniform:



Name and label everything!

Only stud earrings allowed – (not on PE days)

No trainers, only school shoes with Velcro – NO LACES



Summer Uniform:



PE kit

White Top

Black shorts,

Jumper

Jogging bottoms

Plimsolls/Trainers

Drawstring PE Bag



Spare clothing

Your child will be given a plastic wallet for you to provide 4 x pairs of underwear and socks.

These will remain in school and will be used in the occasion of your child having an accident during the day.

If your child does have an accident, please do wash and return any underwear (or any loaned clothing).





Book Bag and Coat

Children need to bring their book bag in each day as it is used to bring important letters and books home from school each day. Book bags **MUST** have a child's name on it on the outside to help them to find it at the end of the day. Book bags are kept in the 'house boxes' during the day.

Children will be learning outside for a lot of the time so they need to bring a coat when necessary. They hang this on their own peg. Their coat **MUST** have their name in it.

PE bags are kept in school and are stored on your child's peg.



Water bottle

All children need to bring a water bottle in to school to keep them hydrated.

It **MUST** have their name on it.

It can only have water in it, no juice or flavoured water.

The water bottle is placed in our box in the classroom and the children can drink from it during the day.



School Dinners

For lunch, children can have a delicious hot dinner that our cook Sue will prepare for them or they can bring a packed lunch.

There is a menu with three choices that your child can choose from, one of which is always a vegetarian option.


School dinners are **free** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

We would encourage you to help your child choose the dinner they would like.


Children will be supported by adults when getting their meals.

Please note that the menu may change subject to local needs


Week 1 Week commencing - 20th April, 11th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 31st August, 21st September, 12th October						
Monday	Meat Balls in Homemade Tomato sauce	Salmon Fish Fingers	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Potato Wedges	Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli	Frozen Yoghurt
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Savoury Rice	Mixed Vegetables & Fresh Cauliflower	Homemade Carrot Cake & Custard
Wednesday	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastty	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Carrots & Fresh Spring Greens	Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Noisette Potatoes	Sweetcorn Coblette & Green Beans	Rice Crispy Cake
Friday	Fish Fingers	Wholemeal Pasta Arrabiata	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Chips	Peas & Baked Beans	Viennese Cookie



Week 2 Week commencing - 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 6th July, 7th September, 28th September, 19th October						
Monday	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Potato Smiles	Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Apple Lolly
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Massala	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Basmati Rice	Fresh Carrots & Cauliflower	Marble Cake & Custard
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Fruit & Ice Cream
Thursday	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sweet Potato and Vegetable Bake	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Herby Diced Potatoes	Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	Banana Cake
Friday	Fish Fillet	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Chips	Baked Beans & Peas	Oat & Sultana Cookie



Week 3 Week commencing - 4th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 14th September, 5th October						
Monday	Beef Burger in a Bun	Quorn Hot Dog in a Roll	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Potato Smiles	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Peaches & Ice cream
Tuesday	Sweet Chilli Chicken Fillet	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Ham Roll Packed Lunch	Potato Wedges	Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Cocoa Sponge & Cocoa Sauce
Wednesday	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Carrots & Broccoli	Frozen Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Bubble Salmon	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Diced Potatoes	Sweetcorn Coblette & Fresh Cauliflower	Flapjack
Friday	Fish Fingers	Vegan Quorn Nuggets	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Chips	Peas & Baked Beans	Lemon Drizzle Muffin



Additional daily foods available: Seasonal salad bar
Wholemeal bread • Alternative desserts (yoghurt or fruit)

Our **Roast Dinners** are also served with a Yorkshire Pudding!

NO NUTS

If your child brings a packed lunch please ensure that it does not contain NUTS or products containing nuts.

No peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts etc

We have milk and fruit in school

There is a selection of fruit and vegetables for the children to have for snack during the day in Reception.

If children would like to have milk, you can register with Cool Milk online and the milk will be delivered for your child to enjoy at school each day.





This is where the children eat lunch, take part in collective worship and do indoor PE.





**Children play
with their
friends at
lunchtime.**

**We have two
playgrounds – one for
Early Years and KS1
and one for the older
KS2 children.**



These are our toilets

Children can go to the toilet whenever they need to. They just need to ask an adult.

They must remember to flush the chain and wash their hands.



We say prayers at our school

Our Catholic faith is very important to us. Fr. Anthony comes to see us in school and we attend Our Lady Star of the Sea church regularly.



Thankyou God for the food we have eaten,
Thank you God for all my friends
Thank you God for everything
Amen

O My God, I come to say,
Thankyou for your love today
Thank you for my family and all the
friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning, send your light.
Amen



Bless us o God as we sit together,
Bless the food we eat today
Bless the hands that makes the
food
Bless us O God. Amen

Father in Heaven you love me,
You are with me night and day
I want to love you always, in all I do and say
I'll try to please you Father, bless me through the day,
Amen



All children will be in a House team when they start school

Each house has a different colour. Our houses are:

St David (yellow),
St George (red),
St Patrick (green)
St Andrew (blue).

House points are awarded throughout the school for all aspects of pupils' work and behaviour.





Am I ready for school?



Tips for parents

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
 - I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
 - I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
 - I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
 - I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
 - I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
 - I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
 - I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
 - I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days



What can I do to get ready for school in September?

When your child starts school he/she is going to meet lots of new friends and learn lots of new skills. They are going to be very busy (and very tired!)

To help them be prepared for starting school, here are some things that you can help them with during the summer holidays!



Home Visits

In September, if your child is new to St Mary's school, the Reception teachers will come and meet you and your child in the familiar surroundings of your family home.

This is a wonderful opportunity to find out the things that your child enjoys doing and for them (and you!) to share any worries that you have.



Transition Meeting

To help the children become familiar with their new classroom, the Reception staff team, the school environment and to allow them to meet their new friends, children will attend school on the 6th July between 1.15pm and 3.15pm.

Children new to our school will be met at the School Office and taken to their new classroom. Those who are currently in our Nursery will be taken to the classroom by their Nursery teacher.



September

Children to start school **Wednesday 6th September 2023** – mornings only (until 12.00pm, please collect from Nursery gate)

Week beginning **Monday 11th September 2023** - mornings and then stay for lunch (until 1.15pm, please collect from Nursery gate)

Week beginning **Monday 18th September 2023**- full time! (Please collect from the Reception classroom door – you will have access via the gate at the front of the school then walk through the top playground)



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