

# 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 Executive Headteacher is Mrs V. McBrown,  
the Deputy Headteacher is Mrs M. Smith  
and the SENDCo is Mrs AM Nunn.**



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



**Mrs V. McBrown**  
**Executive Headteacher**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Mrs AM Nunn**  
**SENDCo**  
**Deputy Designated**  
**Safeguarding Lead**

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



**Miss Cook**  
**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

Speak to the teacher at parent's evening

Book an appointment via the school office



# Our Expectations



Attendance



Punctuality



Uniform



Reading and  
homework

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## The start and end of the school day



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



They are collected at the reception gate at 3.15pm. This is accessed through the main entrance and then by walking around to the playground.



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. They will need to sign in at the office.

We learn inside  
and outside –  
whatever the  
weather!





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

# A typical day in Reception...

- Register
- Collective Worship
- Phonics
- Child Initiated Learning (“Choosing time”)
- Maths
- Story time
- Lunch
- Register
- Child Initiated Learning (“Choosing time”)
- Hometime





**There are lots of activities to do at school.**

Please leave your child's own toys at home so they are safe



# Our school uniform

## Winter Uniform:



Name and label everything!

Stud earrings allowed – however **not** on PE Days

**No trainers**, only school shoes with Velcro – **NO LACES**



## Summer Uniform:



# PE kit

White PE Top

Navy shorts

St Mary's  
Tracksuit/Navy  
round necked  
sweatshirt

St Mary's  
Tracksuit/Navy  
jogging bottoms

Plimsolls or  
trainers

Drawstring PE Bag

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# 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.

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.

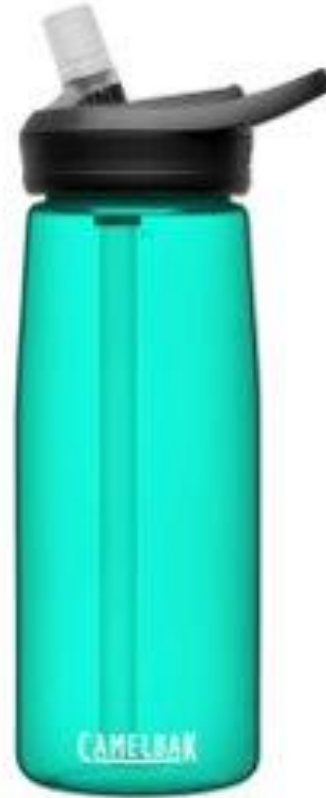


# Water bottle

All children need to bring a water bottle in to school every day.

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

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



# School Dinners

For lunch, children can have a delicious hot dinner that our cook 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						
<b>Monday</b>	Meat Balls in Homemade Tomato sauce	Salmon Fish Fingers	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Potato Wedges	Sweetcorn & Fresh Broccoli	Frozen Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	BBQ Chicken	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Savoury Rice	Mixed Vegetables & Fresh Cauliflower	Homemade Carrot Cake & Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Carrots & Fresh Spring Greens	Fruit Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Quorn Fillet	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Noisette Potatoes	Sweetcorn Coblette & Green Beans	Rice Crispy Cake
<b>Friday</b>	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, 8th July, 7th September, 28th September, 19th October						
<b>Monday</b>	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Potato Smiles	Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Apple Lolly
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Tikka Massala	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Basmati Rice	Fresh Carrots & Cauliflower	Marble Cake & Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Cabbage & Sweetcorn	Fruit & Ice Cream
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sweet Potato and Vegetable Bake	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Herby Diced Potatoes	Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	Banana Cake
<b>Friday</b>	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						
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sweet Chilli Chicken Fillet	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Ham Roll Packed Lunch	Potato Wedges	Mixed Vegetables & Green Beans	Cocoa Sponge & Cocoa Sauce
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Roast Potatoes	Fresh Carrots & Broccoli	Frozen Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Bubble Salmon	Tuna Mayo Wrap Packed Lunch	Diced Potatoes	Sweetcorn Coblette & Fresh Cauliflower	Flapjack
<b>Friday</b>	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, chocolate spread, cereal bars with nuts etc

# Children have a snack and milk



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

Children under 5 will receive free milk from Cool Milk. When your child turns 5, you will need to register with Cool Milk and pay if you wish your child to continue to receive daily milk.





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.



Thank you 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,  
Thank you 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

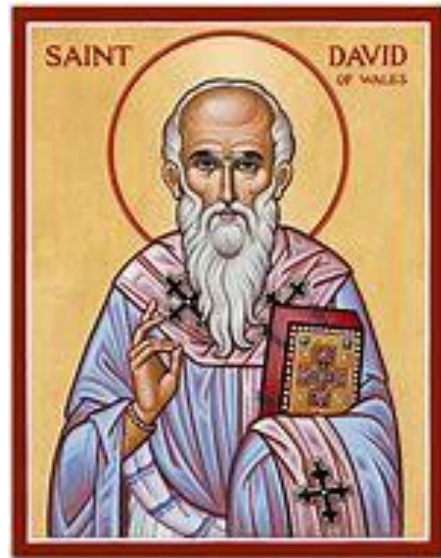
# All children will be in a House team when they start school

Each house has a different colour.

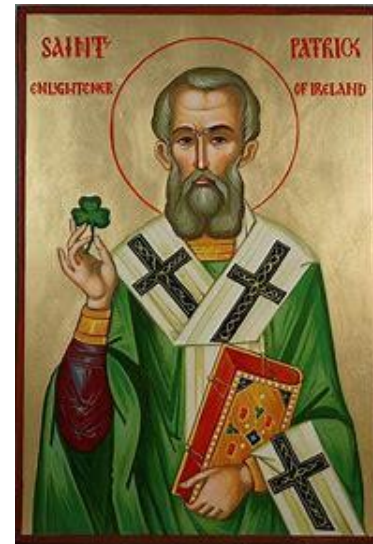
Our houses are named after saints and they are:



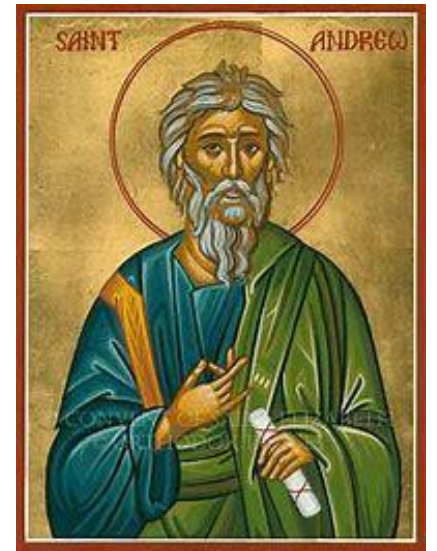
St George (red),



St David (yellow),



St Patrick (green)



St Andrew (blue).



## 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 very very busy!

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

# Stay and Play

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 9<sup>th</sup> July between 9.30am and 11.15am

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.





# Home Visits

2025

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <small>Labor Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

In September, if your child is **new to St Mary's**, 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 all of the things that your child enjoys doing and for them (and you!) to share any worries that you have.

# All Reception children start school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – part time

- Gates open between 8.40am and 8.50am.
- Children will stay in school until 1.15pm
- Children will have lunch before they go home – school dinner/packed lunch
- Please collect your child from the **Nursery gate (Dock Road)**

## Week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025- full time!

- Gates open between 8.40am and 8.50am.
- Children will stay in school until 3.15pm
- Please collect your child from the **Reception classroom door** – you will have access via the gate at the front of the school then walk through the top playground)

**We look forward to  
welcoming you to our  
school community in  
September!**



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