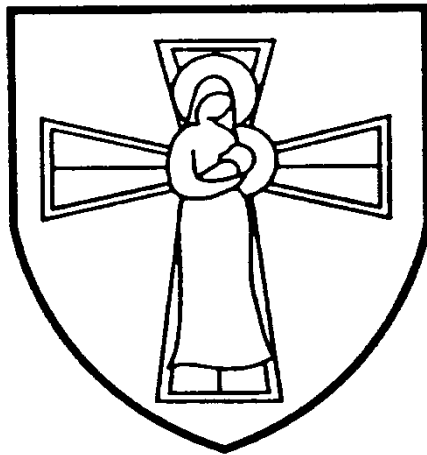


All day session

St. Mary's Nursery

Information Book



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Educate Protect Love Serve

Welcome to St Mary's Nursery Class!

We look forward to sharing and supporting this exciting and important stage of your child's learning and development with you all! Our Nursery Class provides children with an early years education which is second to none. Through the implementation of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and with a focus on the importance of play, we aim to ensure that your child will not only feel safe and secure but thrive and flourish as they head towards the start of their school journey in Reception.

At St Mary's, we truly believe that purposeful and meaningful play both indoors and outdoors underpins the EYFS providing children with the chance to explore and be curious. It strengthens learning and all aspects of your child's development and it is through play that children develop key skills such as communication, managing and exploring their emotions, creativity and social interactions. It is important that children develop these key skills as they are the foundations for future success.

At St Mary's we want our children to be successful learners and it is important that children get the opportunity to discover and practise skills which will assist them to do this. These skills include taking risks, perseverance, enjoying challenges, showing imagination, thinking critically and solving problems on their own or with others. That's why we take play seriously.

Our School Values and Nursery Vision

Our school values are Educate, Protect, Love and Serve and these values are reflected all over St Mary's School. Our Nursery Vision is that we aim to provide a caring, stimulating and challenging environment where the children are safe, happy and thrive. We develop close relationships with parents and carers and work together in order to provide opportunities that meet each child's individual needs and abilities and understand the importance of learning through play and reflect this in our practice.

Key Person

The EYFS describes the Key Person as someone who, "...has special responsibilities for working with a small number of children, giving them the reassurance to feel safe and cared for and building relationships with parents."

Your child will be in a key group with a small number of their friends. When your child is in, they will spend time with their Key Person playing and also engaging in focussed activities based on their interests at the moment. Your child's Key Person will observe them and use Tapestry, our online Learning Journals, to track, record and support their development and learning while in Nursery.

Meet the Early Years Team



Vicky Baker
Early Years Lead and Reception Teacher



Ellen Brown
Nursery Lead



Teresa Yeo
Early Years Teaching Assistant



Charlotte Henderson
Deputy Nursery Lead

Uniform

It is a very exciting time when your child starts at Nursery and part of that excitement might be seeing your child in their school uniform. At St Mary's, children are required to wear the uniform once they apply for, and get a place in our Reception Class. However, it is a very different case for Nursery.

Our Nursery ethos is based very firmly in play, and during play, your child might get wet, dirty or covered in paint. Although we make every effort to ensure this is kept to a minimum, children are children; they will climb, crawl, shuffle, jump and roll. With this in mind and being aware of the cost of school uniform, we would be happy for you to choose whether you would want to send your child to school in our whole school uniform or if you would prefer, your child can come to Nursery in sensible shoes, leggings, shorts or trousers with a school polo shirt with a logo and a school sweatshirt with a logo.

We have included our most up to date school uniform order form and all uniform items may be purchased through The Office. Please do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about school uniform.

PE

In Nursery, we have a P.E Session on a Wednesday. Children can come into Nursery in their normal clothes and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into. By offering the opportunity for your child to change into their PE kits themselves, we encourage your child's independence and support self-care routines. They will then go home in their PE kit. Please make sure **EVERYTHING** is named.

Our P.E kit consists of:

- Navy shorts or a pair of jogging bottoms
- White t-shirt
- White or black pumps or trainers

Jewellery is not permitted. Only one pair of stud earrings are acceptable.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name (please, please, please!)

Things your child will need

We would be very grateful if all items listed below could be **clearly named**. Thank you.

- A coat
- A sun hat or woolly hat depending on the weather and time of year
- A pair of named wellies to stay in nursery
- Lunch (if your child is staying for lunch)
- Suncream (if your child is staying all day)
- A favourite family photo that your child can bring in their first day please

Nursery Sessions

Morning session: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Afternoon session: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

All day session: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Optional lunch hour charged at £4.60 an hour: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Every 3 and 4 year old child is entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare. From September 2017, the government will introduce an additional 15 hours funding for children whose parents meet certain criteria. St Mary's Nursery is delighted to be able to offer places for 30 hour funded children with the option for children whose parents don't meet the criteria to be able to pay for their child to stay for lunch or longer sessions if required. Please speak to a member of the Early Years Team if you need more information.

My daily routine at Nursery – All day session

8:45am – Morning carpet activity as children arrive

9:05am – Registration and welcome

9:15am – Circle time

9:25am - Activities, free play and outside play

11:15am – Phonics activities including Letters and Sounds and Read Write Inc

11:25am – Snack time

11:40am – Story time

12:00pm – Lunch and outside free play

12:40pm – Registration and welcome of afternoon children

12:50pm – Circle time

1:00pm – Activities, free play and outside play

2.15pm – Phonics activities including Letters and Sounds and Read Write Inc

2:25pm – Snack

2:40pm – Story time

2:55pm – Getting ready for home

3:00pm – Home time

Free Fruit & Milk

All children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive free fruit every day.

All children in Nursery and Reception, under the age of 5 years, will receive free milk daily.

Absence

Parents are asked to inform the school by 9.30am, on a daily basis, when a child is absent. If the duration is longer than 5 school days, confirm in writing the reason for absence when the child returns to school. Requests for holiday must be made in writing.

Parental Help

Parents/ carers are always welcome to help out in our school. We recognise the wealth of talent and skills amongst our parents and encourage you to become involved. All volunteers who help out in school on a regular basis will need to have a CRB (criminal records bureau) check carried out.

British Values and our 'Golden Time Rules'

At St Mary's we promote British Values and these are reflected throughout all aspects of the school day including our 'Golden Time Rules'. British Values include:

Democracy
The Rule of Law
Mutual Respect
Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs
Individual Liberty

Our 'Golden Time Rules' are displayed clearly both in Nursery and throughout the school and they are a huge part of the children's day at Nursery. These are:

- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We listen
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We look after property

Please be aware that by accepting this place for your child in St Mary's Nursery, it does not automatically mean that your child will have a school place in Reception. You will need to apply for this through the county application process between the October and January prior to their September start date.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

We are really looking forward to sharing the next year or so with you and your child; let the fun begin!

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