

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th September 2025



Dream - Believe - Achieve

Welcome



A very warm welcome to our school family!

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I look forward to working with you over the next year and beyond to ensure our children have the very best year, full of love and learning.

The children have completed their first full week and we are so proud of how they have all settled well into the school routine.

For those new to the school, I write a newsletter and email it to you at the end of every term to celebrate the amazing achievements and events that are happening in our school.

For now, I would like to share a few key thoughts to help us all ease into the rhythm of school life.

Mrs. Sarah Reynolds
Principal

If you have not already received a Weekly Bulletin via email.

Please send an email to:

office@stmarys.pdet.org.uk with your child's name in the subject of the email so we can add it to our system.

Parent Communication

We encourage parents to share their thoughts and concerns before they become an issue.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to speak to the class teacher at morning drop off or at the end of the school day. Instead we ask you to contact the school office who will happily arrange an appointment with the class teacher or the relevant member of staff.

School Communication

Emails - Our main way of communicating: Weekly Bulletin, Newsletters and Adhoc information

Weekly Bulletin - Emailed out every Friday containing information about upcoming events and clubs.

Newsletter - Emailed at the end of each term. Not to be missed!

School Website - Has a wealth of information including the Newsletters and Weekly Bulletins which are uploaded for future reference.

<https://www.stmaryscebl.info>

Instagram - Follow us on Instagram [stmaryscebl](https://www.stmaryscebl.info) where we share photos of life in school, sporting events and visits.

Text Message - Alerts / key information.

"Everything is possible for one who believes" Mark 9:23

Start / Finish Times

The gates open at 8.40am and are shut at 8.50am. The school day starts at 8:45am prompt. Any child arriving after this time needs to go to the School Office and sign in the late book.

In the afternoon gates will open at 3.10pm for children to be collected at 3:15pm from their classes.

To ensure the smooth running of the day, we kindly ask that children arrive on time, with everything they need (book bag, water bottle, snack, packed lunch if required). A calm start sets the tone for a great day ahead!

KS2 children should to be encouraged to come into the school site in the mornings by themselves to minimise people accessing the site.

Snacks

EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are offered a snack at morning break usually consisting of a piece of fruit.

Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for break.

Reading / Additional Learning

All children are encouraged to read at home and will bring home a reading book. Other opportunities for learning will be in the form of termly homework challenges, Times Table practice or Year Group specific tasks.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our children looking smart in their uniform both in school and out in the community. Uniform can be purchased from Karl Sports or from our PTFA who regularly hold 'Pre-loved uniform' sales after school.

- Grey Trousers, Grey Pinafore Dress, Grey Shorts, Grey Skirt
- White Shirt or White Polo Shirt (school logo optional)
- Logo Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- Blue/white check dress (Summer)
- Black shoes or Black trainers (any logo but it needs to be in black)

P.E Kit - Children are allowed to come into school wearing their P.E. Kit on their designated days.

- Navy t-shirt with school logo
- Navy blue jumper with logo
- Royal blue or navy blue shorts (cycling shorts are permitted)
- Royal blue or navy blue jogging bottoms (for colder days)
- Navy blue leggings (for colder days if they prefer these to jogging bottoms)
- Trainers (or plimsolls) these can be any colour but must be suitable for sports

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please remember that **NO** backpacks are permitted, book bags only. We simply do not have the space in the classroom for backpacks.