

# Welcome to Reception



Beginning in full time school is a major event in the life of a four year old and it won't be long before your child will be starting with us at St. Mary's Church in Wales Primary School.

There will be lots of new things to learn and of course you will want to ensure that your child is well prepared for this important event.

We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child to settle quickly into school.



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## Contact Details

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If your child is unwell,  
please contact the school  
before 9am by telephone, on  
the first day of absence.

Holiday forms are  
available by written  
request to the  
Head teacher.

web: [www.stmarysruabon.co.uk](http://www.stmarysruabon.co.uk)

email: [mailbox@stmarys-ruabon-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@stmarys-ruabon-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)

# Parents as Partners



We provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education. These include:

- + Weekly homework and reading diary to complete
- + Educational Visits where parent-helpers are invited
- + Sport Events
- + Regular newsletters
- + Class web page and twitter updated regularly with news, topic webs and plans
- + Opportunities for children to bring in items from home for our topic work.

Most importantly, our family ethos is central to our Church school and as such, we operate an 'Open-Door Policy', where parents are actively encouraged to meet with staff to discuss any concerns at the earliest opportunity.

We are usually available at 8.45 am or 3.00pm to answer any questions.

Phone calls to the School Office are most welcome, where we will offer assistance, or will arrange an appointment with any members of staff if requested.

The school is committed to safeguarding all children in our care. We aim to keep children safe by adopting the highest possible standards and taking all reasonable steps to protect children from harm. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available to read upon request.

# What can I do with my child before they start school?

- ✓ Give your child as many varied experiences as possible: drawing, painting, cooking, singing, making models, playing games, jigsaws, etc
- ✓ Get them used to: pencils, crayons, felt pens, chalks, paints, play dough, scissors.
- ✓ Share stories, books and rhymes. Read to them.
- ✓ Count everything and share things out.
- ✓ Help your child to be independent when getting dressed and putting on their shoes and coat.
- ✓ Talk to them all the time. Name familiar things and discuss what they see around them and what things are for. Talk about what you see when you are out and about. Watch people work and discuss what they are doing.



# Learning in the Foundation Phase

Reception is where the excitement begins!

Foundation Phase children (Nursery and Reception) learn together in an environment which is developed around the children's interests. We pride ourselves on being an exciting and engaging place to be - encouraging our children to be independent learners through a range of practical activities. We follow a thematic curriculum which allows us to be creative with our lessons and let the children lead their own learning.

As our Foundation Phase children enter the classroom, they learn primarily through a variety of play and real-life experiences. Our teaching is delivered through carefully planned tasks and guided key jobs. The children access their environment freely. Their development is tracked through detailed, daily observations and child-initiated interaction. This information is then transferred into your child's book - a diary of information and photographs. We use these to record individual interests, progress and plan the next steps of your child's learning. There are 7 different areas of learning that your child will be developing during their time in Foundation Phase.



Language, Literacy and  
Communication



Creative Development



Personal, Social and Emotional

Development



Mathematical Development



Welsh Language

Knowledge and Understanding

of the World



Physical Development



# OUR SCHOOL DAY

9:00am Register/ Helpwr Heddiw

9:05am Carpet Time

9:15am Chwarae pawb (everyone play)

10:30am Snack and Play time on yard.

10.45am Phonics

11:15am Chwarae pawb and focussed activity

12:00pm Lunch time

1:00pm Brush teeth/ Carpet time

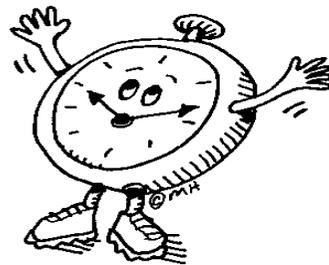
1:15pm Topic time and chwarae pawb

2.30pm Circle time/ song time

2.50pm Tidy up time

3.00pm Home time

Reception like to go with the flow so sometimes our timetable is a little different!



# Looking Smart!

Our St. Mary's school uniform is available to be purchased at

## Boys



St. Mary's jumper  
Light blue polo shirt  
Grey or black  
trousers/ shorts  
Black shoes

*Please ensure that all your  
child's uniform (including  
coat's, shoes and bags) are  
clearly labelled with their  
name.*

<http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk/>

*RAM Leisurewear*

*Trinity Complex*

*Wrexham Industrial Estate,*

*LL13 8UG*

*01978 360360*

## Sports kit



White t-shirt  
Black or white shorts  
Black slip on pumps  
Drawstring bag

## Girls



St. Mary's  
cardigan/ jumper  
Light blue polo shirt  
Grey or black  
dress/ skirt  
Blue gingham  
summer dress



Your child will need a book  
bag ready for homework and reading  
books. These are also available from the  
schools wear website.



# Snacks



We encourage children to eat healthily and make healthy food choices so each child will be offered a choice of snack each day e.g.

Apples, bananas, cucumber, oranges, strawberries, yogurts, toast, crackers and cheese, crumpets, raisins, biscuits.

*Please let us know of any allergies.*

Snack money is £1 per week. Payable at the beginning of each term please.

Children will be offered milk or water to drink.

We ask for a contribution of £1.50 for a school water bottle at the beginning of the September term please.





## Dinners

At lunch time, children are able to choose to bring either their own packed lunch (brechdanau) or a school dinner (cinio).

Our lovely school cook makes our delicious hot dinners which are currently available at a cost of £2.35 per day, £11.75 a week.



*If your child requires a hot school dinner, please send correct money in an envelope on a Monday, marked with your child's name, class and days that the hot dinner is required. Please make any cheques payable to Wrexham County Borough Council. Online payments can also be made via the WCBC website.*

# Topics

The topics that we teach in the Foundation Phase may vary from year to year, depending on the children's interests and experiences.

Some of the topics we may cover this year are.....

Ourselfes and our homes Bears

Growing

Under the sea

Winter

Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write, and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.

