



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



Information Booklet for  
Pupils and Parents

Croeso i Blwyddyn 2

# Useful Information



Teacher - Mrs Thomas



## The School Day

Starts - 8:55am  
Break - 10:30 - 10:45am  
Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00pm  
Home time - 3:00pm

## Lunchtime at St Mary's

Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home, or school meals should be pre-ordered using Parent Pay. School meals are free for all primary school children.



## Water and snack

Please can pupils bring in £1.50 for a school water bottle. This can be refilled in school as necessary and returned home for washing. Pupils will also need a healthy snack for morning break time. **Please label their snack with their names to help avoid mix-ups.**



## Medical/Illness

If your child is unwell, please contact school on the first morning of absence. If we do not receive this notification, the absence will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

## Muddy Monday

In Year 2, we enjoy taking our learning outdoors and into our Forest school area. During Muddy Monday, we ask children to come dressed in old clothes (they will get dirty) and to bring wellies with them too (labelled with their names).

Fun + Hands on Learning = MUD!

## PE

Kit: Blue PE T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuit bottoms for cold weather). Trainers for outdoor sessions, black pumps for indoor sessions (which can be kept in school). Pupils are to come to school dressed in their kit on the day of PE, which in Blwyddyn 2 will be a **Wednesday**.


## Reading Books

Book bags will be sent home on Thursdays. Please return to school on Mondays so that we have enough time to change them.



# Our Curriculum

**St. Mary's Church In Wales Primary—Our Vision**



*"Learning and growing with God by our side."*

**Our Vision**

Learning together at St. Mary's to motivate and inspire our children to become the best they can be and to enable them to become lifelong learners.


We will provide challenge and enjoyment through excellent learning experiences, using a variety of pedagogical approaches, informed by pupil voice.

Our Christian values underpin our curriculum. Our curriculum is relevant, using authentic contexts, enabling a sense of belonging and a pride in our Welsh heritage.

Healthy, confident individuals

**Our Values**

Compassion  
Honesty  
Friendship  
Thankfulness  
Forgiveness



Enterprising, creative contributors

**Our qualities**

At St. Mary's we are nurturing and supportive. Our key drivers are providing our pupils with a caring and safe environment in which to learn and grow happily. We are an inclusive school and we value all of our pupils equally, celebrating that each of us is different and special in our own, unique way. We are motivated and aim to innovate and inspire, encouraging our pupils to use their own voices to help inform their learning journeys. We have high expectations and a strong Christian ethos that permeates throughout everything that we do.

Ambitious, capable learners

Ethical, informed citizens

Curriculum for Wales gives schools the freedom to design our own curriculum based on:

- Four Core Purposes
- Six Areas of Learning and Experience
- Mandatory Elements and Cross-Curricular Skills development
- Five Cross-Cutting Themes



Please see the following link for further information:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-parents/>

Here at St Mary's, we have designed a curriculum to enable our learners to develop in a way described in the four core purposes.



Our curriculum is inclusive and suitable for all learners of differing ages and abilities. It is broad and balanced, encompassing a variety of topics and enquiry questions.

Whilst topics have been chosen, our curriculum will be under constant review and flexible enough to respond to things going on in our local area and wider world. We encourage 'pupil-informed planning,' engaging our pupils in activities to help them share their ideas for learning opportunities and share what they would like to learn.



# Launch Days

All new topics begin with a 'launch day.' This is a day off-timetable where pupils take part in various activities, immersing them in their new topic. Activities such as meeting a character, taking part in workshops or break out challenges, going on scavenger hunts...these are just some of the activities that pupils have enjoyed so far. Engaging pupils in these ways helps to fuel their imagination and excitement for their new topic. 'Pupil Power' also takes place on launch days, allowing pupils across the whole school to make suggestions for learning activities and experience linked to the new topic. Pupils use sticky notes, large pieces of paper, Jamboard and Padlet to collaborate and share ideas. Older pupils also link their ideas to the six areas of learning and experience.



# Our Topics

Topic	Enquiry Focus
Autumn	We will explore Autumn and the signs of Autumn. We will also have a focus on a classic story where we will investigate characters, look at how times have changed and discuss morals.
Glitter and Glow	During this topic, we will investigate and celebrate various festivals and events from different cultures. We will immerse ourselves into new and old celebrations and learn why they are celebrated.
Space	This is all about discovery! We will learn about what is out there in space. There will be a focus on planets and their features. Famous astronauts will be discovered and remembered too.
Castles and Princesses	Wales has lots of famous castles. We will be exploring them and learning how they were used. We will investigate features of a castle. During this topic we will explore a classic fairy-tale too.
Great Fire of London	Here we take a few steps back in time! We will be learning about what happened during the big disaster. During this topic we will learn about important people who played a big part in this historical event.
Minibeasts around the World	Here is where we become Minibeast Hunters! This topic connects us with nature. We will learn about minibeasts and the various places we can find them. Different habitats will be explored and investigated.

Please use our school app/website to see posts and pictures, showing what we have been learning and what fun we have been having in Blwyddyn 2!

<https://www.stmarysruabon.co.uk/>

