



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



## Information Booklet for Pupils and Parents

Croeso i flwyddyn 1

# Useful Information



Teacher - Mr C Hall



## 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

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

## 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 each day. Pupils will also need a healthy snack for morning break time.

**Please label their snacks and bottle with their name to help avoid any mix-ups.**



## Medical/Illness

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

## PE

Pupils are to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day of PE, which will be communicated to you in September.

### PE Kit:

- Blue PE T-shirt
- Black shorts (tracksuit/jogging bottoms for cold weather)
- School jumpers/cardigans
- Trainers for outdoor sessions
- Black pumps for indoor sessions (these can be kept in school)

## Forest School - Tree Top Thursday

In Year 1, we enjoy learning outdoors and will visit our Forest School area every **Thursday**.

During Forest School sessions, we ask children to come dressed in old clothes, as they will **get muddy and dirty**. Please also bring wellies in a separate bag. Children are welcome to bring a puddle suit if desired.

## Stationery

We will provide every pupil with the stationery that they need for lessons. Pupils do not need to bring anything from home, unless asked to through the school website.




## Reading Books


Reading books will be sent home on **Wednesdays**. These are to be returned no later than the following **Tuesday** so that we have enough time to change them. Please write a short comment in your child's reading diary to let us know how they managed with the book.

# Our Curriculum

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



"Learning and growing with God by our side."

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Vision</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will provide challenge and enjoyment through excellent learning experiences, using a variety of pedagogical approaches, informed by pupil voice.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Values</b></p> <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 5px; background-color: #8B4513; color: white; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;">             Compassion              Honesty              Friendship              Thankfulness              Forgiveness         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our qualities</b></p> <p>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.</p>
Healthy, confident individuals	Ethical, informed citizens	Enterprising, creative contributors Ambitious, capable learners

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.

## Holidays

Requests for holidays must be sent to school via email to:

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

School will reply to inform you if the holiday request has been authorised and will also confirm the number of holidays your child has had so far during the academic year.

## School's Essentials Grant

Please remember that, even though all pupils are able to access 'Universal Free School Meals', some families may also be eligible for support with trips, uniform, etc. If you think you may be eligible please sign up for 'FREE SCHOOL MEALS' and the 'SCHOOL'S ESSENTIAL GRANT' on the Wrexham Council website.

<https://wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

# 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 questions/focus
Autumn & Our Local Area	What changes occur during Autumn? Where do you live and what does it look like?
Superheroes	What makes a good superhero? Can you complete the different missions set by a superhero?
Hot Places - Jungle, Deserts & Rainforests	Who lives in the jungle? Is the weather in the jungle the same as the weather in Ruabon?
Traditional stories - Jack & The Beanstalk	Can you retell different traditional stories and fairy tales? Can you describe different characters?
Dinosaurs	Do you believe that dinosaurs existed? Can you name different dinosaurs? Can you move like a dinosaur?
Pirates & The Seaside	Where do you like to visit? Where would you like to go on holiday? What would you pack for a visit to the beach?

Please use our school website/app for information and Seesaw to see posts and pictures, showing what we have been learning and what fun we have been having in Blwyddyn 1!

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

