



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



Information Booklet for  
Pupils and Parents

Croeso I Blwyddyn 3

# Useful information



Teacher - Mr Steele



## The School Day

Starts - 8:55am

Break - 10:30 - 10:40am

Lunch - 12:15 - 1:00pm

Home time - 3:15pm

## Lunchtime at St Mary's

Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home, or school meals can be pre-ordered and paid for using the Parent Pay app.

## 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.

## Water and snack

Pupils can bring their own labelled water bottle to school. This can be refilled in school as necessary and returned home for washing. Pupils will also need a healthy snack for morning break time.



## PE/ Fresh Air Friday

**PE Sessions-** Blue PE T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuit bottoms if cold). Trainers for outdoor sessions, black pumps for indoor (which can be kept in school). PE days will be communicated to you in September.

**Fresh Air Friday** - Come in old clothes which you don't mind getting muddy, with old trainers/ waterproofs to change into (if ground is wet).

## Stationery

We will provide every pupil with the stationery that they need for lessons. They can bring one pencil case to school to keep these in if they wish. The pencil case will be kept in their tray overnight.


## Homework

Reading books will be sent home on Friday. Please return by the following Wednesday. Pupils may also receive homework, either on paper or assigned on our Google Classroom. This is also to be done/ returned by the following Wednesday.



# Our Curriculum

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



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

<u>Our Vision</u>	<u>Our Values</u>	<u>Our qualities</u>
<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>Compassion Honesty Friendship Thankfulness Forgiveness</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.</p> <p>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
<a href="#">#LivingMyBestLife</a>	Importance of a balanced diet/ learning about food groups and where food comes from.
Fairytales	Reading and retelling popular fairytales, including with a twist. Looking at how events can be interpreted in different ways.
<a href="#">The Celts</a>	Learning about roundhouses, Celtic life, Queen Boudicca and hillforts.
Local Area	Learning more our local area, in-particular Ruabon, in preparation for writing a report about the village.
<a href="#">Africa</a>	Learning more about African culture, music and the daily life of the people living in Africa.

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 3!

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

