



# St Mary's Church in Wales School, Ruabon



Nursery Information Booklet  
for Pupils, Parents and Caregivers

# Creoso i'r Meithrin

## Welcome to Nursery

Beginning school is a major event in the life of a child 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.



# Useful Information



Our Nursery Day  
Starts - 8:55am  
Finishes - 11.30am

St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School  
Park Street  
Ruabon  
Wrexham  
LL14 6LE

## Medical/Illness

If your child is unwell, please keep them home and contact school by 9am on the first morning of absence. If we do not receive this notification, the absence will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Tel:  
**01978 820979**



**Requests for holidays must be sent via email to school.**

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

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

- Class assemblies
- Sport Events
- Weekly Seesaw photos and updates



Please use our school app/website and calendar for information [www.stmarysruabon.co.uk](http://www.stmarysruabon.co.uk)

Seesaw can be used to see posts and pictures, showing what we have been learning and what fun we have been having in Nursery. Access to Seesaw will be sent out at the start of the school year.



# Learning Through Play

Enjoyment is the most important part of starting school. Through our kind and caring approach and our Christian ethos, we aim for all children to thrive and enjoy school.



During your child's time in Nursery, they will be engaged in lots of different play activities. We follow their interests and strive to make sure they have a range of different fun, motivating and fulfilling experiences to help them make sense of the world around them. We also utilise Seesaw to share your child's journey through photos and videos.

Our classroom is set up with lots of different areas to play both inside and outside:

Construction Corner

Reading Den

Doodle Den

Water tray

Creative corner

Maths area

Role play

Home Corner

Sand area

Music area

Playdough table

Investigation table

# Our Curriculum in Wales

## 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 4 purposes characters - Ambitious Aled, Enterprising Enfys, Ethical Erin and Healthy Harri.

# Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning and play is really important to our development. Children will be playing outside everyday come rain or shine (so please make sure they have a named coat).

We will also spend time in our school garden every week for **Welly Wednesday**.

On this day, your children will need to come dressed in old clothes and wellies. Please send in a large spare bag, such as a bag for life, for dirty clothing to help with easy accessibility.

We have found that drawstring bags can be difficult for children to access independently. All in one waterproof suits are ideal for Welly Wednesday, if you are able to provide one.



# Looking Smart!

The Governors request that all children attending St Mary's School wear the set school uniform to give a common identity and a sense of belonging. School branded uniform is available from RAM Leisure, however, we do not insist on school branded clothes. Please feel free to purchase uniform from other outlets.

A grey skirt, pinafore, trousers, or shorts with a light blue polo shirt and maroon sweatshirt or cardigan. Blue and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer.

We ask that sensible black school shoes are worn by all.  
**Trainers are not part of the school uniform except for PE lessons.**

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

<http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk>  
RAM Leisure, Trinity House  
31 Whitegate Industrial Complex  
Wrexham  
LL13 8UG  
Tel : 01978 360360

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

## Sports Kit

Blue t-shirt

Black shorts/ joggers

Sensible trainers



Your child will need a book bag ready for homework and reading books. These are also available from the [ourschoolwear](http://www.ourschoolwear.co.uk) website. Reading books will be sent home every Friday inside a bookbag and are to be returned every Wednesday ready to swap.



## Snacks



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

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

We also encourage the children to help prepare snack and become independent in choosing/carrying their own food.

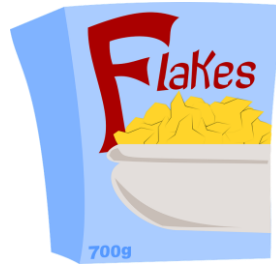
Please let us know of any allergies.

Snack money is £1 per week. Payable at the beginning of each term please via ParentPay online (personal log in details will be sent home).



Children will be offered milk or water to drink  
We like all children to have a school water bottle to drink from throughout the session so please send £1.50 in an envelope at the start of September.  
Please ensure that only water is provided in the bottles.

# Breakfast Club



St Mary's School offers Breakfast club every morning from 7.50am.

Children will be offered toast or cereal and a drink.

Breakfast club costs £3 a day if you arrive between 7.50am and 8.20am. Please use Parent Pay to pay for breakfast club sessions.

It is free if you arrive between 8.20am and 8.30am. Breakfast club closes at 8.30am and children who arrive after this time will not be admitted.

## After School Clubs

Please find below the contact numbers for wrap-around care provision with Ruabon for your child.

Mini Explorers - based at St Mary's School  
(11.30am-2.50pm)  
07872 586428

Mini World Day Nursery (7.30am-6pm)  
01978 810587

# Parents as Partners



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

Coming to Nursery, could be the first time your child has been away from you. You can prepare your child by helping them to do things by themselves and be independent.

- ✓ 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.

## Child Protection

*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.*



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>

Finally, we can't wait for your child to join our St Mary's family. We have an open door policy so please do come and see us, pick up the phone or email us, if you need to speak to us about anything at all.

**Please keep us informed of any changes in home circumstances or family situations.**

**All such information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.**