



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



## Information Booklet for Pupils and Parents

Croeso i Blwyddyn 4

# Useful Information



Teachers - Mrs Gordon (Mon)  
Mrs Williams (Tues-Fri)



## The School Day

Starts - 8:55am  
Break - 10:30 - 10:40am  
Lunch - 12:10 - 1:00pm  
Home time - 3:15 pm

## 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.



## 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 can also bring a healthy snack for morning break time.

## Stationery

We will provide every pupil with the stationery that they need for lessons. They can bring one small pencil case to school to keep these in if they wish. The pencil case will be kept in their group tray overnight so please make sure that it is not too large or bulky.

## PE

Kit: Blue, crew neck PE T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuit bottoms for cold weather) and school jumper/cardigan. Suitable trainers are to be worn. Pupils are to come to school dressed in their kit on the day of PE, which in Year 4 will be Monday and Wednesday.




## Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday morning. Homework will consist of a reading book and a maths, literacy or topic based activity which will consolidate work completed in school. Some homework tasks will be on paper and others will be set on Seesaw. Please bring in a book bag or folder to take your homework home in.

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

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.

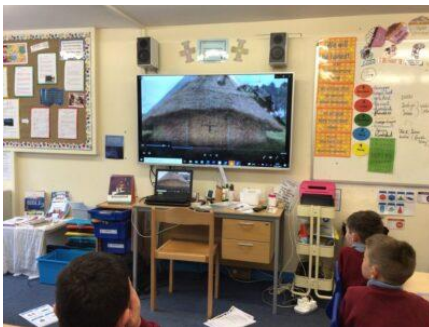
## School's Essentials Grant

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 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
Journeys	<p>How do we keep things hot/cold and how can this be of benefit on a journey?</p> <p>What journeys do we take in our life and how do they impact/influence our lives?</p> <p>Who are some famous explorers and what journeys did they take?</p> <p>How does our life compare to the life of a child in a less economically developed country?</p> <p>'Journey' by Aaron Becker Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo</p>
Off With Her Head	<p>Where do the Tudors feature on a timeline?</p> <p>Who is Henry VIII and what role did he play in history?</p> <p>How can you be a defender of your faith?</p> <p>How has medicine changed from Tudor times to today?</p> <p>Alice in Wonderland by C. S Lewis</p>
Right or Wrong? You decide!	<p>How have attitudes towards wealth and poverty changed?</p> <p>What moral dilemmas do we face in our life?</p> <p>How does the way we deal with moral dilemmas affect us?</p> <p>Aesop's Fables</p>
Amazing Animals	<p>What is conservation and why is it important?</p> <p>How can we contribute to conservation in Wales and around the world?</p> <p>How can we be a good Christian Steward?</p> <p>Animals and their habitats Charlotte's Web by E.B. White</p>
Sensational Summer	<p>How and where do people spend their time in the summer?</p> <p>How does Llandudno compare to our locality?</p> <p>Why do people choose to visit Llandudno in the summer?</p> <p>What do plants need to grow?</p> <p>Charlotte's Web by E.B. White</p>

Please use our school app/website and calendar for general information and calendar dates. Use Seesaw to see posts and pictures, showing what we have been learning and what fun we have been having in Blwyddyn 4!

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

