



St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



Information Booklet for Pupils and Parents

Croeso i Blwyddyn 4

Useful Information



Teachers - Mrs Keddie (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 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 PE T-shirt, black shorts (black tracksuit bottoms for cold weather) and school jumper or cardigan. 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 will be communicated to you in September.




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 Google Classroom. 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 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

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	Focus
A Wonderful World of Real and Make Believe	<p>Materials and their properties- planning and carrying out a fair test. Comparing and contrasting localities in different continents. Descriptive writing and writing instructions. Reading Journey by Aaron Becker, a wordless picture book and using it to inform our own descriptive writing. Talking about yourself in Welsh. Learn about Jesus.</p> <p>Keeping things warm-planning and carrying out a fair test. Story writing. Investigating holiday locations and their weather. Giving personal information in Welsh. Christian Festivals.</p>
Off With Her Head	<p>Learning about Henry VIII and his wives. Reading a condensed version of a classic novel. Investigate how medicine has changed. Creating a stable structure- photograph frame. Dancing in the style of a period in history. Describing using the third person in Welsh. Learning about Christian beliefs.</p> <p>Persuasive writing (letters) Investigating forces- magnetism, Learning about wealth and poverty and crime and punishment during a period in History. Speaking in the past tense in Welsh. Learning about the events leading up to and including Easter.</p>
Amazing Animals	<p>Learning about conservation and habitats. Investigating pneumatic systems. Reading Charlotte's Web (throughout the whole of the summer term). Writing internal monologues and expositions. Investigating animals and food chains, Expressing likes and dislikes and sharing news in Welsh, Learning about ascension and Pentecost and the colours of the Church Year</p>
Sensational Summer	<p>Considering how we spend our leisure time. Compare and contrast two localities in North Wales. Helping plants grow- planning and carrying out pattern seeking investigations Recount writing. Collect and analyse data. Using the correct language pattern for asking for things in Welsh. Learn about Moses and Judaism.</p>

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 4!

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

