



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School



Information Booklet for  
Pupils and Parents

Croeso i Blwyddyn 5

# Useful Information

Teacher - Mrs Hodkinson



## 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 should be pre-ordered using Parent Pay. School meals are free for all primary school children.



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## PE

Kit: Blue PE T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuit bottoms for cold weather). 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 and reading books will be sent home on a Thursday, to be returned by the following Tuesday please. Pupils will receive homework, either on paper or assigned on our Google Classroom.

# 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> 	<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.</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

Here are some of the potential activities for this year.

Topic	Enquiry questions/focus
To Infinity and Beyond	What do we know about the planets in our solar system? How do we get day and night? What space exploration is happening and by whom? How can we create our own music to describe a fantasy planet?
The Victorians	What was school like in the Victorians? How were children treated? What was Christmas like in the Victorians? What was the food like?
Heroes and Villains	What makes a hero? What can we find out about Greek Gods/Goddess? What makes a myth?
Dwr	What are the names of the rivers around the world? How can we save water? What is the water cycle? How far is it around the Welsh coastal path? How can we look after our waterways?

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 5!

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

