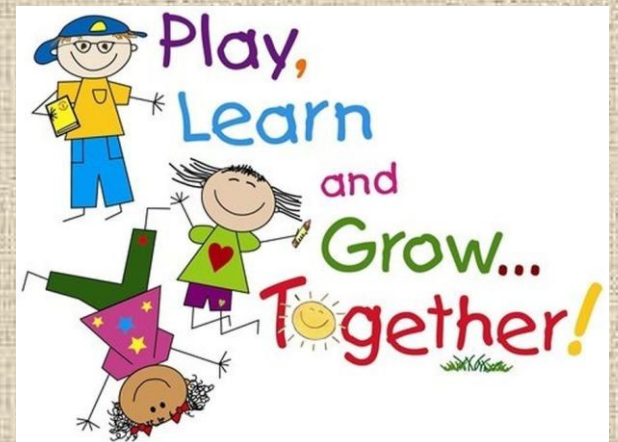


The Early Years Foundation Stage

Parents' Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 9th June 2026



Welcome to St Mary's



Our Mission Statement



“St. Mary's School is a safe, inclusive and happy place, where we follow Jesus by living, loving, learning and working together.”

Our Core Values

RESPECT - we respect ourselves, each other and our surroundings, we treat others as we would like to be treated, we think about how our actions impact other people.

NURTURE - we help and care for those around us; we encourage each other when things are tricky, we try to forgive each other - the way Jesus taught us to.

INTEGRITY - we try to do the right thing, even when nobody is looking; we know what is right and wrong; we are honest with ourselves and others, even when it is hard.

CREATIVITY - we try to learn and work in different ways, trying our best at everything - even when it is hard; we know sometimes we have to change our ideas to make things work.

CELEBRATION - we are proud of our successes and those of others; we look for 'little wins'; we value small steps and big achievements equally. We celebrate our passions and those of others.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a framework that sets the standard of learning and development for children between the ages of 0-5.

Most of your children will have started their Early Years journey in previous settings.

The way in which we support children's learning in Reception is very similar to pre-school settings.

Changes for this year

St Mary's Mini's

8 place pre-school provision which will be housed in our EYFS classroom

15 or 30 hours, wrap around provision available

Uniform

- Uniform – please see Uniform Policy in pack for further details
- Uniform Shop
- Black school shoes – no trainers (unless on PE day)
- No extreme hair styles
- No nail varnish or jewellery – including earrings
- Hair accessories need to be simple- blue or black
- Spare socks/underwear essential
- Wellington boots please!
- Send coats everyday.
- **Please** ensure that names are in EVERYTHING! Uniform, shoes, pumps, wellies, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, PE kit (sewn in names are best!)
- Take a look at the uniform on display.

Bag Wars!

Book bag



No rucksacks please 😊

Home Activities

We send home activities once a week.

It usually links to weekly learning and reinforces this learning at home.

It's a good opportunity to share learning with all the family.

It introduces good habits for later school life.

Letter sounds, reading books and tricky words

Please note – it is not compulsory

School dinners



Our school meals are very popular with our Reception children. Some of their favourites are;

“Salmon goujons”

“Fish and chips”

“Sausage in a boat”

School meals are free to all of our infant children.

A new dinner menu is sent home every term.

After School and Breakfast Club (ABC)

The Breakfast Club

- Begins at 7.30am.
- Children must be in attendance by 8.15am in order to receive breakfast.
- The cost is £4.50 for a morning session (regardless of the length of time they are there)
- They can have breakfast, socialise and play

The After School Club

- Runs from 3.30 – 5.30pm
- The cost is £4.50 for the first hour and £7.00 for the full session
- A range of healthy snacks and activities will be on offer.

Leaflet in pack.

PTFA

We have a very active PTFA who run a number of events over the school year.



PTFA

You will all be very welcome to attend the Family Fun Day/Summer Fair on 26th June 2026.



Keeping informed...

Our school website can be found at:

<http://www.bstm.co.uk/>

Here you will have access to:

- School newsletter
- Reception Class Page
- - Useful links and information to help support your child with their learning
- Calendar of events

Keeping informed...

- Reception newsletter—emailed out to parents/carers every other Friday
 - Evidence Me App
 - Instagram
 - Facebook

New Intake Visits

We hope your child can attend all three welcome visits. (Please note that these dates are in the booklet)

Great opportunity for children to meet each other; familiarise themselves with teachers and classroom; gain confidence.

Please inform us if you cannot make your allocated time as you may be able to attend the other times allocated to different surnames

Visit 1- Parents stay for whole visit

Visit 2- Try to leave your child in our care

Visit 3- Leave your child in our care

Drop off and pick up via front door

Surname: A-J	Tuesday 7th July	9.30-10.30am
Surname: L-T	Tuesday 7th July	11.00 – 12.00pm
Surname: L-T	Tuesday 14th July	9.05 – 10.30am
Surname: A-J	Tuesday 14th July	11.00 – 12.25pm
All children:	Tuesday 21st July	9.15 – 12.15pm

And Finally...

We have an open door policy so if you have any worries or concerns please come in and see the staff – preferably after school –and we will do our best to help you

Teacher/Parent partnership is very important – Working together results in a positive impact on the child's development and learning

All forms handed out tonight to be returned ASAP

Bring All About Me booklet to first welcome session (7th July)

We look forward to working with you and your child in September

Chance to chat

We would like to take you through to our Reception classroom to show you some of the activities that we like to do in Reception.

Chance to chat to members of staff and other parents.

Top up your refreshments and come on through