



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Birchley

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tuesday 21st July 2026

We hope that the children are enjoying their taster sessions. It has been a pleasure getting to know them, and we are confident they will settle in well and enjoy their time at St Mary's.

We are writing to inform you about the arrangements for September. Starting school is a big and exciting milestone, but it can also feel overwhelming. To help ease the transition, we will be using a staggered start beginning on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Staggered Start Details

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Half-Day Sessions

Children will attend for half days, based on the first letter of their surname:

- **Surnames beginning with A-J:** 9:00am – 11:30am
Entry and pick-up via the front door.
- **Surnames beginning with L-T:** 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Entry and pick-up via the front door.

Friday 4th September 2026 – Morning & Lunch Session

All children will attend a morning session and stay for lunch:

- **Time:** 8:45am – 1:30pm
Entry and pick-up via the front door.

From Monday 7th September 2026 – Full-Time Attendance

Children will begin attending school full-time:

- **Time:** 8:45am – 3:30pm
Entry and pick-up via the playground gates and class door.
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We are very much looking forward to beginning this exciting learning journey with your children.

Warm regards,

Mrs Martin, Miss Berks and Mrs McDonald

