

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4th September 2026



Dream - Believe - Achieve

Welcome



A very warm welcome to our school family!

Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I look forward to working with you over the next year and beyond to ensure our children have the very best year, full of love and learning.

The children have completed their first few days and we are so proud of how they are settling into the school routine.

For those new to the school, I write a newsletter and email it to you at the end of every term to celebrate the amazing achievements and events that are happening in our school.

For now, I would like to share a few key thoughts to help us all ease into the rhythm of school life.

Mrs. Sarah Reynolds
Principal

Parent Communication

We encourage parents to share their thoughts and concerns before they become an issue.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to speak to the class teacher at morning drop off or at the end of the school day. Instead we ask you to contact the school office who will happily arrange an appointment with the class teacher or the relevant member of staff.

Code of Conduct

At St Mary's, our three school rules are:

Be Ready • Be Respectful • Be Safe

We ask all parents, carers and visitors to help us model these values by treating everyone in our school community with courtesy, kindness and respect at all times.

We do not tolerate abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour, whether in person, by telephone, email or on social media. We also ask that concerns are raised directly with the school rather than discussed online, and that audio or video recordings of staff are not made without permission.

Thank you for working with us to maintain a safe, respectful and positive environment for all.

If you have not already received a Weekly Bulletin via email.

Please send an email to:

reception@stmarys.pdet.org.uk with your child's name in the subject of the email so we can add it to our system.

"Everything is possible for one who believes" Mark 9:23

Start / Finish Times

The gates open at 8.40am and are shut at 8.50am. The school day starts at 8:45am prompt. Any child arriving after this time needs to go to the School Office and sign in the late book.

In the afternoon gates will open at 3.10pm for children to be collected at 3:15pm from their classes.

To ensure the smooth running of the day, we kindly ask that children arrive on time, with everything they need (book bag, water bottle, snack, packed lunch if required). A calm start sets the tone for a great day ahead!

KS2 children should to be encouraged to come into the school site in the mornings by themselves to minimise people accessing the site.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our children looking smart in their uniform both in school and out in the community. Uniform can be purchased from Karl Sports or from our PTFA who regularly hold 'Pre-loved uniform' sales after school.

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please remember that **NO** backpacks are permitted, book bags only. We simply do not have the space in the classroom for backpacks.

School Communication

Emails - Our main way of communicating: Weekly Bulletin, Newsletters and Adhoc information

Weekly Bulletin - Emailed out every Friday containing information about upcoming events and clubs.

Newsletter - Emailed at the end of each term. Not to be missed!

School Website - Has a wealth of information including the Newsletters and Weekly Bulletins which are uploaded for future reference.

<https://www.stmaryscebl.info>

Instagram - Follow us on Instagram [stmaryscebl](#) where we share photos of life in school, sporting events and visits.

Facebook - [Click here to open Facebook](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-CE-Primary-School/61581185116073/>

Text Message - Alerts / key information.

Snacks

EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are offered a snack at morning break usually consisting of a piece of fruit.

Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for break.

Reading / Additional Learning

All children are encouraged to read at home and will bring home a reading book. Other opportunities for learning will be in the form of termly homework challenges, Times Table practice or Year Group specific tasks.