# WELCOME!





### UNIFORM

#### All children are expected to wear correct school uniform





School cardigan and jumper are available from PMG schoolwear



Blue gingham school dress, skirt, shorts or playsuit can be worn in the summer. These are available from high street stores.



White short sleeved shirt or polo shirt, grey shorts, trousers, skirt and tunic dress available from high street stores



Shoes should be black, socks or tights should be grey or white.



P.E. UNIFORM

Children come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have a PE lesson.

All children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform.







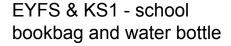




- Coloured PE t-shirt
- Plain navy PE shorts
- Plain navy or black jogging bottoms
- Plain navy zipper, or school jumper/ cardigan
- Plain black, white or navy trainers

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS







Hair accessories should be navy blue or black. Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery other than a watch. If your child has pierced ears, we ask that they wear plain stud earrings only. These should be taken out on P.E. days.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

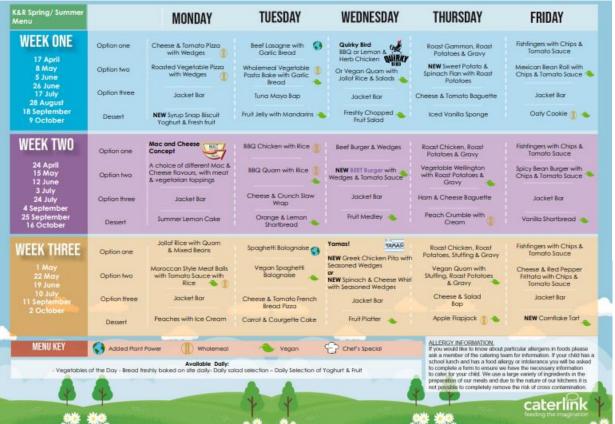


Our school meals are provided by **Caterlink** and are freshly prepared each day in our school kitchen. Pupils in Reception, Year one and Year two are able to have a free hot meal at lunchtime funded by the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' initiative. However, we do still need you to register if you are eligible for free school meals as it helps with the schools funding.

Once your child starts school in September you will be sent details of how to register with Caterlink. Ordering hot meals can be done online up to midnight on the day before you would like your child to have a meal.

If your child has any food allergies, intolerances or requires a special diet for any other medical reason then please complete the Special Diet Referral Form (available on the school website) and return to the School Office.

### MENU



#### **Packed Lunches**

You may choose to send a healthy balanced packed lunch for your child.

According to NHS choices, a balanced lunchbox should contain

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

Please avoid chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks and foods containing nuts.



#### SAFEGUARDING

We take a whole school approach to Safeguarding where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Designated Safeguarding lead is Mrs Clare Quinn & the Deputy Lead is Mrs Emmeline Lawlor.

Children are taught about keeping themselves safe and well through PSHE lessons, assemblies, computing (online safety) and class topics such as 'People Who Help Us' Please contact a member of the safeguarding team if you are ever worried about a child.



# SAFE DROP OFF & COLLECTION

#### Safe Drop Off

The playground gates are opened at 8.30am and the children will be welcomed into the classroom from 8.45am. Children should be supervised in the playground by an adult before and after

school.
Any child arriving after the gates have closed should come into school via the office.

#### Early Collection

collect your child.

Parents are asked to schedule routine appointments outside of the school day. If children need to be collected early, please inform the school in writing in advance, giving reasons for collecting early. Please come to the school office to

#### Safe Collection

Parents are asked to provide the names of adults who will be regularly collecting their child.
Children in EYFS & KS1 must be collected by someone **over 16**.

Any changes to the usual collection arrangements must be put in writing. Children will not be allowed to leave school with someone if they are showing

Please contact the office as soon as

possible if you know you will be

#### signs of anxiety or distress Late Collection

delayed. If children have not been collected by 3.30pm they will be taken to the school office.
Staff will attempt to contact parents.
Children may join the after school club

and parents may be charged for this.

#### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial to children achieving their full potential in learning, in making friends and feeling more settled and happier in school. At St Mary's Primary School aim to work together with parents in order to achieve high levels of attendance and punctuality for all children.

#### Parents/carers are expected to:

- Make sure their child attends every day on time
- Call the school to report their child's absence before 9:00am on the first day of the absence (and each subsequent day of absence), and advise when they are expected to return
- Provide the school with more than 1 emergency contact number for their child
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day

#### Medical & Dental Appointments

These will be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent/carer notifies the school **in advance** of the appointment. However, we encourage parents/carers to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary. Parents/carers are expected to provide evidence of the medical or dental appointment for our records

#### Authorised and unauthorised absence

If parents want to take their child out of school during term time they must complete a 'Request for Leave for Exceptional Circumstances' form. Head teachers cannot authorise term time holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances can be found in our <u>attendance policy</u>

If attendance falls below 90% you may be invited in for a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss any barriers to good attendance and a plan going forward to improve your child's attendance.

# SEND SUPPORT

St Mary's is committed to meeting the needs of individuals and groups of pupils and we are proud of our inclusive ethos



"Staff identify early the needs of children. Teachers use pupils' assessment information to provide bespoke support to pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to keep up with their peers. They ensure that pupils with SEND are well supported in lessons."

Please speak to the classteacher if you have any concerns about your child's development.

Our EYFS team are highly skilled at supporting individual needs. Classteachers will discuss with you if they feel additional support is necessary and may invite you to meet with the SENDCO.

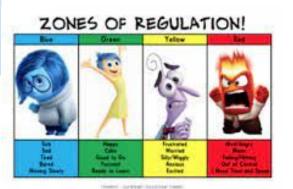
If it is decided to add a child to the SEND register teachers will create an ISP (individual support plan) which will be shared with you.

# EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING





















#### RECEPTION BASELINE ASSESSMENT

- All children take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment which became statutory in September 2021.
- It is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school.
- The RBA is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment.
- You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing the tasks



# NURSERY PROVISION AT ST MARY'S





Email: miraclegardens.nursery@gmail.com



#### WRAPAROUND CARE

Before school - from 8am

After school - up until 5.30pm

Please contact Maria Fouracre for further details



07949 518798

# ANY QUESTIONS?

