

Welcome to Nursery

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



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Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Dear Lord,
Bless the children and staff in our school. May we work together to help and support each other.
Bless all our loving parents, staff and children in our school community.

Let us follow the shining example of Mary, who showed faith, courage and obedience.

Help us to be the best that we can be and guide us as we stay connected to you and Jesus in all that we do.

As a school, we learn and grow with God by our side.
Amen.



Meet the Team!

Head Teacher- Mrs Wright



Deputy Head- Mrs Messenger

Nursery Teacher- Mrs Kerry

Teaching Assistant - Mrs Jachimaska

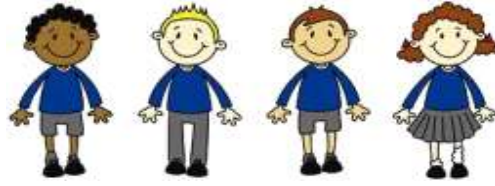
Welfare Assistant - Mrs Lee

1:1 support/Midday assistant – Miss Heaps



EYFS Team Leader and
Class 1 Teacher- Miss Noyce





Our School Mission Motto:



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“Working Together Through
Faith and Education”

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Our Catholic faith is experienced and reflected in the way in which all members of our community treat each other. We place great importance on relationships and positive behaviour, encouraging respect, co-operation and consideration.

Our Core Values are

- **Spirituality**
- **Creativity**
- **Co-operation**
- **Tolerance**
- **Independence**



**In March 2023 we received an OUTSTANDING
Denominational Inspection outcome for Catholic Life
and Mission, Religious Education and Collective
Worship**



Outstanding Denominational Inspection March 2023

For the full report- see the school's website

June 2023

Officially
rated '**Good**'
in all areas
by Ofsted



Quality of Education

Behaviour and Attitudes

Personal Development

Leadership &
Management

Key Points for Reception Admissions 2025

- Attendance at our Nursery is not a prerequisite for securing a place in our Reception classes.
- **Admissions Policy:** Our school follows the admissions policy (Diocese of Shrewsbury), which ensures a fair and transparent process for all applicants.
- **Priority:** Preference is given to Catholic Baptised children.
- **Further Information:** For detailed information on this year admissions policy, please visit our website.

Induction Visits



FIRST WEEK- Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September 2025 - by appointment only. Please make an appointment this evening.

Children are welcome to start attending Nursery from
Monday 8th September 2025



Nursery session times

Gates open from **8:45am** from Dane Bank Avenue

Half day Collection at **11:45 am**

Wait at gate at Dane Bank Avenue for **12.30pm** start

Doors open at **3:15 pm** and Nursery closes at **3.30pm**. **Please collect older siblings first and then come to Nursery.**

Late arrivals and pick ups go to main office.

Attendance & Punctuality



Be punctual at the beginning and end of the school day.

Gates are closed promptly and will only be opened at **11.45am** and **12.30pm** during the school day. If you are late please go to the main school office.

You must inform the school office if your child is poorly and not attending Nursery on that day **before 9am**.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS)

3 Prime Areas-

Communication and Language

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

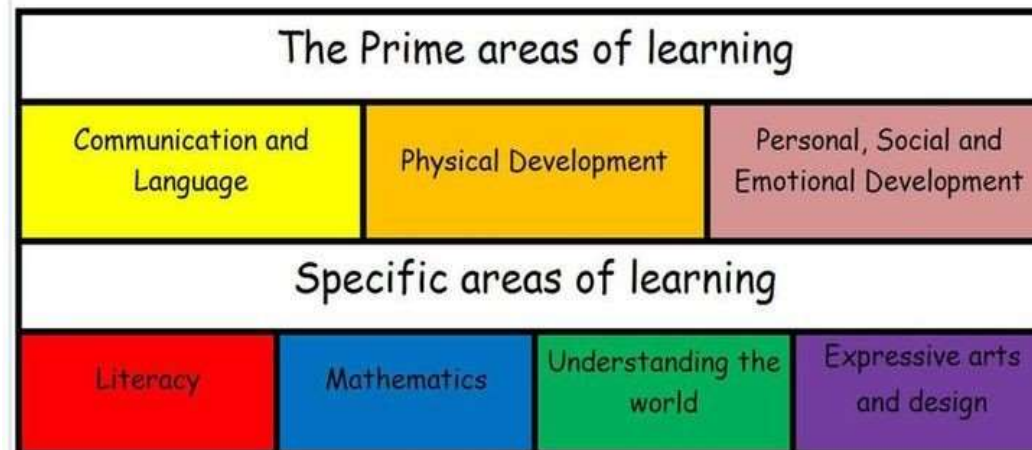
4 Specific Areas of Learning –

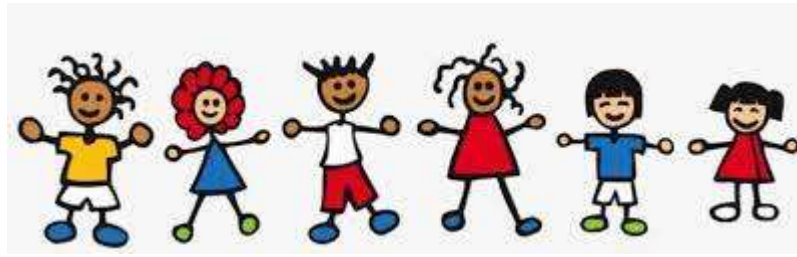
Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design





What will it be like in Nursery?

Making new friends & learning to share.

Fine motor skill development – muscles in fingers for writing.

Play, play and more play- discovering and exploring the world around them both inside and out.

Daily phonics and Maths teaching input.

Daily rhyme and story time.

Singing and dancing.

Paint, playdough, glue, scissors, mud, sand and water!

Weekly RE lessons.

Weekly Welly Wednesday walks.

Planned activities linked to children's interests.

Learning Can Be Messy

Playing outside is so important. I run and jump and get lots of fresh air. Sometimes I might get grass or mud on my clothes.



Using a knife and fork at lunchtime is tricky! Sometimes I get food on my clothes!

I sometimes get pen and paint on my clothes! This is because I am developing creative skills and exploring lots of different ways of making amazing art!



Our mud kitchen is so much fun! I use all my senses, which is so important for my development. It also helps me use my imagination and practise playing with my friends nicely!



Exploring with playdough and other messy play resources like foam or food, helps me to develop fine motor control and build up muscles and coordination in my hands and fingers. I will need these when I learn to write.



Exploring in the water tray is giving me lots of maths and scientific skills! I love pouring, filling and emptying! I usually wear an apron but sometimes my clothes get wet!



When I get messy, I have been showing curiosity, determination, persistence, imagination and confidence!



Your child will need their wellies in school all week, every week...
Nursery is messy!
You may want to send a puddle suit too.



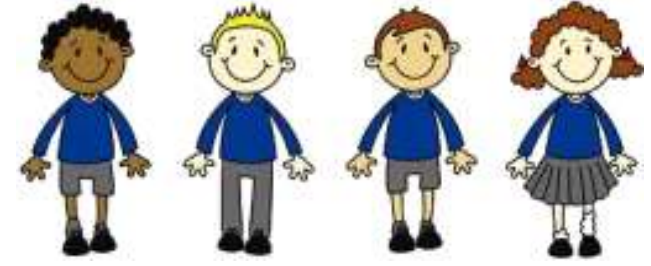
How can you help?



We would like the children to be toilet trained and to be able to wipe themselves. The summer holidays is a great time to toilet train your child!

Please discuss any individual needs with the class teacher before your child starts Nursery.

Behaviour at St. Mary's



We pride ourselves with high standards of behaviour, manners and respect.

Autumn Term 2025 - settling in, setting expectations and creating a whole class ethos and culture.

We will celebrate children's good behaviour and acts of kindness and helpfulness – stickers, verbal praise and certificates.

We will use our Catholic values to encourage and show examples of good behaviour.

Behaviour policy is available on school website.

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds



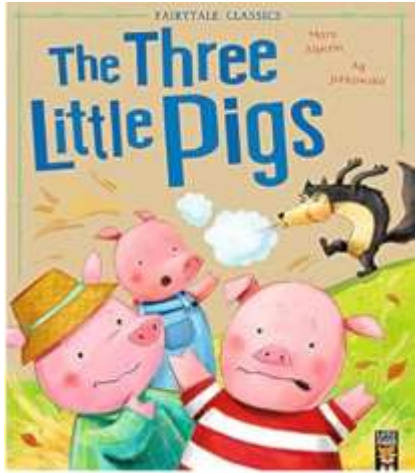
Phonics teaching begins as soon as children start Nursery.



In Nursery we focus on Phase 1 phonics.

- Listening games
- Body percussion
- Environmental sounds
 - Voice sounds
 - Alliteration
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Segmenting and blending





Reading

Key important skill...

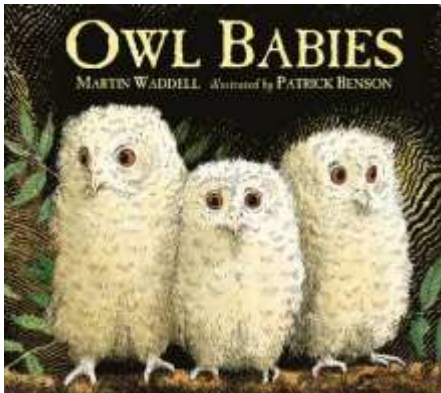


We do a story time at the end of every session.

All of our planned tasks are around a story theme – carefully chosen books, to match the usual pattern of child development.

You are invited to take a library book home with your child.

Please share books with your child daily as well as nursery rhymes and favourite action songs.



Let your child see you reading and enjoy a story together!



Recording children's learning

In Nursery we spend time interacting, teaching and playing with the children.

‘Wow’ moments will be shared in your child’s Learning Journey Book.

Whole class experiences and activities will be shared on the dojo class page.

Children each have a Learning Journey book which will be yours to keep at the end of the Nursery year

How can you help?

By speaking, listening, singing & reading together.

Encourage your child/children to...

- Listen to and talk about stories
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs
- Listen to sounds in the environment
- Play games together to encourage discussion and turn taking
- Talk about their emotions and how they are feeling at different times (happy, sad, angry, confused etc.)
- Engage in meaningful talk with your child to support them in having conversations.



How can you help?

We ask that you try to support your child to be as independent as possible from the very first day at Nursery:

- Can they take off and put on their coat?
- Do they ask an adult for help when they are unable to do something?
- Are they able to use the toilet independently?
- Do they know how to share resources?
- Do they understand that sometimes they have to wait to play with a toy or speak to an adult?
- Do they know the importance of using kind hands and words?



Healthy Teeth



Better Health Start for Life **NHS**

Brushing TWICE A DAY is just the start...

Encourage them to SPIT, NOT RINSE

Healthy habits start at home. Don't rinse with water after brushing as it washes away the protective layer of fluoride left over from the toothpaste. As they get older teach them to spit instead.

SKIP THE SUGAR they're sweet enough!

Too much food and drink containing sugar can harm your child's teeth. This can lead to tooth decay. To help protect their smile:

- Avoid adding sugar to meals
- Swap sweets and drinks containing sugar for healthier options like fruit, veg and water
- Choose sugar-free medicines where possible

At night, SNACKING STOPS when the brushing starts

Brushing before bedtime is important. Don't offer food or drink after brushing teeth at night to protect their smile.

PROTECT THEIR SMILE with regular visits to the dentist

Take your child to the dentist as often as your dentist recommends. Under 18s, or under 75s in full-time education, are entitled to **FREE** NHS dental treatment in England.

- Poor oral health can affect children and young people's ability to sleep, eat, speak, play and socialise with other children.
- Other impacts include **pain, infections, poor diet, and impaired nutrition and growth.**

Housekeeping

Label everything!!! Even underwear, shoes and socks! Bring a change of clothing in case of accidents.



Provide a named water bottle every day.



Wear weather appropriate coats.



Hat and gloves or sun hat.



Children will be offered fruit and milk each day at snack time.

Lunchtime



If your child stays at Nursery all day, please provide them with a healthy lunch box. All children will need to bring some healthy snacks to enjoy with their classmates at lunchtime.

We are a healthy eating school therefore lunch boxes will be monitored and should only contain healthy foods.

Healthy Packed Lunch

- sandwich or pasta
- fruit
- salad
- NO nuts
- Small treats

During the session the children will have the opportunity to eat a piece of fruit and drink milk.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Our school aims to meet the special educational needs and disabilities of all children

St Mary's is a welcoming school based on our shared Gospel values where we give witness to God's love, knowing that every child is embraced with the **love of Jesus** as they pray, **play** and **grow** together as friends.

Every child is unique and we are proud of our inclusive and supportive **learning** environment, where we celebrate each other's achievements. Children have the opportunity to reach their full potential as we guide them to become lifelong learners.

We all aspire to do the best we can within God's family, living Christian values and sharing spiritual links with those in our home, parish and wider community.

Please contact the school's SENCo Mrs Hemming if you wish to discuss your child's individual special needs or disability.



Class Dojo

This is our main electronic form of communication with you
We will invite you to join dojo via your email
You **must** accept the invitation to sign up.

Download the app & familiarise yourself with the functions

See your child's learning throughout the year
Communicate with us



Keep an eye out for our summer challenges to complete with your child!
We would love to see photos too!



SMART Club

**Before/After School
&
Holiday Club**



**Do you need childcare before and after school?
Or during the school holidays?**

SMART Club operates from the blue mobile building on St Mary's KS2 playground, and is open before school and after school,

We can offer regular sessions or casual bookings as required

With our flexible drop-off and pick-up times, sessions can fit around your work schedule.

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School Building Fund

St. Mary's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school and therefore a 10% contribution is required for building work and improvement for our school environment. This money is really important to us.

All parents with children attending this school are asked to make a voluntary contribution.

The suggested contribution is **£15 per child (29p per child per week!)**

However you are free to give more or less, your child will not be treated any differently, we are inclusive!

All information on how to pay is in the leaflet in your pack.



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