



**ST.MARY'S RC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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St Mary's RC Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 20th September 2023

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope you and your family have enjoyed some quality time together over the summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

I am delighted to welcome our new Reception pupils and their families to St Mary's. Also a warm welcome to those pupils who have joined us in other year groups, further up the school. Our home-school partnership is incredibly important to us. I encourage all parents to download the Class Dojo app to communicate with class teachers, if they are unable to approach staff on the doors at the start and end of the day. Please ask us to assist with this should this be problematic.

School Uniform

As we start this new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations.

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in our school. It also helps prepare students for life after primary school where there will be uniform expectations at their secondary school. This includes wearing plain black shoes/trainers/boots.

Our uniform policy is available on the website for further reference. Please see the link below:

[Microsoft Word - Prospectus 2022-2023 \(stmrc.co.uk\)](#)

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Parent governor vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors. Please see the separate letter below and notify school via email, if you are interested in this role. office@st-mrc.co.uk

[Microsoft Word - Parent governor letter \(stmrc.co.uk\)](#)



The school day

The school day now starts at **8.30am** and ends at **3.00pm**. Please ensure your children arrive promptly and are collected on time at the end of the school day. We offer a Breakfast Club service from 8.00am for 50p. This is an excellent way of ensuring your children are on time for school and ready for the day.

If you are unable to collect your child at 3.00pm, please book them into after school club by calling or emailing the school office in advance. Due to the increasing number of pupils who are left uncollected at the end of the school day, if you are not here for 3.00pm, your child will now wait in the after-school club and you will be charged for this provision.

Forest Schools Project

We would like to thank you for your continued support for our Forest Schools Project - Tesco Community Grant Funding. If you are unsure what this is please see:

[Microsoft Word - Tesco Funding for Forest Schools - 27 June 2023 \(stmrc.co.uk\)](https://stmrc.co.uk/microsoft-word-tesco-funding-for-forest-schools-27-june-2023)

Voting will continue until the end of September 2023:

Langley - Express

Middleton - Extra

Middleton Oldham Road - Express

Alkington - Express

Can we please ask for your support with the voting and spread the word with your families and friends!

Thank you!

Thank you to our parents for the overwhelming support you show our school. We are looking forward to an extremely positive year at St Mary's.

Parking plea

The school car park is for staff and visitors. We have some provision for parking for those parents who have a Blue Badge, but this is limited as we have a large staff team.

Please do not block staff cars in or use the entrance of the car park for dropping pupils off. Please drive carefully in our car park and please park in a car parking space. There is parking on the site of the old Catholic Club car park on Wood Street.

**BE SAFE.
DRIVE SMART.**

School Office

We would like to remind you that you can purchase school bags, ties, PE bags and water bottles at the school office. Please see the prices below:

School Book Bag - £8

PE Bag - £1

Water Bottle - £1

School Tie - £5

Please also see our events calendar on the school website for information on trips:

[Event calendar – St Mary's R.C Primary \(stmrc.co.uk\)](https://stmrc.co.uk/event-calendar)

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