



ST MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we bring the 2024–2025 academic year to a close, we reflect on what has been another exceptional and joy-filled year at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. We are incredibly proud of everything we've achieved together as a school family. Below are just some of the many highlights from this past year:

### **Lead School for CUSP**

We are proud to have continued as a Lead School for CUSP, sharing our curriculum expertise with schools locally, nationally and internationally. Our staff remain committed to ensuring that all pupils benefit from a knowledge-rich, carefully-sequenced curriculum.

### **Year 6 Trip to Paris**

Once again, our amazing Year 6 pupils fundraised with determination to enjoy an unforgettable trip to Paris. They immersed themselves in French culture, tried local delicacies, explored historic sites and of course, experienced the magic of Disneyland® Paris!

### **Stories from the River Tees**

St Mary's was thrilled to bring People Powered: Stories from the River Tees to the National Portrait Gallery's Spotlight Space last autumn. This Special London edition of the award-winning exhibition highlighted powerful portraits and stories from communities around the Tees, originally curated at MIMA and celebrated with the Heritage Award at the 2023 North East Culture Awards.

### **Oscar Romero Award**

The curriculum at St. Mary's provides many opportunities for both our children and staff to develop knowledge and understanding of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and to action that commitment through good works and words that show we live our faith in our community as a force for good! We are proud to have the work recognised by receiving the participator award of the Oscar Romero Award.

### **Chess in Schools**

Children across Key Stage 2 embraced the art of chess, sharpening their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Their efforts culminated in a spirited inter-school chess tournament.

### **Fun at the Heart of St Mary's**

Our commitment to fun remains unwavering. From Muddy Madness and inflatable days to discos, movie nights and party days, we've made sure that this year has been packed with memories for every child.

### **After-School Clubs**

An amazing 60% of our pupils participated in after-school clubs this year—reflecting the wide and

engaging offer we provide. From sports and art to coding and choir, our clubs enrich lives and help pupils discover their passions.

### **33 Experiences**

Our "33 Experiences of St Mary's" continue to ensure all children enjoy a broad range of rich, unforgettable activities before their 12th birthday. These unique opportunities help our pupils to thrive in all areas of life.

### **Building Our Futures**

The Year 4 children took part in inspiring local initiatives that connected them with our local culture and future career pathways, equipping them with valuable life and employability skills.

### **Parent Partnership**

We are deeply grateful for your continued support throughout this academic year. Working in partnership with you allows us to ensure that every child at St Mary's receives the best start in life. Together, we will continue to raise aspirations and support each and every pupil to flourish.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short end-of-year [questionnaire](#) - we genuinely value your feedback.

### **A Fond Farewell to Year 6**

To our fantastic Year 6 children, you have been an inspiration! We are so proud of the mature, kind and capable young people you have become. Your achievements, friendships and unique personalities have left a lasting impression. As you move on to secondary school, know that you will always be part of the St Mary's family. We can't wait to see the great things you'll go on to do!

### **September Reminders**

#### **Uniform**

We maintain high expectations for uniform and appearance. Please ensure your child returns in full school uniform. The uniform requirements are listed below:

#### ***Nursery and Reception***

- Navy Jogging bottoms
- Navy sweatshirt
- Navy or white t-shirt

#### ***Year 1 – Year 6***

- Black school shoes
- Grey trousers or skirt or tartan pinafore/skirt – tartan is optional
- White blouse or shirt
- Blue tie

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- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Blazer – optional

### **PE Kit**

#### **Year 1 – Year 6**

- Indoor
- PE t-shirt in house colour
- Black shorts
- Black plimsolls
- Outdoor
- Navy sweatshirt
- Navy jogging bottoms

Uniforms can be purchased from 'Lollipops' see website link and address below  
<https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/shop/>

Lollipops  
 20 Norfolk Place  
 Berwick Hills  
 Middlesbrough  
 TS3 7PA

### **Jewellery & Piercings**

No jewellery, including earrings, will be permitted from 1st October 2025. Please ensure any ear piercings are done at the beginning of the summer holidays. Watches must also be removed during PE sessions.

### **Stationery**

From September, children will no longer be permitted to bring pencil cases or any stationery from home. The school will provide all necessary equipment. Any personal stationery items brought into school will be confiscated, and parents will be contacted by the class teacher.

### **Water Bottles**

All children must bring a full unbranded water bottle to school each day, filled with plain water only (no juice or squash).

### **Hair & Appearance**

Hairstyles should be simple and in keeping with our school standards. No extreme styles or patterns. Hair that is longer than shoulder length should always be tied back. Hair bands, ribbons, or bows should be simple. Makeup and nail varnish are not allowed.

### **Footwear**

Black, plain, unbranded shoes only. Platform soles or high heels are not permitted.

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## Autumn Term

Children return to school on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**.

Staff are available for brief conversations at the start/end of the day, or you can contact the office to make an appointment for a private discussion.

 [enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk)

 01642 455309

Please avoid using Facebook to contact school as we are unable to respond through that platform.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

There will be **no extra-curricular clubs** during the **first week of term**. All clubs will begin in the **week commencing Monday 8th September**. Information about the clubs on offer will be shared with families during the **week beginning 1st September**.

All the staff at St Mary's join us in wishing you a wonderful summer filled with joy, rest and special memories. We can't wait to see you all again in September!

Best wishes

*A McClurey & N Bennett*

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