



Dear Parents and Carers

28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Welcome back! This is the first Headteacher's letter for the new academic year here at St. Mary's. I trust that you are all safe and well, had a good summer break and enjoyed the very hot weather we had. I would say that the rain yesterday was very refreshing but I think most people got very wet!

It is wonderful to see the children back together at school, smiling and excited, as we all are for the year ahead. The children have been absolutely amazing and have settled well into their new classes. Their behaviour around school and in collective worship has been fantastic.

We are really hoping that you can join us as much as possible to support your child's school learning journey throughout the year. Termly dates will be sent out early next week so that you have plenty of advance notice of upcoming events.

I would like to say a very warm welcome to our new children and their families; we have had some new children starting in Key Stage 1 and 2 as well as those children beginning their St. Mary's journey in EYFS this year.

### Communication

I know that communicating with parents always needs improvement. Outlined below are the methods of communication that we use at St Mary's.

I will continue to produce a Headteacher update when needed. A termly date letter will be sent home. There will be a half-termly Phase Letter with specific information related to year groups and a half-termly newsletter.

Hopefully together with access to the Arbor App, the school website and our Facebook page, parents will be well informed of what is going on in school and when.

Should you wish to pass on a message to your child's class teacher in the morning when you drop them off, please give this message to the member of staff on the gate or alternatively call the school office and a message will be passed on to your child's class teacher for you.

### Drop off

Once you have dropped your child off in the playground, please can you vacate the walkway as quickly as possible.

The entrances need to be clear for other children to enter the playground and this can be a little overwhelming if there are lots of parents stood at the gates.

In addition, congregating on the pavement outside school is really impactive for members of the public trying to walk past and has meant on occasions that parents with prams are needing to go onto the road to pass by which is really dangerous. Thank you for your understanding and for support in keeping our children, families and members of the public safe.

All of the children are very familiar with the morning routines, even year one children as we established these at the end of term as part of transition. The children will settle more quickly without a prolonged goodbye. In addition, staff are always on hand to support.

### Pick up

Parents of children in Stafford class who have siblings in Key Stage 1 or 2 should pick their younger child up first.

Access from the top playground to the bottom playground must be via the outside of school. Please do not walk down the side of the playground as this disrupts the dismissal of the older children. Thank you for your support with this.

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Can I also ask that parents/carers do not stand on the walls of the flower beds as we discourage the children from doing this and it can be distracting.

## Uniform

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for sending the children back to school looking smart and ready for learning. Uniform is really important as it helps to create a sense of belonging to our church school family. Our uniform expectations are attached.

## PE

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in the correct PE kit (no football kits, logos or grey or navy tracksuit bottoms). School colours are purple tops and black shorts or legwear. The children may wear trainers on PE days **only**. Earrings need to be removed at home and long hair **must** be tied back. Parents will be contacted if the incorrect uniform or PE kit is worn, please speak to a member of SLT if you are having difficulty sourcing any uniform. Uniformly, run by SMSC, our PTA, have plenty of second-hand good quality uniform that parents can purchase at a very reasonable cost. Please click on the QR code to access the Uniformly page.



## PE Days

These are listed below:

| Class             | Teacher                      | PE Days                |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Stafford Class    | Mr Bond                      | Wednesday and Thursday |
| Kahlo Class       | Mrs Corley and Mrs Jenkinson | Tuesday and Thursday   |
| Teresa Class      | Mrs Mosedale                 | Tuesday and Thursday   |
| Gaudi Class       | Mr Cramp                     | Monday and Friday      |
| Newton Class      | Mr Roper                     | Monday and Friday      |
| Cadbury Class     | Mrs Malin                    | Wednesday and Friday   |
| Chanel Class      | Mrs Rajpara                  | Wednesday and Friday   |
| Shakespeare Class | Mrs Talbot                   | Wednesday and Friday   |

**Please note that if your child is going swimming, PE kit will need to be worn on these days too. Letter to follow next week for Years 5 and 6.**

## Car Park Passes

One car parking pass has been allocated to each pupil for this academic year and these were handed out at the end of last term. If you require an extra car parking pass, please speak to the office (Maximum of 2 per family).

Thank you as always for your support.

Have a lovely long weekend,

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