



Term Dates Thursday 2nd September to Friday 17th December '21
Half Term Holiday Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Welcome to the
new school year
at St Mary's

Hold my hand Lord, show me the way
Help me be grateful for every day.
Show me the difference between right and wrong
Keep me safe Lord, all night long.
Give me direction on what I should do,
Lead the way Lord, I trust you.
Amen.

Information Sheets

We would be grateful if parents could return the new yellow emergency contact sheets to the school office as soon as possible (please complete both sides and sign) so that we have up to date address, telephone numbers and e-mails for all pupils. It is a safeguarding requirement that we ask for **three** different contacts and telephone numbers for children, to ensure that we can keep in touch in case of an emergency.

Please remember to tell us straight away if your contact number or e-mail address changes. This year most of our information for parents will be sent out electronically, so please help us to stay in touch. Thank you.

Lots of information is on our school website: www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk



Uniform & Jewellery

Please ensure that children wear full school uniform at all times. Sports wear and sweatpants are only allowed for outdoor P.E. and should not be worn at other times.

Outdoor P.E. kit (for all children except nursery) is a plain grey sweatshirt (without a hood), plain black jogging trousers and a pair of trainers.

Items of uniform can be bought from www.oneidentity.co.uk a local company who will deliver your order to school for free, or the www.myclothing.com website.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day and these will need to be taken home each day to be washed.

Jewellery is not allowed in school - this includes all types of earrings.

Wrist watches may be worn but must be removed for P.E.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

There are a number of children in school with different types of allergies, some of whom have been prescribed with Epi Pens because they are at risk of anaphylaxis.

You can help us to reduce the risk of any of them having an allergic reaction in school by being careful with snacks and packed lunches. **Please do not send packets of nuts, cereal bars or chocolate bars such as Snickers and avoid products such as peanut butter and Nutella in packed lunches.** Thank you for your help.

**Playground gate is open from 8.15 to 8.45 a.m.
and 3.00 to 3.15 p.m. Please don't be late!**

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School Photographs

On Monday 13th September the photographer will be in school. Unfortunately, this year, due to regulations to limit the risk of spreading COVID, there will be no family photographs and parents will receive the pictures digitally rather than via paper order forms.

Pupils should be dressed in full school uniform for the photographs.

Children in Years 4 and 5 should come to school in outdoor PE kit on Monday, but wear a BLUE sweatshirt instead of their grey one with their black joggers.

Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor and also for additional Foundation Governors. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact the Chair of Governors, Nicola Pettitt, or the school office for more information.

Please note that Foundation Governors need to be practising Catholics who attend Mass regularly, but they do not need to be parents of children in St Mary's School.

Internet Security

Over the last few months a number of inappropriate apps and social media platforms have appeared. If your child has a phone, please check it regularly to ensure they are keeping safe online and please read the monthly Online Safety Newsletters which are sent to parents via email.

Local Authority guidelines advise against school employees accepting "Friendship" requests on Facebook and social media, so we would be very grateful if parents and pupils would not request members of staff.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder of the school meal prices for this term.

Nursery meal = £1.30 per day £6.50 per week

School meal (Key Stage 2) = £2.00 per day £10.00 per week



Reminder: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

Caterlink provide school with a cash free service and ALL parents (including those who are entitled to free school meals) are asked to set up an account with ParentPay.

Please contact the school office for a username/password to set up a new account.

Please click this link to see the term dates for this academic year:

<http://www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Term-Dates-2021-2022.pdf>

PE Timetable for Autumn Term

| Reception | Wednesday |
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| Year 1 | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 3 | Wednesday & Thursday |
| Year 4 | Monday & Wednesday |
| Year 5 | Monday & Wednesday |
| Year 6 | Wednesday & Thursday |

On PE days children need to come to school dressed in grey/black outdoor kit.