St Mary's School, Kells

October

Term Dates: Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

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Prayer to Our Lady in the Month of the Holy Rosary



Mother Most Gracious,
Pray for us as we go about our daily lives;
that we may work hard, be kind, and always do our best.
That we keep safe, as we grow in your love and care.
That we believe in ourselves, achieve our potential, and aspire to be the best we can be.
Help us to follow the example of your Son, Jesus, as we learn to understand more about the wonderful world which God has created for us. Amen.

The playground gate is open as follows:

Morning – from 8.15 a.m. to 8.40 a.m.

Afternoon - from 3.10 p.m.





Samaritan's Purse – Shoe Box Appeal

This year we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child which is a hands-on way for us to help children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

Instruction leaflets will be sent home soon and we would be grateful for either filled shoeboxes or donations of items, which we can use to fill additional boxes at school. Completed shoeboxes need to be ready for collection from St Mary's School by Monday 10th November.

Sports Kit

Outdoor P.E. kit for all children except nursery is a plain grey (apart from school badge) sweatshirt without a hood, plain black jogging trousers without sports logos or stripes, and a pair of trainers.

Items of uniform and PE kit 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.

On PE days children should come to school dressed in grey/black outdoor kit. A small pair of stud earrings is allowed (not hoops) except on PE days when they will need to be removed.

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

Friday 24th October will be a non-uniform day

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Wrap Around Care

Please use the QR code to book before or after school wrap around care places.
Breakfast Care provision is £3.50 per session. After School Care provision is £5.00 per session.
Charges include either breakfast or a teatime snack.
Bookings should be made by 3 p.m. on the Friday of the week prior to the sessions required and all payments need to be made in advance using a ParentPay account.

Primary & Secondary School Applications

Parents with children in nursery and Year 6 need to complete online application forms for school places in September 2026 at:
https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools
Closing dates for applications are as follows:
Reception class places – 15th January 2026 Year 7 places – 31st October 2025

Medication

If your child is prescribed medication from a doctor, which needs to be given in school time, e.g. antibiotics which are required 4 times during the day, please bring it to the office and complete the necessary forms. For safety reasons please do not give medication to your child to hand in, or leave it with class teachers. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday 8th October the school nursing team will be at St Mary's to carry out flu immunisation (using nasal spray) for children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School Photographs

Parents should have received an e-mail from the photographers with a link to individual and family group photos, which were taken last Monday. If you would like to buy any photograph packs please follow the instructions on the H. Tempest website.

School Disco on Thursday 23rd October in the school hall

Years 1, 2 and 3 from 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Years 4, 5 and 6 from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.
Nursery & Reception disco will be on Friday 24th October from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fancy dress is optional – More information soon

Dates for Your Diary

(We will do our best not to make changes!)

EYFS Nativity –	Thursday 11th December at 10 a.m.
	Friday 12th December at 10 a.m.
KS 1 Nativity –	Monday 15th December at 10 a.m.
	Tuesday 16th December at 2 p.m.
KS 2 Carol Service -	Monday 15th December at 2 p.m.
	Tuesday 16th December at 11 a.m.
Christmas Lunch -	Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Party Day -	Thursday 18th December
Christmas Jumper Day -	Friday 19th December
END OF TERM –	**Friday 19th December at 1.10 p.m.**