



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Workington. CA14 5LN

Newsletter 5th September 2025

"Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from him."

WELCOME BACK!

Term dates: Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December

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

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm, welcome back to all of our children, staff and families and an extra special welcome to those children and staff who are joining our St Marys family this academic year! We hope you will be very happy here with us.

It has been an exciting, full on few days and the children have all settled in brilliantly! It has been wonderful to see all of the smiles and hear the chatter and laughter filling our school. If the rest of the term goes as smoothly as the past few days we are in for a terrific Autumn Term! We are so impressed with how many children, particularly our younger friends, have already started to enter the school grounds independently. This is a huge step for many, but they should all be congratulated on their courage and independence - please continue to encourage and support your little ones.

A polite reminder to please be mindful when collecting/dropping off your children, the whole school (par Nursery) continue to enter and exit school using the same gate and pathway, this creates a lot of foot traffic! Therefore we kindly ask for your cooperation with swift drop off and collection which safely allows our children and families to leave.

We kindly ask that you also please refrain from tying up dogs to the school fence. Should you need to do this in order to collect your child please ensure this is a good distance away from the main gate and paved area where children and families walk. We suggest down by the grass verge running parallel to Moorclose road. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Opportunities to meet your child's new teacher will be available during the week of the 15th September, dates and times for individual year groups can be found on the key dates newsletter.

A lot of key information has been shared in this email, please be sure to read it carefully.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Douglas x



Our Mission Statement

WHY WE ARE HERE

Jesus told us to love God
and love one another.

We do this by showing respect
and by caring for each other.

We want all of us to do our best
at all times and
take pride in ourselves because each of us
is special to God.

**Our mission statement is shared in
school daily. Ask your child about it
and the reason we share it?**



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club starts at 8am each morning. It is extremely popular and therefore places need to be booked. To book a place please contact the school office on 01946 830433. To access breakfast club you need to use the Nursery entrance door and ring the door bell on the left hand side.

SCHOOL GATE

Reception children up to Year 6 use the main school gate to enter and exit school. The gate **opens at 8.40am** each morning and all children should be aiming to arrive at this time. Gate closes at **9am prompt**. Arrival after 9am is "late" and children need to be escorted by an adult to the main office. At the end of the day the gates open at 3.25pm. **School day finishes at 3.30pm.**

PE days this half term:



On PE days children need to bring a full change of clothing and appropriate footwear, ie - trainers. School PE kit is required (it does not have to have the school badge)- Navy/black joggers or shorts, Navy/black T shirt and trainers. **Football strips are not permitted and spare kit will be provided if necessary. All jewellery must be removed before lesson.**



Please note children do complete some lessons outside, therefore as the weather changes please ensure they have warm clothing such as joggers/tracksuit pants and a hoodie/jumper.

PE AND DANCE:

Reception - PE on Friday

Year 1 - PE on Friday

Year 2 - PE on Friday

Year 3 - Dance on Tuesday and PE on Friday

Year 4 - Dance on Tuesday and PE on Thursday

Year 5 - Dance on Tuesday and PE on Friday

Year 6 - Dance on Tuesday and PE on Thursday

SWIMMING THIS TERM: Clean swimming kit is required every day of that week. Children can wear goggles.

Week commencing: 15th September - Year 2 swimming

Week commencing: 22nd September - Year 3 swimming

COMPETITIONS THIS TERM:

Should your child be selected for any sporting events you will receive a text message regarding kit and we will try to give as much notice as possible.

Jewellery

Children are permitted to wear a small pair of earrings and a watch for school (no smart watches), however both must be removed for PE and other physical activity within school.

Staff are not permitted to remove ear rings, children are required to do this independently if not done at home.

After School Clubs

Activities and details for after school clubs have been sent out. Clubs will run for 7 week blocks finishing the week commencing 20th October.

If your child decides they no longer want to partake in the club please inform the school office so that they can be removed from the register.

PARKING NEAR SCHOOL



Polite reminder to please be mindful when parking near school!

Please **refrain** from parking on Zigzags, double yellow lines and opposite the junction onto Moorclose road. This was becoming an issue again towards the end of summer term.

Lets continue to **work together** to keep all of our children and families **safe!**



Communication with school

If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office either by email admin@stmarys-harrington.cumbria.sch.uk or by telephone 01946 830433 and ask for a call back or a face to face appointment to be arranged.

Please refrain from emailing staff directly as sometimes these can be missed and responses delayed.

Tuck shop

Tuck shop will commence from Friday 12th September, 50p per item.

Children are allowed to bring their own **heathly snack** for break time if they wish to do so.

Loving God,

Thank You for bringing us safely back to school.
Bless our teachers, friends, and all who help us learn and grow.
Help us to be kind, to do our best, and to follow Jesus in all we do.

Keep us safe and happy this year.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Amen.