

St Mary's Newsletter



5th September 2025

Hello and Welcome

It's been wonderful to see the children return after summer, settling quickly into school life with great enthusiasm and behaviour. A special welcome to our new F2 children and families - we're excited to have you with us. You are in our prayers.

We're also delighted to welcome our new caretaker, Alexander Burrough, who's already proving to be a fantastic addition to the team.

As the new Headteacher at St Mary's, I feel truly honoured. Thank you for your warm messages of support - they mean a lot. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead, working together to give our children the very best. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

With every blessing,

Kerry O'Neill



Behaviour and Values

This week in assemblies, we revisited our 7 core values:

***Kindness, Respect, Commitment,
Responsibility, Appreciation,
Resilience, and Honesty.***

The children have truly embraced them!

Staff have already praised their fantastic attitude and effort. We also refreshed our Behaviour Curriculum, focusing on positive movement around school, strong learning habits, and safe, happy playtimes. It's been a joy to see these values in action across the school.

Dates

Thurs 11 th Sept	9:15am - Mass at school - all welcome
Thurs 18 th Sept	3:20pm - Parent meeting - Help your child to love maths
Mon 22 nd Sept	1:10pm - Parent & child OPAL session
Thurs 2 nd Oct	9:15am - Harvest Assembly - all welcome
Wed 15 th Oct	Parents' Meeting (details to follow)
Wed 12 th Nov	INSET Day - school closed to children

Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your support - our children look so smart in their uniforms!

Just a quick note: school shoes must be black leather or leather-look (no canvas or trainers).

With OPAL play happening daily, rain or shine, please make sure your child has wellies and a waterproof jacket in school as part of their uniform. Checking the forecast each morning helps ensure they're dressed for the day.

Thanks again for helping us keep everyone comfortable and ready to play!

Attendance & Punctuality Reminder

We're continuing to monitor attendance and punctuality, as they remain a national focus.

- **Morning:** Gates open at 8:35am for an **8:45am** start.
- **Afternoon:** School ends at **3:15pm**. Gates reopen just after 3:05pm so you can wait in the designated area for your child.

Thanks for helping us keep things running smoothly!



Modern Foreign Language

Most of our Year 6 leavers move on to Trinity, where French is taught as the modern foreign language. To support a smooth transition, we will now be teaching French instead of Spanish from Year 3 onwards.

Mobile Phones

To help keep drop-off and pick-up calm and connected, please keep phones tucked away while on the playground. If a staff member reminds you, it's just to support this shared goal. Thanks for your continued support!

Safety Message from Nottingham City Council

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Very sadly, over the last school year, three children were injured after being knocked over by cars outside Nottingham schools. So, as the new term begins, we're asking for your co-operation to keep the roads outside school calm and safe for everyone.

We're asking all parents or carers who drive children to school, to...

BE TIMELY – Can you try to get to school in good time, so that you can park away from the school, especially the zig-zag lines, and walk your child/children up to the school gates? This will mean better visibility and a safer environment for everyone.

BE CONSIDERATE – Please can you park considerately; not blocking the pavements or resident's driveways and turning off your vehicle's engine whilst waiting, to reduce pollution?

BE PATIENT – Can you please drive carefully and be patient whilst driving away from the school? We appreciate everyone has busy lives, however, this has been the main cause of previous accidents.

As we go into the new school term, let's do all we can to keep our children safe. Thank you.