

# ST MARY'S MIDDLEWICH **SCHOOL PROSPECTUS**

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Chair of Governors: Simon Davis

*St Mary's is a happy and vibrant family where each child and adult is cherished, valued and enabled to grow in confidence to their full potential. It provides a safe environment in which each individual is encouraged to live as Jesus taught and to reach levels of personal development, creative and academic achievement.*

'Pupils arrive at school happy and ready to learn. Staff, along with the school's dog, greet them with a warm smile each morning. Pupils know that staff look after them and help with any problems that they may have. Pupils enjoy their learning.' OfSTED 2024

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*Throughout this document the term 'parent' refers to the person/people responsible for an individual child.*

St Mary's Primary School, Middlewich, is the Catholic school for children from Middlewich, Holmes Chapel, Goostrey, Sandbach and the villages nearby. The school, over 110 years old, opened on its current site in January 1994 and is a delightful environment for both teaching and learning.



## THE AIMS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL

- To foster Gospel values within each individual and so enable them to continue on their Faith journey through the Catholic ethos of the school.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum presented in a variety of ways.
- To provide a safe and secure environment in which children are relaxed, comfortable and confident.
- To encourage children to develop an awareness of responsibility to themselves, for the wider community and the world.
- To nurture all members of the community to enable them to achieve their full potential in all aspects of their life.
- To foster independent thinking and ensure equal access to all aspects of the curriculum through provision of quality teaching and learning through a wide range of resources.

## ORGANISATION OF EDUCATION

The school is organised into classes according to age, the number of which will depend on the overall number on roll. We currently have 7 classes with 180 children on roll. The youngest children are the Reception year and after Reception the children go from Year 1 to Year 6.

Foundation Stage -	Reception
Key Stage One (KS1) -	Y1, Y2
Key Stage Two (KS2) -	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

We strive to maintain a favourable ratio of the number of children per adult and currently the children are taught in single year groups. The Governors and Senior Management are determined to provide education for all Baptised Catholic children who live within the Parish of St Mary's.

## THE CURRICULUM

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise of this Catholic School. He gives direction to all policies and undertakings of the school. The curriculum is focused on the development of the whole child and includes every aspect of school life, from taught subjects to the opportunities the children experience every day. The curriculum is outstanding in its breadth and balance, bringing all pupils into contact with the subject areas as detailed in the National Curriculum and beyond. St Mary's has been awarded the following:

- 'Primary Quality Mark' from the Basic Skills Agency recognising our commitment to the core subjects of English, Maths and Science (including ICT)
- 'National Healthy Schools Award' recognising our commitment to the health of children in mind, body and spirit.
- 'School Games Mark Award' – *Gold* - acknowledging our commitment to a comprehensive PE curriculum and links to outside clubs.
- 'Eco Schools Award' – *Green Flag* – acknowledging our commitment to creating a sustainable environment today and a sustainable way of living for future generations.
- AcSEED Award – emotional wellbeing and Mental Health.

Our curriculum aims to reflect the diverse society in which we live; providing the children with a rich and varied exploration of different cultures.



Core Subjects: English Mathematics  
Science Religious Education  
Information and Communications Technology

Foundation Subjects: History Geography  
Design Technology  
Music PE  
French Art  
Personal and Social Education including Citizenship

At St. Mary's, we plan our curriculum in three phases. We have established a long-term plan (Curriculum Topic Plan) for each key stage. This indicates where topics are taught in each term and to which groups of children. We review our long-term plan (Curriculum Topic Plan) on an annual basis and strive to adapt to current issues and global challenges. With our Curriculum Maps, alongside our medium-term plans, we give clear guidance on the objectives and teaching sequences.

The maps incorporate both the development of knowledge and the progression of skills. Our short-term plans are those that our teachers write on a weekly basis. We use these to set out the learning objectives for each lesson, the core activities and the opportunities for retrieval practice.

We adopt a topic approach to curriculum planning. We plan the curriculum carefully, so that there is a full coverage of all aspects of the National Curriculum and early learning goals. Within topics, links between subjects are made where possible, however, there is also the teaching of individual subjects.

*Anglosaxon Experience at Tatton Park Year 4*



As far as possible we will aim to match the teaching to the children's abilities, attainment, interests and experience. We believe that in addition to factual knowledge it is important to develop concepts, skills and attitudes and pupils should learn in a variety of ways, using different stimuli, teaching approaches and methods of recording. We recognise the need to exercise the brain and to facilitate learners and so elements of Mind Friendly Learning, Brain Gym, retrieval practice strategies and Dual Coding techniques are used throughout the school. Children may be organised into groups, work individually or as a whole class depending on the type of activity.

We will aim to ensure that the work of each child will be purposeful, allowing learning to develop lively and enquiring minds, giving enjoyment and satisfaction of doing tasks well, offering appropriate challenge for the age and ability of the children, and encourage the use of the imagination and powers of reasoning.

The hidden curriculum encompasses the unplanned and sometimes untaught areas of the curriculum such as liturgies, sports teams, Christmas productions and other activities that capture and reflect the ethos and values of the school. We aim to provide a caring environment that enables children to develop self-respect and respect for others as well as allowing for personal growth. Significant importance is placed on the children's happiness, as this contributes to the mutual respect and consideration for others.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education is central to the whole purpose of the school, to its distinctive nature, its ethos and its atmosphere. Our most recent inspection is unreserved in its judgement that our provision is outstanding. The RE Programme used throughout the school helps each child to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith, the experience of a Christian caring community and the experience of a living liturgy, all appropriate to the child's needs and level of development.

Great importance is placed on the children's spiritual development and the provision of our Chapel hugely benefits this. The children take part in school masses, liturgies and assemblies. The partnership of home, parish and school enriches the education offered by our Catholic school and is essential throughout the children's school years but in particular for the preparation to receive sacraments at age 7/8 or older.

As all teaching is centred on the Gospel teachings of Christ, the ethos central to the spiritual, moral and social development of children is conveyed at all times. It is therefore inappropriate for children to be withdrawn from RE or Collective Worship although the Governors accept that parents have the right to ask for their child to be withdrawn.



## **PASTORAL CARE AND DISCIPLINE**

'Family spirit' and relationships are a vital part of life at St Mary's.

'Buddying' Year 6 children with Reception children is an integral part of this 'spirit'. We share responsibility with parents for the children in our care and make every effort to provide the care that parents give. Whilst in our care, all pupils are expected to reach and maintain good standards of discipline and manners, consideration for one another and for the environment, and of respect for all members of the school community.

At St Mary's we rely on the teaching of Christ, co-operation and mutual respect. The school's Discipline Objective Statement and Behaviour Policy further expound our philosophy.

## **SEX EDUCATION**

All teaching will flow from appreciation that life is a gift from God and will be presented within the context of loving relationships, fully reflecting the teaching of the Church. In order that children may grow and flourish healthily and holistically towards an understanding of their gender and its implications for successful relationships, they must be at ease with themselves and deepen their self-knowledge. TEN TEN is used to convey this message. TEN TEN - Life to the Full is a fully-resourced scheme of work in Relationships and Health Education (RHE) for primary schools as recommended by the Diocese.

## **SPORT**

Sport skills are developed throughout the Primary years, through the specific areas of Gymnastics, Games and Athletics. This takes place through our specialist Sports Company planned curriculum, at a level appropriate to the age group and ability, for approximately 5% of curriculum time. The skills are then further developed through extra-curricular activities such as football, netball, rounders, tag rugby, cricket and kwik cricket, when available, at appropriate times of the year, culminating in the formation of teams that may then play in friendly tournaments and league competitions.



We are fortunate to benefit from a good sized playing field that has a lined football pitch and rounders pitch, at the appropriate time of the year. There is a running track around its perimeter, a climbing wall and exercise equipment. Our playground is permanently lined with two netball courts. We would encourage the involvement of any parent who wished to be involved in the organisation of extra-curricular activities.

Swimming is an important element of the school PE curriculum and all children in Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to work towards the end of Key Stage National Curriculum target, with additional tuition for the youngest children in Key Stage 2.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

As our Mission Statement highlights, we encourage all children to 'reach levels of personal development, creative and academic achievement in line with their capabilities'. If, after considered and careful planning for differentiation, a child's needs in one or more areas lie outside the established range for their age at St. Mary's, we say they have special educational needs (SEN). We aim to identify this as soon as possible by:

- early contact with the parents of pre-school children and the external agencies involved
- early response to special educational needs identified after admission
- early response to special educational needs arising at any point during the Primary Years

The approach is in accordance with the Mission Statement and aims of the school whilst working within the procedures and practices of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years 2015. Our success will be the inclusion of any child with special educational needs within the school where this is considered to be the most appropriate teaching and learning environment for his or her needs, whilst having due regard for the educational needs of other children (some of whom may have their own special needs).

There is a full, working policy for Special Educational Needs but in summary, the objective of the Policy is to ensure that:

- the Mission Statement is upheld
- the aims of the school are met
- all children with special educational needs are given the necessary support as routine and/or at times of difficulty or crisis
- all interested parties in the school (governors, teachers, support staff, parents, etc) are aware of the school's implementation of the SEN Code of Practice on the identification and assessment of special educational needs
- the promotion of high standards

It is our intention that the highest standards are expected for all children so that each individual achieves their potential and gains strategies for accessing the broad, balanced curriculum on offer at St. Mary's. Consideration must be given to the scope of teaching and learning methods and the resources used in order that all learning styles are catered for, and success is recognised and praised through the school's rewards system.

## **HOMEWORK**

At St Mary's the term 'homework' is interpreted as 'further development of the whole child' not merely an extension of work done in school.

We aim to extend, reinforce and encourage individuals to explore new opportunities so that each may 'achieve their potential' in line with our Mission Statement. The main focus of Homework from school will be on English and Maths.

- All children, with their parents, will be expected to carry out the activities pertinent to their year group, as indicated in the Homework Policy.
- Parents are informed at the start of each term of the children's curriculum coverage and parents are encouraged to further develop the children's interest in these areas, in order to consolidate the children's learning in school. Activities may be accessed on the relevant Class page on the school website.
- Other activities may be sent home at the teacher's discretion according to an individual child's needs.
- St Mary's website is a tool for further development of homework and communication from the class teacher.

Homework is one way that parents can become more involved with their children and can provide opportunities for parents to spend quality time with them. We aim to make parents aware of why particular tasks may be brought home from school and would encourage parents to work with their children on these tasks. This will enable parents to take an active interest in their children's own pursuits. 'Homework' is most beneficial to children when parents, children and school work in partnership.

At all ages children are invited to research information for class topics and to practise all skills being studied, but it should also be noted that children should be encouraged to extend their development by joining many of the activities available elsewhere, e.g. Beavers, Rainbows, Swimming, Gymnastics, Horse riding, etc.

### **ASSESSMENT, RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Children's work is assessed at regular intervals and records of progress retained throughout the primary years. Written reports are issued in the summer term. Two parents' evenings, are held annually when parents are invited to see their own children's work, to meet with their child and teacher, to discuss their progress, and to view the displays of work throughout the school. Parents are invited to discuss the end of year report if they have any queries or would like to view their child's work. Parents may ring at any time for an appointment to discuss other concerns if they arise.

### **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

St Mary's is a family which welcomes children, parents and staff to cooperate and contribute to the educational process for the benefit of every child. We recognise that parents have many areas of expertise, including knowledge of the locality, and extend a warm invitation for such talents to be shared.

At St Mary's we acknowledge that you, the parents, are the first teachers of your children and we aim to build on the foundations that you have laid at home by developing strong links of communication to involve, and inform you of your own child's attainment, their social and emotional development and to share any other concerns.



You, as parents can be involved in your child's education in the following ways:

- Attend 'Early Years' evenings prior to your child starting school.
- Read newsletters which provide a record of happenings and a diary of forthcoming events.
- Read and contribute to home/school reading record book which outlines progress in reading and can be used as a valuable line of communication for other issues.
- Read annual reports and attend parent/teacher or parent/teacher/child interview evenings.

- Discuss with your child prior to target setting and attend open/parent's evening to view children's work and receive agreed individual targets in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Read class teacher's synopsis of work to be covered, sent out at the beginning of each term.
- Actively participate with your child in accessing and using the class Learning Platform on the website
- Read Church bulletin.
- Attend celebrations such as Masses and RE end of theme assemblies.
- Pray for your child in the chapel when parents are invited to light a candle for private intentions at the end of each term
- Share in an informal dialogue in school.
- Attend education evenings which are designed to further educate parents on curriculum and other issues.
- Observe displays around the school which give information relating to work covered.
- Attend special events such as gala days and other festivities.
- Help and share expertise in school and on school trips, including swimming.
- Take an active role in the PTA. All parents are members of the association which functions partly to raise funds, but also for children, parents, staff and parish to meet socially.
- Contribute to school resources, especially expendable items such as fabrics, wool, boxes, etc, which are requested when they are needed.
- Contribute to school funds by pledging termly amounts to increase learning resources.
- Give financial support for school trips which enhance children's learning.

We believe that children benefit most when our school family and the home family are working together. We extend to all parents a warm invitation to be wholly involved - both formally through the 'Home-School Agreement', and informally - in your child's education.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

There is an Admissions Policy which is reviewed annually by the governors. Currently, children are admitted according to the following criteria:  
(Further details on admissions may be found in the Admissions Policy on the website)

#### **OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA**

**THE SCHOOL HAS PLACES FOR CATHOLIC AND NON-CATHOLIC CHILDREN AND HAS NOT BEEN OVERSUBSCRIBED SINCE WELL BEFORE 2017.**

*Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority.*

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish(es) of St. Mary's Middlewich (including St Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel) and St Winifred's, Sandbach.
3. Other Catholic children.
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
8. Any other children.

The Governors confirm that our Admissions Policy applies to all children, regardless of whether or not they have a disability, Statement or Special Educational Need and that both the building and the curriculum are designed to provide access for all. With respect to staff or children with disabilities, it is the policy of the Governing Body always to comply with the legislations of the 'Disability Act'.

Prospective parents and children are invited to view the school. The Headteacher is always willing to supply detailed information but please ring to make an appointment as impromptu availability cannot be guaranteed.

## **STARTING SCHOOL**

### Nursery (3+ year old children)

Our Nursery is accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community regardless of race, colour, religion or means. We aim to ensure that all sections of our community feel part of our school family.

### Reception

Parents can apply online for a place in the Reception class through the Local Authority in which they live, in the September (12 months prior to their child starting school) in line with the statutory process. The local authority application process is open until mid-January prior to admission in September. We have one admission date and all children are admitted to school in the September of the academic year in which they are five. Pre-school liaison and preparation includes pre-school visits, parents' meeting, information leaflets and our booklet 'Starting School'.

## **THE SCHOOL DAY – SCHOOL WEEK: 32.5 HOURS**

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One	8:30 to 11:40 am (15-min break at 10:00 am) 12:45 to 3:00 pm (15-min break at 1:45 pm Weds - Fri)
Key Stage Two	8:30 to 11:50 am (15-min break at 10:15am) 12:45 to 3:00 pm (no break)

Lunchtime: Pupils may go home, have a school meal or bring a packed lunch. Arrangements are flexible on a daily basis with children being able to select from the menu as to what they would like if they have a school meal. All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day, regardless of circumstances. We have a very able and committed School Meals Team and meals are recommended!



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Integral to school policy is encouraging children to be proud of their school and to identify with it. Therefore, the following uniform is worn:

- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey skirts or tunics.
- White shirts worn with school tie.
- Green sweatshirts/cardigans, with school logo.
- School Baseball cap (optional)

Summer uniform options:

- Green & white classic gingham dress
- Showerproof jacket/Storm jacket in green with St Mary's logo

Sensible black school shoes are required. Trainers are not allowed other than for outdoor PE.

PE Uniform:

- Black shorts – tight, hot pant type shorts are not advised
- Green Polo shirt with school logo
- Black slip-on plimsolls.
- Trainers (for outdoor PE only)
- Black jogging bottoms, with school logo
- Each child needs a named PE bag to be kept in school.

Included as part of the uniform is the school Book Bag, emphasising the care and importance we place on our reading books. These can be purchased from school.

The school has spare uniform which has been donated then washed and ironed. Please make enquiries at the school office.

Only one pair of simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school. They must be removed by the child themselves for PE and swimming. We recommend children come to school without earrings on swimming and PE days. If not, they must take them out and replace them themselves. Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings.

Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school. We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to school in September.

The wearing of body piercings such as tongue studs or belly button jewellery is not permitted. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or their hair dyed. This includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top or with lines/patterns shaved into them. All children (boys and girls) with long hair must have this tied back.

Nail varnish, shellac/acrylic/false nails is not permitted and parents of children wearing nail varnish will be contacted and asked to remove it. Make-up is not permitted.

***Each item of uniform should be marked clearly with the child's name.***

## **NON- UNIFORM DAYS**

Crop tops or any similar clothing are not allowed.

## **SCHOOL FUND**

The generosity of parents' voluntary donations to the school fund enables us to pay our Annual Diocesan Building Maintenance Levy. It also enables purchase of some additional curriculum enhancement resources, particularly to support our work connected with the 'Arts'. Letters are sent home at the beginning of each term with regard to this. Wherever possible, parents are encouraged to 'gift aid' their contributions as this provides additional monies for the school from the Inland Revenue.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

To enhance the National Curriculum, educational visits are arranged, mainly during school time. Some local visits will incur no expense; others require parental contributions. Charges for such activities are voluntary and failure to contribute would not involve any child being treated differently from another child. However, the school does not have sufficient funds to finance educational visits without fair contributions from the parents of the children concerned and such visits would only be possible if they were self-financing.

The following residential visits are currently organised for children:

Year 3 -	Pettypool Outdoor centre
Year 4 -	Savio House, Bollington
Year 5 -	Redridge Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Wales
Year 6 -	Robinwood Activity Centre, Wales

## **ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS**

An extensive programme of extra-curricular activities takes place throughout the year, which is reviewed at the start of each term. This may include:

A variety of sports-based clubs – football, tag rugby, dodge ball, netball, judo, cricket, multisports, gymnastics.  
Choir  
Drama  
School Council  
Mad Science  
Chapel group

Where children have to get changed to take part in any extra-curricular activity it is expected that they change back into school uniform before leaving the premises.

In addition to these, the following also take place

- Sacramental Programmes - Home-School-Parish Partnership in preparation for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion
- Competitive and friendly matches in football, netball, rounders
- Family Activities arranged in co-operation with the PTA.

## **PTA**

Every parent and all staff are members of the PTA. Currently, we have a parent representative for each year group and they coordinate, along with the class teacher and other parents from the class, functions throughout the school year. Events each year are designed to be both social functions and to raise funds. The Association raises money to support St Mary's with purchases such as Chrome books.

All parents are free to attend all PTA meetings and functions.

## **SECONDARY TRANSFER**

Pupils generally transfer at the age of eleven to St Nicholas Catholic High School, Hartford, Northwich. Please check the High School Admissions Policy which is reviewed annually and should be referred to.

## **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

If there is any matter which is unclear or of concern, parents are encouraged to discuss it with the Headteacher.

Official complaints may be made to the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors.

The Local Authority informs parents that it does not accept any liability for loss of, or damage to, personal property whilst on or left at the Authority's premises.

A range of documents related to the curriculum and general administration is available in school for reference upon request.

## **ABSENCES**

If your child is absent parents must leave a telephone message or send a note of explanation with a sibling by 9:00am on the day of absence. If not, they will be contacted by the School Office.

## **PUPILS' HEALTH**

Pupils who are unwell should not be sent to school. If a child has recovered but is still taking medicine parents may come in and administer medicine at lunchtime or have the child home for lunch. For asthma, a spare named inhaler is to be retained in school for emergencies.

Teachers are not legally covered to administer medicines. However, we are a caring school and would not refuse to supervise medication if it has to be taken long term on a daily basis and has been prescribed by the doctor.

Non-prescription medicines (such as Calpol, throat lozenges and over-the-counter hayfever medications) should not be brought into school and will not be administered by school staff.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The Governors request that parents do not seek authorisation for their children to be absent on family holidays during term time.

Two weeks' absence results in the loss of approximately 44 hours teaching time and when this is added to unforeseen absences the figure would be far greater by the end of the year. This would undoubtedly have a significant impact on your child's progress. The School will not 'set work' for children if they are taken out on holiday.

The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school if the child is to be taken out due to a holiday. The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence.

The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined. You will receive a written response from the Headteacher letting you know if your application has been approved. If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

<b><u>AUTUMN 2025</u></b>	<b><u>SPRING 2026</u></b>	<b><u>SUMMER 2026</u></b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 (38 days)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (30 days)	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 (29 days)
<b>HALF TERM</b> <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b> <b>to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>2025</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b> <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February 2026</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to</b> <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 (34 days)	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 (29 days)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (30 days)
<b>Christmas Holiday</b> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	<b>Spring break</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	<b>Summer holiday</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

**NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS  
2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**KEY STAGE 2 ASSESSMENTS**

The national curriculum assessments took place in summer 2025, including the times tables check, teacher assessments and the phonics screening.

**MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK**

School must administer the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 1 June 2026.

Children are normally tested at the end of Key Stage 2 in line with statutory requirements. This is in addition to assessment and recording procedures established in line with our whole school policy.

The following percentages are end of KS2 Statutory Assessments 2025 for St Mary's, alongside National comparative information.



## NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2025

### EYFS

The percentage of pupils achieving a 'good level of development' (at least 'expected' attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths) in 2025 was 65%.

### YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING

In 2025, the percentage of pupils passing the phonics screening check was 95% compared with a national figure of 80%. The results for KS1 phonics are based on a national test set in June.

<b>KEY STAGE 1 PHONICS</b>					
<b>2023</b>		<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	
St. Mary's	National	St. Mary's	National	St. Mary's	National
85%	79%	91%	80%	95%	80%

Children are currently tested at the end of Key Stage 2 in line with statutory requirements. This is in addition to assessment and recording procedures established in line with our whole school policy. Key Stage 1 SATs are no longer be compulsory national tests.

### KEY STAGE 2

The following percentages are end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments 2025 for St Mary's, alongside National comparative information:

<b>KEY STAGE 2 ATTAINMENT</b>								
<b>Proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in all areas: Reading/Writing/Maths</b>						<b>68% (national 62%)</b>		
<b>Proportion of pupils achieving the higher standard in all areas</b>						<b>10% (national 8%)</b>		
	<b>Reading %</b>		<b>Grammar %</b>		<b>Writing %</b>		<b>Maths %</b>	
	St. Mary's	National	St. Mary's	National	St. Mary's	National	St. Mary's	National
<b>Av scaled score</b>								
<b>% of pupils achieving expected standard</b>	84	75	84	73	71	72	81	74
<b>% of pupils achieving Higher Standard</b>	32	33	48	30	10	13	36	26

## **ST MARY'S TEAM**

- HEADTEACHER Janet McKinlay
- ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER Clare Cook & Shelley Hughes
  
- TEACHERS
  - Reception** – Stephanie Whelan
  - Year 1** – Katy Martin & Kate Reed
  - Year 2** – Clare Cook
  - Year 3** – Laura Dziamarski
  - Year 4** – Daniel Philo
  - Year 5** – Tarranie Woolley & Helen Walker
  - Year 6** – Shelley Hughes
  
- SENCO Laura Dziamarski
  
- HIGHER LEARNING TEACHING ASSISTANTS Clare Coney  
Rita Poynton
  
- 1:1 ASSISTANTS Andrea Appleton  
Flavia Delcourt  
Michaela Morais-Sowah  
Leanne Quilliam  
Emma Schofield  
Carmen Shaw
  
- SCHOOL OFFICE Anise Lea
- ADMIN OFFICER Kayleigh Sharrock
  
- SITE MANAGER Anne Turnbull (**PFA**)
- CARETAKER Paula Smith
- SCHOOL CLEANER Karen Preston
  
- PE COACH Gary Lewis
  
- MIDDAY SUPERVISOR Paula Smith
  
- MIDDAY ASSISTANTS Karen Kowalski  
Demi Lofthouse  
Tina Ogdon  
Karen Preston  
Nathalie Wyatt
  
- BFAST / ASC Andrea Appleton  
Demi Lofthouse  
Anne Turnbull  
Stephen Turnbull  
Leanne Quilliam

## GOVERNORS

- CHAIR Simon Davis
- VICE CHAIR Roy Davies
  
- FOUNDATION Rev Fr Vijay  
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