



# Curriculum Information Year 6 2022-23



“St Mary’s aims to develop the talents of each pupil as a unique individual whose full potential can be developed in a community which has Christ at its centre.”

## Our Core Mission & Values:



As our School Mission Statement states: St Mary's aims to develop the skills and talents of all its pupils, in a nurturing family environment, which has Christ's living example of love at the heart of everything we do. As a thriving Catholic Christian school community, we have a unique and privileged position in living out this Mission: facilitating outstanding learning opportunities for our pupils; promoting values of empathy, tolerance and respect; being a living embodiment of 'church' for our wider school community.

## Our Vision:

A Vision of Growth from St Catherine of Siena:

"Be who God means you to be and you will set the world on fire."

The vision of St Mary's Catholic Primary School is as a hub of excellence in all we do: Educational Excellence, in our Teaching and Learning, in the formative Faith experiences we help facilitate for our pupils and wider school family, and in the way in which we strive to build God's Kingdom in our local and global community, piece by piece. By each member of our school family being encouraged, supported and inspired to live and work to the absolute fullness of their potential, our school will continue to be a beacon of educational, spiritual and community excellence for all to see.

## Our Commitments to Excellence and Growth:

As a community dedicated to excellence and growth in all we do, we commit to striving towards being the absolute best we can be. As a learning community, we have the highest expectations of our pupils, and as such, hold ourselves to account by the highest standards. Our home school partnership aims to outline the commitments we make towards one another, in order that we may best meet the needs of all pupils in our school. As a learning community, we strive to work as closely as possible with the parents and carers of our young people, as initial educators, to support and encourage educational, social, moral, physical and spiritual growth and development. Through choosing the family of St Mary's for your child's education, you are choosing to enter in to a partnership which strives to support, encourage, empathise and enable, and one of which we hope to all be proud.

## Our Curriculum:



At St Mary's, we strive to offer a broad and balanced Curriculum, based on firm groundings, which inspires, motivates and supports, and is delivered by highly skilled Teachers and support staff. We are committed to excellence in all we do, and the promotion of growth and development of each individual child.

The principles of the St Mary's Curriculum are as follows:



## Curriculum Subjects:

Our Core Curriculum consists of Religious Education, English, Mathematics and Science. Alongside this, pupils will access a Foundation Curriculum through which topics in Humanities (History and Geography), Computing, Art and Design Technology, Music, Physical Education and French will be taught. You will be able to see the class' planned units of study outlined on their Curriculum Overview. Further information can be found on our school website <http://www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk/curriculum.html>

# Year 6 Curriculum Overview:



## St Mary's RC Primary School Year 6 Curriculum Overview 2022-2023



	Autumn 1			Autumn 2			Spring 1			Spring 2			Summer 1			Summer 2	
<b>English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contemporary Fiction Wee Free Men <b>Character Descriptions</b></li> <li>Non-fiction information report</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Victorians Narrative Cog Heart <b>Narrative - Atmospheric</b></li> <li>Non-Fiction Persuasive letter</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-fiction information report <b>Biomes Classic</b></li> <li>Children's Literature Treasure Island <b>Suspense Writing</b></li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classic Children's Literature Treasure Island <b>diary entries</b></li> <li>Poetry</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 SATs</li> <li>Traditional Tales/Myths</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrative</li> <li>Non-fiction <b>Biographies</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Maths</b>	Place Value	Decimals		Four Operations		Fractions		Fractions	Percentages	Algebra	Ratio	Converting Measures	Perimeter, Area and Volume	Geometry: Properties of Shape		Statistics	Secondary School Transition Investigations
<b>RE</b>	Domestic Church Loving	Judaism Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur	Baptism Vocation & Commitment	RSHE Life to the Full Module 1	Advent Expectations	Local Church Sources	Islam Guidance for Muslims	RSHE Life to the Full Module 2	Eucharist Unity	Lent/Easter Death & New Life	Pentecost Witnesses	RSHE Life to the Full Module 3	Reconciliation Healing	Universal Church Common Good			
<b>Science</b>	Energy: Light			Electricity			Living things and their habitats			Evolution and Inheritance			Animals including humans		Working Scientifically		
<b>History</b>	British History beyond 1066: The Victorians									Local history study: The expansion of the railways			Local history study: The expansion of the railways				
<b>Geography</b>				Compare regions, climate zones and biomes around the world			Extreme Earth: Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes								Geography Fieldwork Skills		
<b>Art</b>	Victorian Designers: William Morris, Charles Rennie Mackintosh – drawing, painting & printing						Artist: Hokusai – drawing and printing						Digital Art: David Hockney – digital media, painting		Fiver Challenge		
<b>DT</b>				Computer Systems: programming pioneers						Structures: Building bridges					Fiver Challenge		
<b>Music</b>	Charanga: Happy			Charanga: Class Jazz Christmas prep			Charanga: A New Year Carol			Charanga: You've Got a Friend			Charanga: Reflect, Rewind and Replay		Charanga: Music and Me		
<b>Computing</b>	Coding			Online Safety Spreadsheets			Blogging			Text Adventures			Networks Quizzing		Quizzing Revision		
<b>French</b>	Months Seasons			Weather Saying when your birthday is			Parts of the body Revision of adjectives Describe an alien			Use a dictionary to translate meaning of regular -er verbs Conjugation of present tense regular -er verb			Clothes Revision and placement of adjectives		Revision of numbers to 100 and prices.		
<b>PE</b>	Basketball			Dodgeball			Hockey			Rugby			Athletics Cricket		Athletics Cricket		

# Year 6 Autumn Targets

## Reading

- Accurately retrieve more complex information from a range of texts.
- Sequence key details and information from fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Use evidence from a text to support inferences.

## Writing

- Recognise and correct run-on sentences and sentence fragments within my own writing.
- Develop strategies for self-correction with regard to spelling and punctuation.
- Use a range of conjunctions with accuracy.
- Practise using a joined, fluent handwriting style, ensuring correct letter formation and joins.

## Maths

- Fluently use the standard written methods for all four operations.
- Use the four operations with fractions.
- Recognise when to use known facts to calculate mentally e.g.  $30 \times 400$ .
- Round decimal numbers to the nearest whole and tenth.

# Important Information for Year 6:



## Homework

This year, homework will be set via eschools but also sent home in paper copy. All pupils will be given their own login details to access weekly messages with activities to be completed at home. Homework will usually be set on a **Thursday**. This will consist of at least one English task and one Maths task, plus weekly spellings, and will utilise a number of online services to which the school subscribes such as IXL, Reading Plus and Times Table Rockstars. Homework does not need to be returned. It should be discussed with an adult at home. The class teacher can track engagement and progress on many of the online services used for home learning. An additional task called 'Little and Often' will also be sent. Spare time in class is usually used quizzing some important knowledge, such as the names of the seven continents and five oceans, and we call this time 'Little and Often'. This task is included on the weekly homework so that your child has an idea of the knowledge we will be recalling the following week.

## PE

PE will take place every **Thursday**. Children should come to school on their PE day in full PE kit which comprises:

- School PE t-shirt (yellow)
- School hoody
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

## Reading Routines

Reading folders will be given to every child. Please encourage your child to read regularly and bring their reading diary in to school **each day**. Class teachers will check pupils' reading diaries and reward those pupils making particular effort with their reading. Any reading counts, whether it is a novel, comic, children's newspaper or website, as this will give them an understanding of the different genres and text types we will be looking at in English lessons. Books may be borrowed from the class library and returned to school with the reading diary in the folder provided. Please ensure that your child takes good care of school resources at home.




## Spellings

All spellings follow the Year 5 & 6 Programme of Study and include revision of specific spelling patterns, as well as words from the Word List. We would encourage children to use a wide range of spelling strategies in order to learn their weekly patterns and to tackle particular difficulties with important spellings. You may find some of these suggestions from our 'Spelling Menu' useful – in particular if your child struggles with the traditional 'look, cover, write, check' method.



### Spelling Menu

Try to use a range of strategies to practise your weekly spellings.

	<u>Word Parts</u>	<u>Other Handed</u>	<u>Vowel Spotlight</u>
	Write your word in different colours to divide the word into syllables. <b>caterpillar</b>	Write each word 5 times switching the hand you write with. Say the word as you spell it. 	Write your words using one colour for the vowels and another for the consonants. 
<u>Pyramid words</u> s sp spe spel spelli spelling	<u>Rainbow Writing</u> Write your word out using a different colour for each letter. 	<u>Writing Race</u> Set a timer for 2 minutes. How many times can you write the word out in your best handwriting? 	<u>Bubble Letters</u> Write your spellings out in bubble writing. 
<u>Train words</u> Write the entire list end-to-end as one long word. Write each word as a new colour. <b>environmentstatementamazementdevelopment</b>	<u>Backwards Words</u> Write each word forwards and then backwards. <b>BACKWARDS</b>	<u>Spelling Scribble</u> Draw a scribble and write your words as many times as you can in each section. 	<u>Silly Sentences</u> Write 3 or more silly sentences using as many of your spelling words as you can. 
<u>X Factor</u> Write 2 words with one letter in common so that they cross through each other. r chese a d	<u>Words within words</u> How many new words can you make using the letters from one of your spelling words? <b>E.g. catch - Cat, hat, hatch, at</b>	<u>Words without vowels</u> Write all of your words replacing your vowels with a dash. Go back and see if you can fill in the vowels. <b>E.g. q--s--- = question</b>	<u>Picture and Story</u> Draw a picture defining each word. Write a sentence about your picture using the spelling word. 
<u>Ransom Words</u> Cut letters out of a newspaper or magazine to spell your words. 	<u>Scrabble</u> In a game of Scrabble, each letter is worth a number of points. Work out the total points for each word. 	<u>ABC Order</u> Write all of your spelling words in alphabetical order. 	

## Weekly Timetable:

Y6	9-9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30-10.45	10.45 – 11	11-12	12-1	1-2		2-3.15	
<b>Mon</b>	Guided Reading	English		SPaG Handwriting <i>Mrs Eden</i>	Computing <i>Mrs Eden</i>		1-1.30 Collective Worship	Maths		Music
<b>Tues</b>	Guided Reading	English		SPaG Handwriting	Maths		RE	RE		
<b>Wed</b>	Guided Reading	English		SPaG Handwriting	Maths		RE	Science		
<b>Thurs</b>	Guided Reading	English		SPaG Handwriting	Maths		1-2.20 PE <i>Mrs Dobson</i>	2.20 – 3.15 French <i>Mrs Innerdale</i>		
<b>Fri</b>	Guided Reading	English		SPaG Handwriting	Maths		History / Geography	Art / DT	2.30 Celebration Assembly	

Please note, the class timetable may change throughout the year to accommodate changes in staffing/curriculum etc.



## How can I help my child at home?

There is a wealth of online material you can use to support your child's ongoing learning at home. Here are a few websites we would recommend to support parents in reinforcing key learning concepts with their child and provide useful home learning challenges.

### Free online resources:

- **White Rose Maths home learning resources** (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>)  
White Rose is the Maths scheme we follow in school. These home learning videos and follow-up tasks demonstrate 'how' concepts are taught and explored in school. Particularly useful when your child is stuck with a concept or strategy at home. Follows our planning so that you can 'keep up' with sequences of learning and revisit key areas of learning with your child.
- **Oak National Academy** (<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>)  
Online resource with a wealth of 'home learning lessons' and activities. Good resource base for revision and continued home study.
- **BBC Bitesize** (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvqgsk7>)  
'Home learning' and 'catch-up lessons' grouped by topic. Easy to navigate learning objectives with useful explanation videos and follow up tasks and challenges to complete.
- **Oxford Owl** (<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>)  
Free ebooks for children aged 3-11.
- **Top Marks** (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>)  
Free learning games and resources in a range of subject areas.
- **Gateshead Libraries Borrowbox** (<https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/gateshead/>)  
Free membership with unlimited borrowing of a range of ebook and audiobook titles.

## Username and password provided by school:

- **IXL** (<https://uk.ixl.com>)  
Comprehensive English and Maths tasks linked to learning objectives for all year groups. Great for consolidation, practice, support and challenge. To be used independently (where appropriate) or supported by an adult.
- **Times Table Rockstars**  
(<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/19730>)  
Multiplication table challenges; very effective way of learning multiplication and division facts for rapid recall.
- **Numbots** (<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/19730>)  
Linked to TTRS (same username and password); challenges designed for quick recall of addition and subtraction facts.
- **Reading Plus** (<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login> with site code: rpstmar15)  
Highly comprehensive reading scheme which adapts to the needs of the reader. Designed to develop fluency, comprehension and motivation.
- **Purple Mash** (<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stmarysne16>)  
Comprehensive resource base for all kinds of learning activities for many different subject areas. Especially good for Computing and ICT.

# What's Special in Year 6:



## KS2 SATs

The End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) will take place in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The timetable is as follows:

Date	End of Key Stage 2 Assessment
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling Paper 1: Questions</li><li>• English Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling Paper 2: Spelling</li></ul>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Reading Test</li></ul>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic</li><li>• Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning</li></ul>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning</li></ul>

At St Mary's, we pride ourselves on ensuring our pupils are well-prepared for the SATs but also remembering that the assessments only form part of your child's learning journey in school. In the Spring and Summer Terms, we will gradually spend more time in school focussing on the SATs and will also communicate further ways in which you can help your child at home (including adapting our homework routines to include revision materials). Please don't feel the need to buy revision materials or ask your child to complete previous years' SATs papers at home as this will form part of our preparation in school.

## Knock Residential

The Year 6 Residential Trip to Knock has been provisionally booked take place in the Summer term from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The approximate cost of the visit is £250 per pupil and we intend to share more information about the trip (including a payment plan) with you via an intial consent letter in the coming weeks.

## RE:

This term, within our 'Come and See' Curriculum, we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

### Whole-School Curriculum Overview ('Come and See') – Autumn Term

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.  
Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."  
Include those who have died.

#### JUDAISM

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

#### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.  
Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.  
Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

## Important Dates in the Church:

### **ALL SAINTS**

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

### **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

(20 November)

### **ADVENT**

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

### **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

### **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

(30 December)

## Term Dates:

2022-23

	START	END	HALF-TERM
<b>AUTUMN</b>	05.09.22	23.12.22	24.10.22 – 28.10.22
<i>INSET</i>	05.09.22 and 23.12.22		
<b>SPRING</b>	09.01.23	31.03.23	20.02.23 – 24.02.23
<i>INSET</i>	<i>TBC</i>		
<b>SUMMER</b>	17.04.23	21.07.23	29.05.23 – 02.06.23
<i>INSET</i>	<i>TBC</i>		

### Dates for the Diary

Please continue to check the weekly News Bulletin for updates.