# Hello

We would like to welcome our returning children and families back to the nursery. We would also like to welcome our new children and families, who have settled in quite well.

St Mary’s Nursery Class

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| August/September 2025 |  | Newsletter |



# Dates for your Diary

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**Tues 23rd Sept Pre-schoolers vision**

**screening**

**Fri 26th Sept Nursery closed**

**Mon 29th Sept Nursery closed**

# Support

The nursery ladies are available if you require any support. We can be contacted by phone, email and at the door if you would like to chat, ask questions or need advice. We will try our best to support you.

# Family Photographs

Please could we have a family photo. We would like to put a display of family photographs up for our nursery children.  This display offers comfort and conversation to the children when they are missing you during the nursery day.  Be prepared for staff to take photos at the door if none are received. These photos can be sent to the email nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk

# Social Media

On X please like and follow St Mary’s Primary & Nursery@StMarysSeafar

# Staffing

We have a couple of changes to staff this year. Cara Lee has left the nursery to pursue a university degree, and we wish her the very best for the future. We have a temporary support worker Samantha who will be with us for a few weeks until the permanent position is filled.

# Phones

Can we kindly ask that when dropping and collecting your child that you refrain from being on your phone. Your child has missed you and will be keen to tell you about their day, also staff may on occasion have information to share with you about their day. Thank you for your understanding.

# Independence

Within the nursery staff we are encouraging the children to be independent. We would kindly ask that you continue this at home and when you bring/collect your child/ren to nursery. This includes getting shoes on and off, so no laces please. Jackets on and off, dressing and undressing for the toilet. At times there is only one member of staff to ten children to get them ready to go outdoors, so the more you can encourage independence at home the more confident your child/ren will become.

# Footwear

Can we politely ask that children do not wear crocs and sandals to nursery for inside or outside footwear. This is for their own safety as children have been falling in the gym hall when running. The children have a lot of risky play too with large blocks and these do not protect their feet from injury.

# Weather appropriate clothing

Can we ask that during the winter months that you provide wellies, waterproof jacket & trousers, scarf, hat and gloves. If you have any problems providing these items please speak to a member of staff.

# Learning in the nursery

OUTDOORS

The children have been exploring in the water using different resources to fill, pour and empty. They have been making dinner in the mud kitchen and using the slide. They are developing awareness of turn taking. They have also enjoyed doing ring games and singing nursery rhymes.

PLAYROOM

The new children have been getting used to their nursery environment and developing their self-help skills. This includes putting on vests, aprons, dressing/undressing to get changed, putting shoes on and off, going to the toilet independently and wiping themselves. Please can you encourage this at home. They have enjoyed lots of painting, water play, dressing up, dough play and building with the large blocks.

A group of children running in a field

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# Outdoor Classroom

We will return to our outdoor classroom day on Thursday the 18th of September. Please remember to wear weather appropriate clothes and don’t forget wellies.

# Nursery fund

We would like to thank parents who have contributed to the nursery fund (brown/yellow envelopes) and appreciate your continued support. These funds are important in enabling us to provide the children with snacks twice daily such as crackers, bread, butter, meat etc. as well as enabling us to buy the children Birthday and Christmas presents and replenish resources. This is a suggested donation of £2.50. Please ask staff for an envelope if you require one.

# Sessions

A polite request, could we please ask that you adhere to the session times 8.50am to 2.50pm, unless staff are aware that you collect out with these times. When parents/carers arrive at the gate unexpectedly out with session times it can cause disruption to the children who are already engaged in play and their learning within the playroom. Children should be collected no later than 2.50pm.

**If you require to collect or drop off your child outside these times could you please let staff know by phoning or at the door in the morning.**

# Achievements

We would like to create a wall display in the playroom to celebrate any achievement in and outside of nursery the children have. This could be a dance, football medal or trophy. It could be giving up a dummy or sleeping in their own bed. Please share with us. Photos can be brought in or sent to [nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nlcoyler2@northlan.org.uk)

# Learning Journals

Every child in the nursery should now have a learning journal. If you have problems accessing these please speak to a member of staff. You are also able to add any outside achievements, memories or learning at home to the journal. Please feel free to add any experiences from home onto the journals as we love to share these with the children. It can open up a lot of discussions about shared experiences with peers.

A no peanuts sign

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We would like to wish the following children a Happy Birthday in August/September..

Rio Roman Fiadh

Kadie-Lee Effie

Parents/carers can bring a shop bought sealed cake in for the children to have on their birthday.

# Mobile Numbers/ Email

If you are not receiving any of our text messages or emails please call the school office to check or update your mobile or email address. We only send out the newsletter by email now and would not like for you not to receive it. You can also check the school website for information too. Thanks

# Safety

Can we please ask that children do not come to nursery with beads, bracelets, beaded headbands, coins, small toys and jewellery. These are a choking hazard for some children. Can we please ask all parents to remember to close the gate when entering or leaving the nursery. Please do not let your child open the gate at any time. When the children are outside with a member of staff when you come to collect your child, can we ask that you do not open the gate as we need to keep all the children safe that are outdoors. A member of staff will bring your child to you. Due to health, safety and fire regulations prams/buggies cannot be brought into the nursery.

**REMINDERS**

**Absence** - Please remember if your child is absent from nursery to call the office on the first day.

Sickness/Tummy Bugs – Children should not return until 48hours clear due to passing on the infection.

**New Contact Details** – If you have changed any contact details – Address/home/ mobile number or email, please pass this onto the nursery staff or the school office. It is very important that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

# Respect

Please treat the nursery/school staff with respect when engaging in any discussions about your child/ren.

# Peanut Allergy

It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring in any food to the nursery.

# Procedures

In line with the care inspectorate policies and procedures, when a child is changed in the nursery their soiled clothes will be double bagged with a label and put into a sealed container in the cloakroom. If your child has been changed there will be a label on their peg asking you to see staff who will then give you their soiled clothing.

# Change of Clothes

Could we ask all parents to please provide a couple of changes of clothing in your child’s bag. Please put your child/ren name on their clothes. The nursery has a very limited supply of clothing as they do not always get returned. Suggested items are pants, socks, trousers and a top. We are looking for donations of socks and pants (these would have to be new). Ages 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 please.

# Contact Details

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