

St Mary's Nursery Class

November/December 2025

Newsletter



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.

Dates for your Diary

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1 st Dec	Caterpillar Parent Appointments
2 nd Dec	Butterfly Parent Appointments
11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
17 th Dec	Hartbeeps AM & Xmas Party
18 th Dec	Nursery Closed
5 th Jan	Nursery Open

Independence

At lunchtime the children have begun to help to set up the tables for their peers. They will all get a turn each of doing this.

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

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.

Staffing

We have a new lady who has joined us until the vacancy of support worker is filled. Her name is Linda and she will work in the afternoon.

Respect

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

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.

Social Media

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

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.



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.

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.

Learning in the nursery

OUTDOORS

The majority of the children are now able to get themselves ready for going outdoors, with little or no support. This helps to develop their personal independence. The children have been exploring the water and doing lots of pouring and emptying using jugs and funnels and a water pump. They have been jumping in puddles and the small water tray and then the tuff tray. Some have been throwing water with the containers in the air and using the hose with our new wooden guttering. For Halloween the children helped to carve pumpkins and filled them with sand and mud. There has been lots of play in the mud and paint in the mud kitchen. They have been using bottles mixing paint and water.

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. The children used scissors to cut the playdough, developing their fine motor skills. They have also been developing their curiosity and expanding their learning through playdough, we added scents and glitter.

Outdoor Classroom

The children have been going up to the outdoor classroom every Thursday. They will explore the water from the hose, water butts and in the tough trays. Please ensure that your child is well wrapped up as we are coming into winter now and it is starting to get cold up there.

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

Peanut Allergy



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

Contact Details



Office telephone number 01236 794828

Enquires email address is:

enquiries-at-st-marys-cumbernauld@northlan.org.uk

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.

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's 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.

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.

We would like to wish the following child a Happy Birthday in November..

Maya

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

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 48 hours 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.