

How can I help my child?

We want to make the change of class as easy as possible for your child. You can help them by:

- Ensuring that all their possessions (especially sweatshirts, coats and PE kits) are named.
- Encouraging your child's growing independence by letting them sort out their own lunchbox, coat, shoes etc.
- Listening to them read each night and asking them about the books that they have read.
- Supporting them with their weekly homework - times tables and spellings.
- Looking out for information about our topics on the website and encouraging your child to continue learning at home.
- Coming and speaking to us if you or your child have any worries, however small.

Our Ethos

'Together in God's family, we grow in faith, knowledge & love to reach our full potential, and to become the people that we are created to be.'



St Mary's &
St Benedict's
RC Primary School

The Lower Key Stage Two Team look forward to the coming year as we continue our learning journey together.

Remember to look out for our weekly newsletters and messages on Parent App. Mary Class web page will also be updated regularly with curriculum information and photos of learning in school.

Welcome to Mary Class



Mrs Lowe

Miss Palacio

Mrs Kerfoot

Mrs Lowe, Miss Palacio and Mrs Kerfoot welcome you and your child to Mary Class.

Do feel free to ask us any questions that you have and we will do our best to answer them. We are always available at the beginning and end of the school day.

Class doors open at **8.45am** and close at **8.55am**. If you arrive after 8.55am, please take your child to the school office to be marked in.

Rewards in Mary Class:

- ◆ Reward Rocket - Can you reach the moon by Friday to achieve a reward?
- ◆ Class Dojo - points are rewarded for following our behaviour charter which lead to team rewards. The 2 children with the highest dojos at the end of the week will receive a prize from the prize box.
- ◆ Two 'Star of the Week' certificates are awarded every Friday in Celebration Assembly.
- ◆ A free book after '150 home reads', with an extra certificate after every 50 reads.

Website

Please use our 'Mary' Class Page on the school website to keep up to date with information. You can find **Knowledge Organisers** on there which give details about the topics your child will be learning each half term. We encourage you to discuss and explore the topic with them at home.

Uniform and Equipment

Children should wear black school shoes—**not trainers**.

PE kit—Children should wear their PE Kit on their PE day. Our school PE Kit consists of navy-blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt, and trainers.



Your child's PE days are **Monday and Friday**. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and long hair is tied back.

No jewellery is allowed at any time.

Your child's reading book should be in school **every day**. They will be given a book changing day and receive two new books as long as their reading diary has been signed.

Homework

Please encourage and support your child with the following homework;



- ◆ Each week, they will have a list of **spellings** to learn, in addition to a specific **times table**. Your child has a brown book in their reading wallet which they can use to complete homework. They do not need to hand this book in each week, this is for your use only.
- ◆ Weekly spellings and times tables will be tested **every Friday**. Details, including which spellings and times tables to learn, can be found on our class web page/ on the homework sheet.
- ◆ Children are also expected to **read for 15 minutes** each night. Please support your child by asking comprehension questions to support their understanding.

In Year 4, there is a government statutory multiplication test towards the end of the academic year. The weekly times tables practice at home and school will really support your child to achieve their very best during the test. Please encourage your child to use **TTRockstars—Soundcheck** as this is in a similar format to the statutory test.

Swimming

If your child is in **Year 4**, they will attend swimming lessons at All Seasons baths in Chorley. The Year 4 children in class will all go swimming on a Friday afternoon and return before the end of the school day. The first swimming session for all Year 4 children in Mary class is **Friday 8th September**. Please ensure they bring their swimming kit in each Friday.

More information on swimming to follow.

In Mary Class, you will be expected to:

- Always do your best
- Be kind and considerate to everyone
- Follow our class rules
- Complete all homework (including daily reading) and have your reading book in school every day.
- Look after your own things
- Come to school on time, walk in sensibly at 8.45 and complete your morning task
- Remember your PE kit

Foundation Topics this year will be:

- Sparks Might Fly
- The Great Plague
- The Art of Food
- Passport to Europe
- Water Water (Egyptians)
- Hunted

