



St Mary's Nursery School



February Newsletter

"Play is the highest form of research." – Albert Einstein

School Holidays



Our Mid Term break is
13th – 17th February

School reopens for children as usual on
Monday 20th February 2023



Photographer

The photographer shall be visiting us on
Thursday 23rd February to take individual
pictures! Please ensure your child is
wearing their uniform. Thank you.



Catholic Schools Week/Stay & Play Grandparents Day

As a celebration of Catholic Schools' week and to
acknowledge the important role grandparents play in their
grandchildren's life, we invited your child's grandparents to
Stay & Play from 10.00-10.45am:

Mrs Markey's class on Tuesday 31st January
Mrs Friel's class on Friday 3rd February

Educational Outings

On Thursday 2nd February we will be taking a trip to W5.



We will be travelling by bus and have arranged for packed lunches for the children who normally have school dinners.

Mindfulness

We are excited to be continuing our sessions of Mindfulness with Mind Explorers. We will enjoy a further two sessions this month!



Primary Movement

Mrs Hoy and Mrs Friel are trained in Primary Movements. The children shall be spending five minutes daily before dinner singing some action rhymes and following some movements. The activities are designed to stimulate a specific pattern of motor skill development and may help your child's overall development. The children are already enjoying participating in these simple action rhymes.

Toys

Please discourage your child from bringing toys (or money) to School as it can lead to upset and disagreements between the children.

You can help your child at home by ...

- Encourage your child to set the table, counting out the place settings for the family members.
- Encourage your child to pour their own drink, praising their efforts.



Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Talk about things as they happen,
eg when you're both unpacking the shopping.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure you keep us notified of any changes to your contact numbers. This will ensure parents receive the messages from our text messaging service. Please speak to Mrs Gault if you need to check or amend your number – thank you!

Curriculum Matters

Colours for the month



This month's colours are pink and red. The shape we are focussing on is the heart ♥. Please encourage your child to look out for these colours and shape in their environment.

Topic for the month/Shape for the month



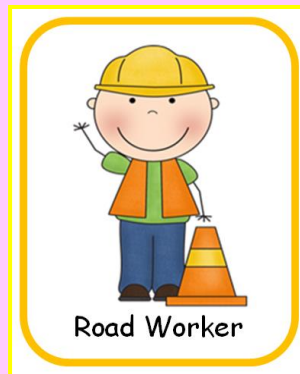
The topics for this month are Transport and People Who Help Us. The children will be exploring the concepts (at a basic level) of push, pull, forces – acceleration, deceleration, magnets, floating and sinking. This will be encouraged throughout the play areas – magnets, planks, metal and non-metal transport vehicles in the sand and water. They will be encouraged to verbalise why sand slows down vehicles – how magnets work etc.

Please encourage your child to bring in junk materials for their transport models – old small cereal boxes and lids are good.

The children will be encouraged to predict which objects will float/sink after lots of exploratory play at the water with various shaped vegetables, boats, rocks, feathers, balls etc.



The children's awareness of people around us who help us will be heightened. We hope to arrange some visits from People Who Help Us in the community.



The children's friendship skills will be developed.

Mathematically one to one correspondence will be stimulated throughout their learning environment. Throughout all this we will hopefully be ensuring the children are happy and having fun as well as learning!



Please note the possible additional bank holiday in May

School Closures: February – June 2023

<i>13th – 17th February</i>	<i>Mid Term</i>
<i>17th March</i>	<i>School Holiday</i>
<i>7th April</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>
<i>10th – 14th April</i>	<i>School Holiday</i>
<i>1st May</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>
<i>8th May</i>	<i>Possible Additional Bank Holiday TBC</i>
<i>22nd – 26th May</i>	<i>School Holiday</i>
<i>29th May</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>