



St Mary's Nursery School



February Newsletter

School Holidays

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



Our Mid Term break is
10th – 14th February

School reopens for children as usual on
Monday 17th February 2025



Photographer

The photographer shall be visiting us on
Wednesday 19th February to take
individual pictures! Please ensure your
child is wearing their uniform. Thank you.



Fire Service



We are delighted to be having a visit from
the Fire Service on Tuesday 18th February.
This always proves to be a very exciting
morning and reinforces our theme of
People Who Help Us. We will be having
an Ambulance visit and also the PSNI – these dates are to
be confirmed.

Parent Workshops

Please reply to the recent information sheet. Thank you.

Bathing the Dog



A huge thank you to Orla's Mummy for bringing in the wonderful Ned to be bathed in front of our children. This was very entertaining and informative.

Primary Movement

Mrs Markey 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.



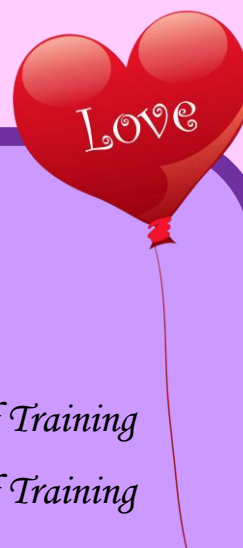


The children's friendship skills will be developed.

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!

School Closures: February – June 2025

<i>10th – 14th February</i>	<i>Mid Term</i>
<i>17th March</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>
<i>18th April</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>
<i>21st – 25th April</i>	<i>School Holiday</i>
<i>5th May</i>	<i>School Development Day for Staff Training</i>
<i>26th – 30th May</i>	<i>School Holiday</i>



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