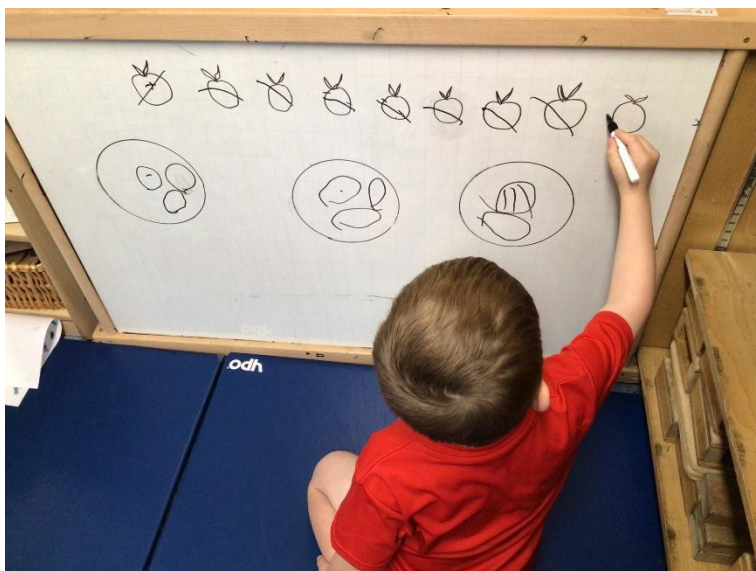


St Mary and St Andrew's School







HOW CAN A TIGER JUMP?

3m
2.5m
2m
1.5m

A tree frog
can jump
up to
2 metres
high



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Welcome to
Mater Ecclesiae
Catholic MAT



Our Mission Statement

At St Mary and St Andrew's

We are guided by God who is at the centre of everything we do.

We support each other to be the best we can be to secure bright futures for everyone.

With our parishes, families and the community,

we work together to create a school that is safe, happy, respectful and inspirational.

“Guide us o God to be the best that we can be; in every thought, in every word and every deed”



Information and Where to Find it

A Welcome Pack Email has already been sent out – if you have any problems accessing or using ARBOR speak to us tonight

Other information includes...

- ❖ What can I do to help prepare my child for school?
- ❖ Things I like/Things I don't like/Things I am looking forward to at school/Things I'm not too sure about at school (to complete with your child)
- ❖ Attendance
 - ❖ Attendance Policy
 - ❖ Holiday Pattern
- ❖ School Dinners
 - ❖ Ordered in Class, menu on our website
- ❖ Infant Milk Scheme – sign up before 5pm on Tuesday 25th August.
- ❖ Out of School Club, complete form to register book on ARBOR

**Visit our website:
It's all on here!**

<https://stmarystandrews.mecmat.org>

All other information, including details about UNIFORM, is on our website.

Working with families

- * Safeguarding leads – Mr Waywell, Mrs Garnett & Mrs Bisby
- * Operation Encompass lead
- * Early Help lead
- * Designated lead teacher
- * Attendance officer
- * External agencies we currently work with:
School nursing team; CANW; CAMHS; audiology;
educational psychology; virtual school; SALT; PT; OT

***Please talk to us!**

Attendance

- * [Attendance and Holidays | St Mary and St Andrew's Catholic Primary School](#)
- * Great attendance is vital for success at school and success in the future too.
- * We monitor attendance daily and inform your child's attendance on newsletters, parents' evenings and communication from the school office
- * 97% minimum target
- * New DfE expectations from September 2024
- * Please do not take holidays in school time



Current academic year up to Monday 10 June 2024

Number of pupils	Overall attendance %	Overall absence %	Unauthorised absence %
127	96.7%	3.3%	0.4%
Persistently absent		Severely absent	
Number of persistently absent pupils	Percentage of persistently absent pupils	Number of severely absent pupils	Percentage of severely absent pupils
6	4.7%	0	0.0%

Communication

Most communication is shared electronically to all Primary Guardians

- We strongly encourage you to check your emails regularly and at least weekly. Check all folders, including junk!
- ARBOR In-App Messaging – Select ALLOW to enable school to send you push notifications
- MS forms are used to collect data and responses to events (no more paper reply slips!)
- Absences (sickness) call the absence line 01772 862335 **before 8:40am on day of absence** or report on ARBOR (Planned Absence)
- Absences (other i.e. medical appointments, music exams – not holidays) complete MS Form on our [website](#) **at least 24 hours before** to allow the class teachers to be informed for least disruption in class

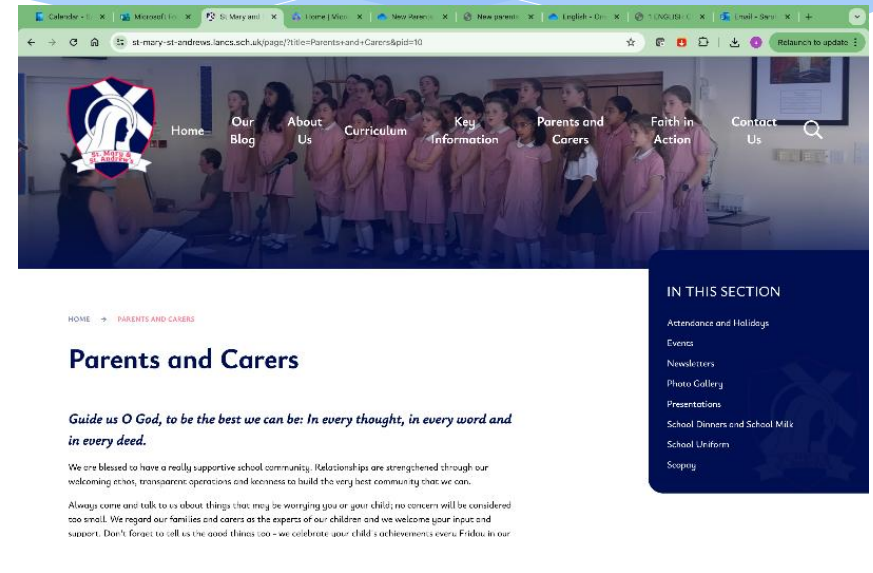
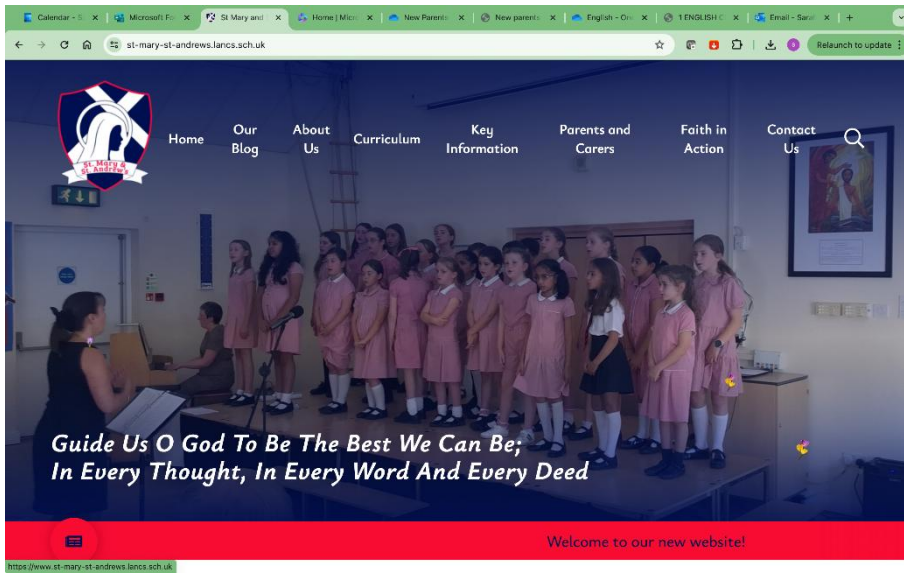
Email the school office for general admin questions (check our [website](#) and [events calendar](#) first) office@stmarystandrews.mecmat.org

Email class teachers for classroom and curriculum queries or concerns staff@stmarystandrews.mecmat.org

Send an In-App Message on ARBOR for general notifications

Our Website

<https://stmarystandrews.mecmat.org/>



School Routines

Start and End of day:

- ❖ Please enter school by the School Entrance
- ❖ The Headteacher will greet children at the entrance to school.
- ❖ Gates open at 8.40am.
- ❖ Children make their way to class.
- ❖ The gates close at 8.50am and registration begins.
- ❖ Late arrivals should be accompanied by an adult who must sign the child in.
- ❖ Wrens Class (and any KS2 siblings) finish at 3.20pm; the children are released to their carers via the back playground.
- ❖ Staff are available at home time to answer any questions. Children attending After School Club will be escorted to club by school staff.
- ❖ Please do not enter school unaccompanied.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS UNIFORM

Winter – (Autumn Term & Spring Term)

Navy blue pinafore, skirt or trousers

Infants -Red Polo shirt

Juniors – White shirt and school tie

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan (Branded)

Knee length white socks, or navy tights

Black bar shoes or lace-ups (low heels)

Navy blue fleece, anorak or coat (designer/sports logos, stripes or emblems are not permitted)

Summer – (Summer Term)

Red and white chequered dress

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan (Branded)

White knee length or ankle socks

Black bar shoes or lace-ups (low heels)

Navy fleece, anorak or coat (designer/sports logos, stripes or emblems are not permitted)

P.E. KIT

Navy blue shorts, navy PE skort, red 'T' shirt, navy blue school hooded sweatshirt (branded) /soft shell jacket, navy blue jog pants. Trainers.

Winter Accessories

Navy woollen hat. Plain navy gloves and scarf. Football scarves, hats and gloves are not permitted.

Summer Accessories

Red or blue baseball cap

BOYS UNIFORM

Winter – (Autumn Term & Spring Term)

Grey shorts or long trousers

Infants -Red Polo shirt

Juniors – White shirt and school tie

Navy blue school sweatshirt (Branded)

Grey socks

Black lace-up or Velcro strap shoes (no trainers)

Navy blue fleece, anorak or coat (designer/sports logos, stripes or emblems are not permitted)

Summer – (Summer Term)

As winter – Junior boys can wear Red Polo shirt instead of white shirt and tie

School Dinners



Mrs Flynn, our Catering Manager, prepares our school lunches on site. Lancashire County Council develop the menus which meet the School Food Standards which were introduced from January 2015 as part of the School Food Plan.

These menus aim to help children enjoy healthy balanced meals containing lower fat, protein items and plenty of starchy carbohydrates, accompanied by lots of seasonal vegetables, salad and fruit. Using healthier ingredients for the recipes and ideas from children the menus have been developed to meet the Government's School Food Standards.

All children in reception and years one and two are entitled to free meals as part of the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal. This is worth up to £570 per year per child.

WEEK ONE <i>Week Commencing:</i> 20th April 11th May 1st June 22nd June 13th July 3rd August 24th August 14th September 5th October 26th October	F+ Spring & Summer 2026	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	Traditional Main Course	Southern Style Chicken Goujon or Vegetable Finger Wrap with Potatoes Mixed Vegetables or BBQ Beans	Mild Beef or Vegetarian Chilli Nacho Bake with Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn Medley	Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mild Chicken or Quorn Balti Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch Choice of Sandwiches Vegetarian Sausage Roll Pasta Salad Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Cheese Flan with Baby Potatoes Baked Beans or Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Salad Selection (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Fruity Flapjack or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Ice Cream & Dessert Sauce or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Cookie & Milkshake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection
WEEK TWO <i>Week Commencing:</i> 27th April 18th May 8th June 29th June 20th July 10th August 31st August 21st September 12th October 2nd November		MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	Traditional Main Course	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Potatoes Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (v)	BBQ Pulled Pork or Quorn Burrito with Rainbow Vegetable Rice & Salad Selection	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Booths British Beef & Pork or Vegetarian Burger with Potatoes Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
	Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Garden Peas (v)	Loaded Potato Wedges with BBQ Beans, Crispy Onions & Salad Selection (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Marble Traybake & Toffee Drizzle or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Biscuit & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
WEEK THREE <i>Week Commencing:</i> 13th April 4th May 25th May 15th June 6th July 27th July 17th August 7th September 28th September 19th October 9th November		MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
	Traditional Main Course	Mild Piri Piri Chicken or Quorn Pitta Pocket with Sunshine Rice & Garden Peas	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables	Honey Roast Gammon & Pineapple or BBQ Vegetarian Meatballs with Rosti Potatoes & Sweetcorn Medley	Chicken or Vegetable Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Potatoes & Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch Choice of Sandwiches Vegetarian Sausage Roll Pasta Salad Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Salad Selection (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Jam Sandwich Slice or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Sticky Toffee Cupcake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

Universal credit and other benefits

If you receive certain benefits, or have a household income below the Government threshold, please register your entitlement with your area education office. Our School can receive extra funding called the 'Pupil Premium' which is sometimes worth £1,550 per pupil to the school.

Can I claim free school meals for my older children? Yes you can, if you are on certain benefits. Complete the Pupil Premium Registration Form linked on our website and let us know

If you are serving with the UK armed forces, please let us know.

What to expect as your child
starts school...

and what you can do to help



School induction;

- * Pre-school visits by Mrs Bisby & discussions with keyworkers
- * Parents meeting Thursday 4th June 5.30-6.30pm
- * Invite to our Sports Day and Summer Fair on Friday 26th June from 1pm
- * Class 'stay and play sessions' for children only; Wednesday June 17th, July 1st and 8th 1.15 – 3pm
- * September start; **9:00am Thursday 3rd September**
Parents curriculum and reading meeting in September date TBC

What can I do to help prepare my child for school?

- Talk positively about school and if you've any questions, ask!
- If your child has any additional needs or currently receives additional support e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Paediatrician, Occupational Therapy etc, please let us know. The more we know about your child, the more we can support their transition to school.
- Involve your child in buying and labelling uniform. **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Sew on labels are best. A small, coloured button or ribbon on their coat and bag will also help them distinguish what is theirs.
- Encourage independent self-help skills where possible e.g. dressing including zips and buttons, **toileting**, eating with cutlery, sharing, listening to and following instructions, tidying up! Talk and encourage listening too! Encourage conversation with your child about books, activities, experiences, feelings etc; good communication skills are key to developing sound literacy skills.
- Discuss school menus and encourage a willingness to try new foods.
- **READ ALL EMAILS!**
- Complete the likes and dislikes sheet with your child and return to school.



POSITIVE SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND A BIG SMILE!



Our enthusiasm and interest in school rubs off on the children so please do talk positively with them about starting school over the next few weeks.

It's an exciting time!

If, at any time, you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Contacting School

By telephone; 01772 862335

by email;

staff@stmarystandrews.mecmat.org

Please label any current emails as PRE-SCHOOL





We look forward to working with you and your child

