



Curriculum enrichment offer 2025-2026

To enhance the school curriculum and enrich the children's learning experiences at St. Mary's, we arrange trips to places of interest during each school term. Many trips are organised to link with the subjects studied by the children that term. Typical examples of school trips are: visits to museums and art galleries; visits to a variety of places of worship, visits to the seaside or zoo. Other trips may be arranged to develop a particular skill, for example visits to our secondary feeder schools.

The safety of pupils on school trips is, of course, paramount. The school has a comprehensive Educational Visits Policy and a full risk assessment is carried out prior to any trip. As part of the risk assessment, teachers are expected to visit the location before the visit takes place. If any aspect of the trip presents an unacceptable risk then it will not go ahead. All risk assessments are approved by the leadership team. Qualified first-aid trained staff accompany pupils on school trips.

We rely on voluntary contributions from parents to enable these trips to take place. We do try to keep the cost of trips down and always consider value for money when selecting places of interest/learning to visit. The payments from our after-school clubs help to provide enrichment activities, this term we are purchasing annual passes for the Metro and National Trust. The use of our school bus also reduces the costs. At St. Mary's, no child will ever miss out on an enrichment activity due to lack of funds.

Many of our trips are planned in well advance and additional information will be sent out to individual classes. Our aim is to provide the following enrichment activities, they are subject to change.

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N/A = No financial cost £ = No more than £5 ££ = No more than £40 £££ = No more than £100 ££££ = More than £200

Autumn a			
Year group	Venue/ event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Police/ nurse/ road safety visit	All about me	N/A
Reception	St. Mary's Church	RE	N/A
Year 1	Teddy Bear Walk	Geography- local area	N/A
Year 2	The Word Library	English- reading	N/A
Year 3	South Shields Museum	History	N/A
Year 4	Temple Park	PE	N/A
Year 5	Jarrow Hall	Geography- settlements	N/A
Year 6	The Community Fire Station	Safety Works	N/A

Autumn b			
Year group	Venue / event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Spooky stay and play	Autumn	N/A
Reception	The Word	Terrific Tales	N/A
Year 1	Discovery Museum	History- Toys Workshop	N/A
Year 2	Laing Art Gallery	Art- 2D drawing	N/A
Year 3	Jarrow Hall	History- Settlements	N/A
Year 4	Segedunum	History- Romans	N/A
Year 5	Hancock Museum	History-	N/A
YEAR 6	Discovery Museum	History (Conflict through time)	N/A

Spring a			
Year group	Venue/ event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Zoo Lab	UTW	N/A
Reception	Zoo Lab	Amazing animals	N/A
Year 1	7 Stories - Nature and Seasons	English/Science	N/A
Year 2	Northumberland Zoo	Geography	N/A
Year 3	Winter Gardens	Science (skeletons and plants)	N/A
Year 4	Souter Lighthouse -Coasts	Geography	N/A
Year 5	Sustainability trip	Geography	N/A
Year 6	Temple Park	PE	N/A

Spring b			
Year group	Venue / event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Farm visit	Spring / Lifecycles / Come outside	N/A
Reception	Farm Visit	Spring / Lifecycles / Come outside	N/A
Year 1	Hancock Museum - Animal & Classification Workshop	Science	£
Year 2	Music Festival	Music	N/A
Year 3	Temple Park	PE	N/A
Year 4	Temple Park	PE	N/A
Year 5	Open Zone	Computing	N/A
Year 6	Digital Careers	Careers	N/A

Summer a			
Year group	Venue / event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Ferry trip/ metro	Tickets to ride	N/A
Reception	The Word	English	N/A
Year 1	National Glass Centre	DT/Science/RE	N/A
Year 2	Discover Museum	History	N/A
Year 3	Working Farm Visit	Science	N/A
Year 4	Hancock Museum -Egyptians	History	N/A
Year 5	The Word	English	N/A
Year 6	Robin Wood residential	Extra Curricular	££££

Summer b			
Year group	Venue /event	Curriculum link	Parental contribution
Nursery	Beach school	Pirates theme	N/A
Reception	Beach School	Topic	N/A
Year 1	Laing Art Gallery/Library	Art/Reading	N/A
Year 2	Washington Wetlands	Science	£
Year 3	The Word	English (creative writing)	N/A
Year 4	Centre of Life - Space	Science	£
Year 5	Programming	Computing	£
Year 6	Holy Island	Religious Education	££