



## Curriculum Enrichment Offer 2026-2027

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    | No visit due to settling routines     |                                                       |                       |
| Reception  | Local Church                          | Local community/recognising people from the community | N/A                   |
| Year 1     | Local Area Teddy Bear Walk            | Geography/Literacy                                    | N/A                   |
| Year 2     | Local Church                          | Local community/recognising people from the community | N/A                   |
| Year 3     | ICT in schools- Scratch The Word      | Computer Science- Computing                           | £                     |
| Year 4     | Farm Trip                             | Geography/Science                                     | £                     |
| Year 5     | ICT in schools- 3D Modelling The Word | Computer Science- Computing                           | £                     |
| Year 6     | Eden Camp                             | History – Conflict Through Time                       | ££                    |

| Autumn b   |                               |                                                                              |                       |
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| Year group | Venue / event                 | Curriculum link                                                              | Parental contribution |
| Nursery    | Hedworthfield gymnastics      | Gross motor development - Physical development.                              | £                     |
|            | Boldon Lodge Christmas event  | Seasonal topic- Understanding the world and Personal and social development. | ££                    |
| Reception  | Gibside festive trail         | Autumn and seasonal changes                                                  | ££                    |
| Year 1     | Discovery Museum Toy Workshop | History                                                                      | £                     |
| Year 2     | The Word                      | Linked to reading topic and queens                                           | N/A                   |

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| Year 3 | Feel the force-Centre of Life | Science- Forces and Magnets | £   |
| Year 4 | Roman Fort                    | History                     | £   |
| Year 5 | Jarrow Hall                   | Anglo-Saxons and Vikings    | £   |
| YEAR 6 | Into Film Festival            | Media Creation - Computing  | N/A |

| Spring a   |                                                        |                                              |                       |
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| Year group | Venue/ event                                           | Curriculum link                              | Parental contribution |
| Nursery    | Emma's exotic animals visit to Nursery for both rooms. | Animal topic link - Understanding the world. | N/A                   |
| Reception  | Emma's exotic animals                                  | Understanding the world                      | N/A                   |
| Year 1     | Life Centre Where of Earth Workshop                    | Science/Geography                            | £                     |
| Year 2     | Washington Wetland Centre                              | Handas Surprise-Africa                       | N/A                   |
| Year 3     | Hancock Museum                                         | Science                                      | N/1                   |
| Year 4     | Souter Lighthouse                                      | Geography                                    | N/A                   |
| Year 5     | Mosque Visit                                           | Religious Education                          | N/A                   |
| Year 6     | Safety Works                                           | Personal Development                         | N/A                   |

| Spring b   |                                  |                                                         |                       |
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| Year group | Venue / event                    | Curriculum link                                         | Parental contribution |
| Nursery    | Hatching baby chicks in Nursery. | Understanding the world and Communication and language. | No cost.              |
| Reception  | Preston Park Butterfly world     | Life cycles                                             | ££                    |
| Year 1     | Durham Botanic Gardens           | Science                                                 | £                     |
| Year 2     | Music festival Carnival House    | Music and drama                                         | N/A                   |
| Year 3     | St Mary's Church                 | Religious Education                                     | N/A                   |
| Year 4     | Centre of Life                   | Materials – Science                                     | ££                    |
| Year 5     | Community visit                  | RE/PD                                                   | N/A                   |
| Year 6     | The Word                         | Literacy                                                | N/A                   |

| Summer a   |                            |                              |                       |
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| Year group | Venue / event              | Curriculum link              | Parental contribution |
| Nursery    | Tiny Tweeties session      | Creative development         | £                     |
|            | Epinay soft play           | Physical development         |                       |
| Reception  | Library visit              | Looking at traditional tales | N/A                   |
| Year 1     | Durham Botanic Gardens     | Science                      | £                     |
| Year 2     | South Shields Life Brigade | Water safety                 | N/A                   |
| Year 3     | Sports event               | Temple Park                  | N/A                   |
| Year 4     | Museum Visit               | History                      | N/A                   |
| Year 5     | YMT                        | Religious Education          | £££                   |
| Year 6     | Holy Island                | RE                           | N/A                   |

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| Nursery   | Beach school visit                           | Literacy and understanding the world. | No cost |
| Reception | Beach School                                 | 'Fun at the seaside'                  | £       |
| Year 1    | Laing Art Gallery and Newcastle City Library | Art and Literacy                      | N/A     |
| Year 2    | Solidarity Farm                              | Personal Development                  | N/A     |
| Year 3    | Community visit                              | RE/PD                                 | N/A     |
| Year 4    | Rockpooling                                  | Water Safety                          | N/A     |
| Year 5    | Surf School                                  | Pastoral/Personal Development         | N/A     |
| Year 6    | Thurston Outdoor Education Centre            | Pastoral/ Personal Development        | ££££    |