



## ST. MARY MAGDALENE

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Friday 12th September, 2025

### Happy New Academic Year and Welcome to our First Newsletter!

**Welcome Parents and carers** to St Mary Magdalene C of E Nursery school. We, the Nursery staff, are really looking forward to getting to know you all, teaching your children and inspiring them to grow and learn in our fun-filled classroom! Please take time to read this newsletter which tells you what your child is learning about this term.

For the first few weeks of the term, we will be settling the children smoothly into their daily routines and supporting them to learn and follow the classroom and school rules. Soon after children will be engaged in play-based as well as adult-led activities to support their learning and development.

**Literacy and Understanding the World:** 'All About Me' will be the main theme for the first half-term, and 'Light and Celebrations' will be the theme for the second half-term. Children will learn about themselves identifying their body parts and talking about their qualities. They will also engage in activities to celebrate their uniqueness as well as understand how we are different. Through play and direct teaching, we will talk about how they are part of a family and learn to name family members. In the second half of the term, we will focus on cultural and religious celebrations. Children will have the opportunity to be immersed in different celebration experiences such as Christmas.

We will read a range of stories and non-fiction books to support children's understanding of the themes and develop their vocabulary. Children will be supported to show their learning through talk and re-telling of stories.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:** We want our Nursery children to be happy and kind! Children will be encouraged to express their feelings and ask for help when they need to. They will learn about the different emotions people experience and how our actions and words have an effect on others. Children are encouraged to always use their magic words 'please' and 'thank you'.

**Reading:** Please try to read with your child daily either the book they have chosen from Nursery or books of your own choice. There are a variety of books in the foyer of the nursery. You can change your child's book as often as you wish. All we ask is for you to write down the date, name of your child and the title of the book you have borrowed in the blue book.

**Please** do your best to read with your child and comment in their reading record book. Your child will then receive a sticker each week. When they get a total of twelve star-stickers they will be awarded a certificate and their own story book!

They will learn to recognise and read their name through self-registration.

**Physical Development:** PE and dance take place throughout the week. Your child will be encouraged to exercise every day, during their time in nursery, with a variety of PE equipment, bikes and apparatus for your child to use. Please make sure your child wears suitable shoes/trainers with velcro fasteners. Please note for your own child's safety, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus. Children will also engage in daily play activities to support their eye-hand coordination as well as their pencil skills. We would encourage our children to trace over their names at home.

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**Mathematics:** We will start the term by looking at sorting objects into groups according to a common quality like things that have the same colour or animals that live on the farm. Then, we will focus on numbers allowing children to develop strong grounding in numbers. Children will learn to recite numbers in the right order up to 5. They will practice fast recognition of quantities up to 3 without having to count them individually (subitising). Through games and activities children will learn to show finger numbers up to 5.

**Understanding of the World:** We will encourage the children to use magnifying glasses to look at their fingerprints. We will be having discussions about our individual differences such as hair, eye, skin colour, height, whilst pointing out that everyone has a unique look. What do you notice about your hair? Is it the same as your friends? Children will learn the names of their body parts too!



**Expressive Art & Design:** Children will learn different nursery rhymes and action songs. We will perform songs and poems and learn to move our bodies in time to music. Children will also have access to a range of art materials to explore how to create paintings, pictures, collage or 3D models.

**Things you can do at home:** You can share with your child their photos as babies and engage in conversations about how they looked and how they have changed. Draw family trees and help them name family members.

### Gentle Reminders:

1. Please label your child's coat & book bag **clearly**.
2. EARLY BIRD READING takes place every Friday for 10 minutes which gives you the opportunity to read with your child - this will begin Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Nursery.
3. Half Term - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October (INSET day children will not be in school on this day) - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.
4. Please remember to look at TAPESTRY weekly if you would like to see what your child is learning and doing. Any comments you wish to make are very much appreciated by the Nursery team.
5. For those children who stay all day please provide a healthy packed lunch for your child such as a sandwich, yogurt, fruit and a drink, preferably water.
6. Nursery code - Please ensure you apply every 3 MONTHS for your Nursery code and let the school office know. This must be done before the code expires or you will be liable for the cost. Thank you.

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#### A BIG ASK!

Please can you write an **Autumn Prayer** or any prayer you know on the A4 paper given out to you today. These prayers will then be displayed on our seasonal tree in the Welcome area of the Nursery. It would be lovely to have a prayer from every child who attends Nursery.

We also need a **photograph of your child** as a baby or toddler. We are happy to photo copy it if you would like to keep it.

#### **Wish List!**

We use a wide range of materials for our sensory play as well as crafts activities, and we would be really grateful if you have any spare of the following items that you no longer need:

- Foil
- Plain Flour
- Crème of Tartar
- Salt
- Washing up liquid
- Pasta – spaghetti, penne, bows, shells.
- Dressing up clothes
- Paper plates (small)
- Biscuits
- Food colouring
- Rice
- Shaving foam
- Cotton wool
- Cotton buds

We value your continued support from home with your child's learning and we are always available to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss about your child. Learning should be lots of fun and we try to do our very best to make your child's time in Nursery a wonderful, exciting and memorable experience.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Turner (class Teacher) Mrs Rao and Mrs Jailany (Teaching Assistants).

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