



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Whole School Expectations 2026-2027

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Saint Mary's and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our school community come together again. The children have made such a positive start and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm, smiles and excitement as they settle back into school life.

As we begin the new academic year, we are looking forward to all that the year ahead will bring. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in helping us to maintain the high standards and expectations that make Saint Mary's such a happy, safe and purposeful place for our children to learn. We have included a few reminders below to help ensure that everyone starts the year with a clear understanding of our school routines and expectations.

- **Stationery:** All stationery will be provided by school, so children do not need to bring pencil cases or stationery from home.
- **School bags:** Children's bags will be stored in lockers or cloakrooms. Your child will only need to bring their **reading books, reading diary and a water bottle** each day.
- **Bags:** Please ensure that bags are small enough to fit in your child's locker or on a peg with their coat. Our **Saint Mary's blue book bags** are ideal for younger children.
- **Jewellery and hair:** Earrings are not permitted in school for safety reasons. Long hair should be tied back using plain **navy or black** simple hair accessories.
- **School shoes:** Children should wear **smart, sturdy black school shoes not trainers**. Please refer to our [Uniform Policy](#) for further information.
- **Snacks and drinks:** Children may bring **fruit or vegetables** for a breaktime snack. Free fruit is provided in school for KS1 children. All children should bring a **refillable bottle containing water**. Please see our [School Food Policy](#) for further information.
- **Homework:** Homework will be sent home on a **Friday evening** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**.
- **Absence:** If your child is absent from school, please notify the school office and provide the reason for their absence by emailing: admin@saintmaryscongleton.co.uk.
- **Holidays during term time:** Holidays taken during term time will **not be authorised** unless circumstances are exceptional, in line with our attendance expectations and statutory guidance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that our children have the very best start to the new academic year and continue to feel **safe, valued and loved** every day at Saint Mary's.

We are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,
Miss A Butterfield
Headteacher