



St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

Working together
in an inclusive Christian environment
to allow every pupil to shine brighter and brighter.

St Mary's is an inclusive school where we believe that all people are of equal value, irrespective of their ethnicity, culture, religion, gender, ability or sexual identity. We recognise and respect differences.

Homework Policy

This policy is GDPR compliant.

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Last reviewed/adopted: May 2026 (Academic Standards and Ethos Committee)

Next review date: Summer 2028

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Homework is an important part of the partnership between home and school at St Mary's. It supports children's learning beyond the classroom and helps to build independence, confidence, and lifelong study habits.

Why Homework Matters

We believe homework is valuable because it:

- Reinforces and consolidates learning from class
- Strengthens thinking, memory, and problem-solving skills
- Develops positive study habits and independence
- Involves parents and carers in their child's learning
- Encourages curiosity, creativity, and independent learning

Our Aims

This policy ensures that:

- A strong and supportive partnership exists between school and home
- There is a consistent approach to homework across the school
- Pupils, parents, and staff understand expectations clearly
- Children are well prepared and supported to complete homework
- High standards and positive attitudes towards homework are promoted

Homework Expectations

- Homework is set **weekly for Years 1–6 via Google Classroom**
- Homework is set on **Thursday** and due the following **Tuesday**
- Daily reading **must be recorded** using the class system
- Work should be completed in homework books and presented neatly (following school presentation guidance)
- Homework handed in on time will be acknowledged by staff
- Tasks may be completed independently or with adult support, depending on age
- Parents and children should check work before submission
- If there are any difficulties accessing homework, please contact the class teacher promptly

Homework by Year Group

Year Group	Daily	Weekly
Nursery	Reading 5–10 mins	Sharing library book; sound of the week (from Spring)
Reception	Reading 5–10 mins	Library book + phonics-linked reading book
KS1	Reading 10–15 mins	Maths & spellings (30–45 mins)
Lower KS2	Reading 10–20 mins	Maths, times tables, reading task & spellings (45–60 mins)

Upper KS2	Reading 15–20+ mins	Maths, mental maths, reading task & spellings (60–90 mins)
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Occasionally, optional topic-based projects may also be set.

The Importance of Reading at Home

Regular reading at home is the most valuable homework activity a child can undertake. It underpins success across the curriculum—not only in English, but also in subjects like science, maths, and history, where understanding written information is essential.

Reading should be active and engaging. Children benefit most when they:

- Discuss what they are reading
- Make predictions and ask questions
- Talk about characters, ideas, and themes
- Make connections to their own experiences

Even confident readers should continue to read aloud regularly. This supports fluency, expression, and confidence, while giving adults insight into their progress.

We expect **all children to read daily at home** and for this to be recorded consistently. Establishing this routine builds both skill and enjoyment, helping children develop a lifelong love of reading.

The Role of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting homework by:

- Checking Google Classroom regularly
- Showing interest in and valuing homework
- Encouraging effort and praising progress
- Supporting (but not completing) homework tasks
- Helping children meet deadlines
- Communicating with the class teacher if needed

Communication with School

We encourage regular communication between home and school, particularly regarding reading. If you have any questions or concerns about homework, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Absence

Homework will not be provided for pupils taking holidays during term time.

Monitoring and Review

- All staff follow this policy to ensure consistency
- The Headteacher may review samples of homework periodically
- Parents with concerns should speak to the class teacher, and then the Headteacher if necessary