



Spotlight on SPORT

A couple of Thank Yous!!

In School:

- Mrs Butler
- Mrs Scott & Mrs Massie
- Mrs Cribbin

Parents:

- Taxis
- Referees
- Fan Club
- Sponsors – New kit!

It is all a result of a GIANT team effort!

SPORT at St Mary's

- St Mary's provide children with Curriculum PE and Extra-Curricular opportunities that take many different forms.
- St Mary's has achieved GOLD in the School Games Mark for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.
- Some key criteria for this award:
 - Improving sporting opportunities for all children (both quality and quantity)
 - Engaging in competitions
 - Range of sports being provided
 - Increased student engagement towards physical activity



Curriculum Sport and PE

- Children get 2 hours of PE a week.
- Typically 1 hour of 'Games' and 1 lesson of Dance/Gymnastics/Swimming – change half termly.
- Chance to develop skills in isolation at a younger age and progress these onto sport specific game situations.
- We use 'Complete PE' to help deliver Curriculum PE. It helps to adapt lessons and activities to engage everyone.
- Promote resilience, determination, communication and teamwork throughout the different topics.

St Mary's Sporting Achievements

- St Mary's has achieved lots of sporting success over recent years:
 - Won U11 Boys Football Cup
 - Won U11 Boys and U11 Girls Football Leagues
 - U11 Boys Football County Champions
- Represented Chiltern District at County Finals for:
 - Swimming
 - Cricket
 - Football
- I think this success is largely down to the brilliant attitude our children have towards their sport.

Extra-Curricular Sport at St Mary's

- Our Extra-Curricular offer takes many different forms:
- Clubs – Range of sports and year groups (and/or genders) targeted.
- Inter-House – Competitions within school competing for house points.
- Festivals – Throughout the year that have a 'Friendly' status.
- Fixtures – Competitive matches against other schools in a League and Cup format. Friendly matches that are arranged where possible.

Friendly Festivals

- As part of the Schools Sports Partnership, multiple events are run throughout the year for different age groups covering a range of different activities.
- Consistent feedback (22/23 & 23/24) from the School Games Lead that St Mary's attend more sporting events than any other school.
- These are aimed at children trying a new sport for the first time to try and find something new they might enjoy – golf, cross country, squash, skateboarding for 2024/2025.

Competitive Competitions

- St Mary's Competitive Teams:
 - U11 (Year 5&6) Boys Football
 - U11 (Year 5&6) Girls Football
 - U10 (Year 4&5) Boys Football
 - U10 (Year 4&5) Girls Football
 - U11 (Year 5&6) Mixed Netball
- There are League Competitions for U11 Football and U11 Netball.
- There are Cup Competitions for U11 Football and U10 Football teams.
- As part of the Schools Sports Partnership, there are some Competitive Events with winners progressing on to County Finals.
- These will stop soon after October half term (daylight) and resume after February half term.

Process of Selection

Friendly Festivals

- Children indicate their interest to attend the event on a form filled in by class teacher.
- I receive the sheet back from the class teacher and accumulate the list of who is interested in the event.
- Select the children based on effort and application in PE (not ability) and how many previous events they have attended.
- Each child's interest and attendance is recorded.

Competitive Matches

- St Mary's run 'trials' for all children in Year 5&6 to attend for Football and Netball.
- Select a 'squad' for the team, rotate within the squad for matches throughout the year.
- St Mary's want to be competitive in every competitive event and therefore we wish to select the strongest team available.

All EVENTS

- Final list of selected children will receive a ParentMail from the school with a form to complete to give permission, contact details of who is collecting/taking.
- Please fill these in ASAP as it gives us time to find a replacement(s) if necessary.
- Please contact the office if you require help with TRANSPORT – our parents are so generous!
- Fixtures and events will be added to the School Calendar once confirmed.
- We have a busy schedule of fixtures so please wash and return the kit as soon as possible.

Things to remember

- Representing St Mary's is a privilege not a right.
- Patience is necessary.
- Behaviour in the classroom is a key determiner.
- Friendly fixtures are not a guarantee – lots of factors:
 - Staff availability (opposition as well)
 - Competitive success
- Squads are not final – can change throughout the year.