

## Facilities

Our classrooms are bright and spacious with interactive whiteboards in each room. We also have a dedicated computer room.

We have an Assembly/PE hall with a wide range of PE equipment, as well as access to adjacent gym, astro-turf and grass pitch facilities. Pupils attend classes at the nearby swimming pool.

Our large playground is marked with games and play areas and we have a designated area for pupils requiring a quieter playspace.

Our **Suaimhneas Room** provides a quiet calm space where individual pupils are given time to practise relaxation and sensory development strategies.

Each class has its own well-stocked library with a large selection of recommended and popular children's books. We have close links with Cobh Library where pupils regularly attend readings, workshops and visiting authors.



We organise a **Book Fair** each year in conjunction with an annual **Readathon**.

We operate a **Book Rental Scheme** for school books which parents find very cost effective.

The **Parents' Association** organise regular fund-raising activities as well as offering assistance and support for various school activities.

## St. Mary's Pre-school

On-site facility Mon-Fri 8.50 -11.45am

## Little Treasures After-School Club

On-site facility Mon-Fri 1.30 - 4.00pm



## Special Education Support

Our highly-qualified and skilled Special Education Team offer support to children with varying needs, both intellectual and physical.

We work closely with fellow professionals including psychologists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists from the various support agencies.

Children are offered specifically- targeted education programmes to enable them to reach their full potential.



## OPENING TIMES

**8.50am – 2.30pm**

**Infants: 8.50am – 1.30pm**

(Gates open at 8.35am)

## Curriculum/Activities

**Gaeilge:** Tá béim ar Ghaeilge. Eagraítear Seachtain na Gaeilge gach bliain.

**English and Drama:** Shared Reading, Literacy Links programme, C.A.P.E.R. (*Children And Parents Enjoying Reading*), D.E.A.R. (*Drop Everything and Read*), Library visits, Concerts & plays, Choral Verse, Visiting theatre.

**Maths:** Maths Trails, Numeracy station-teaching, Team-teaching for Numeracy, Maths Week Challenges, Mathsworks.

**Music:** Singing, Choir, Recorder, Tin Whistle, Percussion, Visiting musicians. Cork Pops Orchestra Concerts.

**S.P.H.E.:** Health Promoting School, Green Schools Committee, Friends for Life & Zippy's Friends Programmes

**P.E.:** Camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Swimming, Athletics, Dance, Games, Annual Sports Day

**S.E.S.E.:** History/Geography/Science activities. Seashore visits, Discover Primary Science Programme, Bluestar European Awareness Programme, Learn-it Lego, Local History and Geography field trips and tours.

**Visual Arts:** Paint, Drawing, Design, Clay, Knitting, Sewing & Crochet, Artist in Residence Programme, Gallery/Exhibition visits

**Computer Studies:** Weekly class in IT room

**Religion:** Grow in Love/Alive O Programme, Preparation for Sacraments, Prayer Services, Attendance at Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral.

## Achievements & Other Activities

Playground Pals

Student Council

Prizewinners in Cork City Sports, Sciath na Scol  
Camogie & Gaelic Football



Prizewinners in Feis Maitiú Choral Verse, Recorder  
Band and School Choir Competitions.

Credit Union Quiz Champions

Manga-High Maths National Champions

INTO Handwriting Prizewinners

Prizewinners in Lions Club, Credit Union and Library Art  
& Writing Competitions

Discover Primary Science Award of Excellence

5 Green Flags (*Waste Management, Energy&Water  
Conservation, Transport, Bio-diversity*)

Junior Entrepreneur Business Programme

Junior Achievement Engineering Programme

UCC Junior Conferring Programme

Annual School Tours

Choir Performances –Cork Airport, Cobh Heritage  
Centre, Cobh Hospital; St. Patrick’s Day Community  
Concert



Charitable Support is given to Bóthar, Trócaire, Temple  
St. Children’s Hospital, Mercy Hospital Foundation,  
various local charities.

## CONTACT DETAILS



**Principal:** Alice O’Connell  
**Deputy Principal:** Eileen Twomey  
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### *A word from the Principal:*

You are welcome to visit our school at any time. If  
you would like to speak with me or any of the  
teachers in private, please telephone beforehand  
to make an appointment. I would be delighted to  
meet you and show you around.

I am very proud of our pupils, our staff and our  
school. It is a lovely school for staff to work in and  
for pupils to attend.

Come and see for yourself!

*Alice O’Connell*

## *St. Mary’s National School Cobh*



Our school was founded in 1914 by the Sisters of  
Mercy. It is situated in the historic town of Cobh,  
overlooking St. Colman’s Cathedral and  
Cork Harbour.

### **Catholic Ethos**

St. Mary’s N.S. is a Catholic school which  
welcomes pupils of all denominations and none.

### **Mission/Vision**

Our mission is to provide each student with a  
diverse education in a safe, supportive Catholic  
environment that promotes self-discipline,  
motivation and excellence in learning.

We strive to make our school a happy, safe place  
where we learn and grow with confidence and  
care for ourselves and others.

### **School Community**

340 pupils currently attend our school. We have  
19 teachers and 3 Special Needs Assistants.

The average class size is 26.

### **Motto**

***Ag fás is ag foghlaim le chéile***