St Mary's Primary, Bathgate **Cost of the school Day – Annual guide**

At St Mary's, we are committed to reducing the Cost of the School Day and ensuring that no child misses out on opportunities because of financial circumstances. A range of support is available throughout the year for families who may need assistance. If you would like to discuss support confidentially, please contact our Family Link Worker (FLW) on **07586 537010** or the school office on **01506 652511**.

Support is available with school clothing, footwear, household essentials and other school-related costs. Families can access help through our uniform support service and Kindness Cupboard. The Kindness Cupboard is available free of charge from **7.30am to 7.00pm, Monday to Friday**, and provides essentials such as food, toiletries, clothing and household goods. Requests for support can be made confidentially through the relevant online Form or by contacting the school directly.

Throughout the year, we work to minimise costs for families wherever possible. Dress up and dress down days are always free and optional, with children welcome to wear school uniform, casual clothes or a costume. Free costumes are available through our regular costume swap events. Educational visits are subsidised by the school, and transport costs are funded by the PTA wherever possible to help keep contributions affordable for families.

	Costs	**How can the school help?**
August	Uniform, school bag, lunch box, water bottle	School Kindness Cupboard Contact FLW – can help to source uniform from clothes bank and other places or complete this Form Please note that all children are provided with stationery and all resources needed for learning in school. Free books are available at each parent consultation through our book swaps. Homework policy was amended using parent views and homework is optional. Each child has been given their own water bottle with name printed on it.
September	PTA fundraise by promoting 'Easy Fundraising' 9th September P7 Residential initial payment of £100 PTA fundraising – dress down day in exchange for confectionary	Donation to PTA fundraising is optional, through Easy Fundraising app P7 residential - Families previously supported using PEF funding (look out for voting form to follow) and in session 2026-27, through Riverkids funding Donations are voluntary – all children dress down regardless of donation
October	Opportunity to buy individual or family school photos PTA Halloween discos (subject to sufficient volunteer support) Dress up / dress down day for Halloween Childline fundraising and the Kindness Challenge Parent Consultation evenings – St Mary's Marketplace open to all parents / carers Show racism the red card - Wear Red Day: Friday, October 16, 2026	Purchase of photos is optional – Parent Council involved in choosing photographer (value for money and style) Halloween discos are free of cost. Costumes are available through our costume swaps biannually. Children can dress up in a costume or dress down in casual clothes but this is optional. No payment is needed. St Mary's Marketplace – Clothes Bank stall for parents / carers with much reduced items of clothing and uniform and fundraising by Galaday Committee (bake sale). Wear red day is optional - Children can come to school wearing red. Any colour with red tones is welcome, including pink, orange, or purple. Alternatively, children can dress down
November	P7 residential - 2nd payment by 27th November £123 Scottish Book Week 16th – 20th November	Dress up / dress down for Scottish Book Week on Fri 20th November - optional and free to participate. Costumes are available through our costume swaps biannually. Donations for fundraising are optional. If you require support in buying winter clothing, we can help if you complete this Form P7 residential - Families previously supported using PEF funding (look out for voting form to follow) and in session 2026-27, through Riverkids funding
December	PTA Christmas Fair (subject to sufficient volunteer support) – end of November / beg of December Christmas lunch for children Christmas parties and Nativity performances are free Christmas hamper donations for St Vincent de Paul Magician Show- no cost to families - Friday 18th - December Christmas jumper day – Friday 11th December	Christmas Fair event is out of school hours and optional School lunches are free for P1-5 children. School can help with cost of Christmas lunch for P6 and P7 – contact school office in confidence for details Raffle for school funds may be available at the Nativity performance – optional Party clothes are optional and FLW can help source party clothes – please contact FLW in confidence Hamper donations are optional – items to be donated will be listed and put on app If you require support in buying Christmas presents, please contact our FLW. Please do not buy anything new for Christmas jumper Day – anything Christmassy is fine – fun ideas will be provided
February	P7 residential - final payment by 5th February £120	Please get in touch with the school or our FLW if you need support to complete payments. Families previously supported using PEF funding (look out for voting form to follow) and in session 2026-27, through Riverkids funding
March	Fundraising for SCIAF and MISSIO during Lent (optional) Parent Consultation evenings – St Mary's Marketplace open to all parents / carers	Donating to fundraising is optional St Mary's Marketplace – Clothes Bank stall for parents / carers with much reduced items of clothing and uniform. This will include suitable clothing for P7 residential trip. Gala day committee may have fundraising stall. Book Fair stall available.
April	P7 Residential trip on 14/15/16th April World Book Day – 23rd April	Outdoor clothing required for trip. We can support with buying outdoor clothes via Form Dress up / dress down day on 23rd April – optional and free to participate. We will host a costume swap the week before this event.
May	First Holy Communion for P4	School can provide Communion dresses and accessories
June	Colour Run or alternative end of term fun event	Taking part in the event itself is free but families can choose to make this a fundraising event for the school.

	St Mary's Got Talent	Free, fun school event

For Primary 7 families, the residential trip is booked while pupils are in Primary 6, allowing plenty of time to spread the cost through staged payments. Payment dates and information are provided well in advance, and support is available for any family who may experience difficulty meeting costs.

P7 hoodies are ordered as far in advance as possible (aim to order while children in P6) and support for payment is offered.

Class trips can be at any time of the year – staff consider when and where with equity in mind. Support with payments offered.

At times we may undertake additional fundraising opportunities to support charities not mentioned above, e.g. Childline, but this is always optional and usually through a QR code to donate directly to the organisation.