

Pupil Voice and Leadership at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we believe that every child is unique, created in the image and likeness of God, and has valuable gifts, talents and ideas to share.

Pupil voice is at the heart of our school community. We are committed to ensuring that our children feel listened to, valued and empowered to make a positive difference to school life.

Through our various Pupil Voice and Leadership Groups, children are given meaningful opportunities to develop confidence, responsibility, teamwork and leadership skills. They learn the importance of listening to others, representing their peers and making thoughtful decisions that benefit our whole school community.

Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, our pupil leaders are encouraged to put their faith into action through kindness, service, respect and care for others.

We are proud of the important contribution our children make to ensuring that St Mary's remains a welcoming, inclusive and caring community where everyone can flourish.

Head Boy and Head Girl

Our Head Boy and Head Girl are proud ambassadors for St Mary's Catholic Primary School. They are entrusted with the responsibility of representing our pupils and setting a positive example through their behaviour, attitudes and commitment to our school values.

They play an important role in school life by welcoming visitors, supporting school events, representing the pupil community and helping to promote a positive and inclusive school environment.

As pupil leaders, they are encouraged to demonstrate confidence, compassion, integrity and a willingness to serve others. Through their leadership, they help ensure that every child feels valued and that the voice of our pupils is heard.

This academic year our Head Boy and Head Girl are: **Elly and Nathaniel**

Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

Our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl work closely with the Head Boy and Head Girl to support the leadership of our pupil community.

They are positive role models who demonstrate our school values through their actions, relationships and willingness to help others. Their responsibilities include supporting school events, welcoming visitors, listening to pupils and contributing to initiatives that improve school life.

This important role helps children develop confidence, communication skills, teamwork and a strong sense of responsibility. Inspired by our Catholic ethos, they understand that true leadership is about serving others with kindness, humility and respect.

This academic year our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl are:

Caleb and Cali.

School Prefects

Our School Prefects are responsible and enthusiastic pupils who take pride in helping to make St Mary's a happy, safe and welcoming place for everyone. Prefects are chosen to act as positive role models, demonstrating our school values through their behaviour, attitudes and interactions with others. They support the smooth running of school life, assist with events and activities, and help younger pupils feel included, supported and valued.

Being a Prefect provides opportunities to develop leadership, independence, communication and teamwork skills.

Above all, our Prefects recognise that leadership is not simply about having a title, but about making a positive difference through everyday acts of kindness, responsibility and service to others.

Our School Prefects for this academic year are:

Alby, Neveah, Alessia, Olivia, Kian, Poppy.

School Council

At St Mary's, we believe that every child has the right to be heard and that their views and ideas can help shape our school community.

Our School Council provides pupils with a meaningful opportunity to share their opinions, represent the views of their classmates and contribute to decisions that affect school life.

School Council representatives listen carefully to their peers, discuss suggestions, identify areas for improvement and work together to develop ideas that make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

Through their involvement, pupils develop important skills in communication, democracy, collaboration, problem-solving and responsible decision-making. Guided by our Catholic values, the School Council promotes fairness, inclusion, respect and a commitment to the common good, helping children understand that everyone has a voice and everyone matters.

Our School Council for this academic year:

Elly, Nathaniel, Yusuf, Mariam, Ryan, Pippa and

Eco Council

Our Eco Council plays an important role in encouraging everyone at St Mary's to care for our beautiful world and take responsibility for protecting the environment.

Inspired by the example of St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'*, our Eco Council helps pupils understand the importance of caring for our common home.

Eco Council members promote environmentally responsible choices, encourage recycling, reducing waste, saving energy and looking after our school grounds and the wider environment.

Through practical projects, campaigns and pupil-led initiatives, they inspire our school community to make small but meaningful changes that can have a lasting impact.

Their work reflects the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Care for Creation**, reminding us that we all share a responsibility to protect God's world for present and future generations.

Eco Council for this academic year are: **Elly, Poppy, Savannah, Jayden, Vanna, Sarah, Nicholas, Anya, Rhenn and Fraser.**

Faith Ambassadors

Our Faith Ambassadors play a special role in nurturing and celebrating the Catholic Life and Mission of St Mary's.

They are enthusiastic pupils who help our school community grow in faith and live out the Gospel values through prayer, kindness, compassion and service to others.

Faith Ambassadors support opportunities for prayer and liturgy, contribute to collective celebrations of our faith and encourage pupils to put Jesus' teachings into practice in their everyday lives.

They also help promote charitable activities, support those in need and inspire others to demonstrate love, generosity and respect.

Working alongside staff, our parish community and fellow pupils, our Faith Ambassadors remind us that faith is not only something we learn about, but something we live through our words and actions.

Through their example, they help make St Mary's a place where faith, hope and love are at the heart of everything we do.

This year are Faith Ambassadors are: **Azrayah, Rhenn, Kareema, Aislie, Franzen, Arthur, Deborah and Sofia.**

House Captains

Our House Captains are enthusiastic pupil leaders who help promote teamwork, friendship, encouragement and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

They represent their houses with pride and inspire fellow pupils to participate positively in school activities, competitions, sporting events and other opportunities to celebrate achievement.

House Captains encourage others to do their best, recognise effort and celebrate success, whilst demonstrating fairness, respect and good sportsmanship.

They help pupils understand that being part of a team means supporting one another, recognising everyone's contributions and celebrating achievements together.

Through their leadership, our House Captains promote the importance of cooperation, perseverance and inclusion, reflecting our belief that every child has unique gifts and talents to share.

Our House Captains and Deputy Captains for this year are:

St Christopher - HC: Fatema; DHC: Delilah

St Bernadette - HC: Matthew; DHC: Vanna

St Catherine - HC: Teddie; DHC: Dilyet

St Francis - HC: Andre; DHC: Savannah