

Every tree needs a strong root structure to keep it safe and thriving. Our strong roots are our Christian values that we feel are important to us at St Mary's and make a special place of learning for all stakeholders.

The strong root structure will ensure we grow up to be resilient learners who are not 'knocked' by difficulties we may encounter.

Our tree house is at the heart of our learning. It is where every person enters to learn the basics of the curriculum but also to look through the telescope and explore what it means for individuals to be a part of God's plan; to challenge and ask big questions about our world. What does spirituality mean for each person at St Mary's?

Becoming part of the St Mary's family of learners will require lots of effort. Each person that comes to our school has to climb the ladder to the 'nerve centre'. It is here we receive support and encouragement to become lifelong learners, ready to accept mistakes as part of the growing process and embracing challenge as the next puzzle to conquer. In the tree house we learn together at our own pace, supported by God's love



## St Mary's Vision Tree

### Inspiring a love of learning

The growing tree, with its colourful leaves, shows the influence of our Growth Mind-set in school. We develop as resilient and independent learners because we enjoy challenge and never give up. The more learning goals we set ourselves the more our tree will thrive. Our tree allows us to appreciate the creation of God's world.

A flourishing forest is not just made up of one type of tree. At St Mary's the variety of trees is what makes us a supportive community. The forest is the home to lots of people who help our school be successful and challenging but above all a happy place to be - our teachers and teaching assistants, governors, clergy, school council, Head boy and Head girl, WHF as well as the local community.

Our Head teacher has the responsibility for the wellbeing of the forest so everyone who passes through this special place feels welcomed, supported and learns from the experience in a strong Christian environment.

Every tree in the forest needs to be fed by the soil. To help us grow as learners we set ourselves personal goals to work hard, never give up, challenge ourselves, become resilient, learn from mistakes to name but a few. The more of these skills we grow and develop the better we are as learners.