



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11th September
2026

Dear Families,

We are delighted to welcome all of our children and families back to St Mary's for the new school year. It has been wonderful to see all the children and families return to school and the children all look very smart in their uniforms.

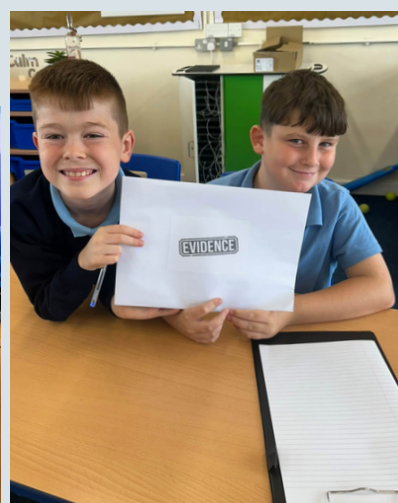
A particularly warm welcome goes to our Nursery and Reception children and the new members of staff who have become part of our school community this term.

The children have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a strong sense of pride in their school, creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the first week. We are incredibly proud of the way everyone has settled back into school life, following the St Mary's standard.

Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to help make the start of this academic year such a positive and successful one. We look forward to an exciting year ahead together.

Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

A week at St Mary's in pictures



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Attendance Matters

This Weeks Attendance

At St Mary's, we believe that every day in school counts. Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning, build strong friendships, develop confidence and feel fully part of our school community. Missing even a small amount of school can make it harder for children to keep up with learning and important experiences in the classroom. We ask all families to support excellent attendance by ensuring children arrive on time and attend school every day whenever possible.

By working together, we can help every child flourish and achieve their very best.

Every Day Counts • Every Lesson Matters • Every Child Can Flourish

<u>Class</u>
Year 4 – 99% 3 sessions lost
Year 1 – 96% 11 sessions lost
Year 6 – 95% 12 sessions lost
Year 2 – 94% 17 sessions lost Year 3 – 94%
Year 5 – 90% 28 sessions lost

St Mary's Ethos

We have been working with the children on our vision at St Mary's. We have worked together to develop, Together we Flourish. We have discussed this in Assemblies and Personal Development and we have designed the statement below. Every class has this on display and it is visible around school. At St Mary's, we believe that every child is unique, valued and loved by God. As a school community, we wanted an ethos that captures who we are, what we stand for and the aspirations we have for every child. Our new ethos, "Together We Flourish," reflects our commitment to nurturing the whole child academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially within a caring Catholic environment.

The values of Faith, Love, Opportunity, Unity, Resilience, Inspire, Stewardship and Hope provide a shared language that will guide our daily interactions, decision-making and learning experiences. These values are rooted in the teachings of Christ and encourage our children to become confident learners, compassionate friends, responsible citizens and faithful members of society.

By embedding these values throughout school life, we aim to create a culture where every child feels safe, respected and inspired to achieve their very best. Our ethos will help children develop strong character, positive relationships and a sense of belonging, while encouraging them to embrace challenges, care for others and make a difference in the world around them.

As a school family, we believe that when we live out these values together, our children will not simply succeed academically, but will truly flourish in God's love, growing into the people they are called to be.

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)



TOGETHER WE FLOURISH



At St Mary's, we learn, grow and shine
together in **God's love**.



F



FAITH

We trust in God and live by Christian values.



L



LOVE

We are kind, caring and respectful to everyone.



O



OPPORTUNITY

We try new things and aim high.



U



UNITY

We belong, we work together and we care for each other.



R



RESILIENCE

We keep going, learn from challenges and bounce back.



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INSPIRE

We encourage one another to be our best.



S



STEWARDSHIP

We care for God's creation and everything in it.



H



HOPE

We look to the future with faith and confidence.



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Learn together • Grow together • Flourish together

