



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

New Hall Lane  
Preston  
Lancashire  
PR1 5XB

T: 01772 794482

E: [psmoffice@cidari.co.uk](mailto:psmoffice@cidari.co.uk)

W: [www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk)

## Ofsted Statutory Inspection of St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy January 2025

Dear St Matthew's family,

As you know, in January of this year we welcomed a team of Ofsted Inspectors into our wonderful school for two days, for them to carry out the statutory inspection. At the time I informed you that we had had a very professional and personable team who were both thorough and collaborative in their approach. I also said that I was looking forward to sharing the report with you as well as "the inspectors commented on how friendly and welcoming our school is and how wonderful the behaviour of the children is, at all times in the school day."

I am very pleased to be able to now share the final report with you! It can be found on Class Dojo as well as on our school website at [Ofsted and SIAMS Reports | St Matthew's Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery](#).

Please do take the time to read this important report and join us in celebrating all the very positive things they say about our school, most importantly our wonderful children and how impressed the inspectors were with them.

Those who have experience of previous inspections will be aware that from September 2024, Ofsted no longer give one overall judgement; instead we rightly focus on the 5 key areas of a school's life. Each of these areas does still receive a one/two word judgement but they are only the beginning of the story; I strongly encourage you to go beyond the headlines and read the report.

We are delighted that the team recognised the work that **has** gone into getting us to this point **and** the **continued** hard work from the dedicated team here which will enable us to continue improving for the sake of the children. It is most reassuring that the inspectors have validated what we are doing as being the right approach and encourage us to continue this whilst making the minor adjustments we need to make in order to make the required improvements.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate for a chat or get in touch via the school office.

As always, thank you for your support and we look forward to the future with renewed enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher: Mark Mackley



Artsmark  
Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Cidari Education Ltd Company Number: 08822760



**Headteacher: Mark Mackley**  
New Hall Lane, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 5XB

CDARI