



# St Mary's C of E Aided Primary School

*A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum*

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Dear Prospective St Mary's Family,

Welcome to St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School!

As you make an important decision for your child, I would like to thank you very much for taking the time to get to know our school. As a parent myself, I have much appreciation for all that you do as you find the best school for your child.

Our pupils love coming to St Mary's. We are truly blessed as a school with enthusiastic and committed teachers and support staff who offer high quality learning to the children. We offer a range of resources such as iPads, Macbooks and laptops, an outdoor classroom, onsite swimming, teaching assistants in all classes, sports provision, and specialist provision for PE and modern foreign languages. The use of an outdoor swimming pool with trained swimming teachers, large school grounds, close links with the church, an outdoor classroom that focuses on science opportunities and renewable energy to support it, as well as regular professional development for all our staff, based on what the children need in our setting and a dedicated PTA that gives above and beyond – all these ensure the children get the very best experience at school. Last year, before COVID, the PTA raised over £25,000 which has been reinvested in the children in our school.

All the children have a voice in our school with the School Council and Eco Council where they can share their thoughts and aid school development. They comment that the learning is fun and engaging, there is always something going on in school, that the topics that we learn about help them to be an expert in what they learn, they spend time outside learning and love Forest Schools, and that their teachers care about them and help them move forward in their learning.

We believe that, to be successful, the pupils should be provided with a broad and balanced curriculum that engages them, develops them as individuals and enables them to flourish.

Your participation in the education of your child is key to his / her success with us. St Mary's is so blessed to have parents who are very supportive, both of each other and the school.

We have put a video on our website which shows our school and some of the things that we do. We realise that you may have individual questions and we will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

We look forward to meeting you in person when the times allow.

Mrs Samantha Copus  
Headteacher

