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Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we can now inform you of the results of our recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The inspectors visited the school over two days, which included scrutiny into various subjects, lesson visits, discussions with staff and pupils, meetings with school leaders and other staff and scrutiny of work undertaken by children. They met with the headteachers, members of the governing body, other external agents, spoke with parents and many of the children, and reviewed documentation provided by the school.

The inspectors concluded that St Mary's Church of England Primary School has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified under the category of **overall GOOD** from the previous inspection that took place in 2019.

St Mary's was found to be *'a caring and nurturing school'* that *'provides wide-ranging emotional and mental health support'*. The report also states that *'the school has high ambition for pupil's academic achievement'* and that *'the school's ambitious curriculum sets out the knowledge and skills for pupils to learn'* where pupils *'regularly recall key information.'* The inspectors recognised that the school *'places high importance on developing pupils into articulate speakers'* and that *'pupils at the early stages of reading receive daily phonics teaching from expert staff.'*

The Board of Governors consider the report an excellent achievement for the school and are exceptionally proud of all staff and pupils for their efforts during this inspection, the time leading up to the inspection, and the ongoing performance of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my **heartfelt thanks to our exceptional staff**, who work tirelessly to ensure that St Mary's remains a place where children feel safe, inspired, and valued. Their dedication and passion truly make a difference in the lives of our pupils. I also want to express my **gratitude to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support and partnership**, which plays a crucial role in our St. Mary's success.

A special thank you must go to our **Co-Headteachers, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Khan**, whose leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the school have been instrumental in achieving this result. Their passion for ensuring the very best for every child at St Mary's is evident in all that they do, and we are incredibly fortunate to have them leading our school forward.

It is worth recognising that the report is extremely positive, and although there has been an area highlighted for improvement, school leaders had already identified (and have been working to this area) which clearly demonstrates the strong leadership of the school.



As ever, St Mary's Church of England Primary School has a culture of praise, and we would ask that you share any praise and encouragement with staff as you feel appropriate. The full report can be read on the school website. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the inspection process.

Yours faithfully,

**Rezaul Nuru**



Chair of Governors (on behalf of the Board of Governors)

