



Monday 2nd June, 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

“St Mary’s is a highly inclusive and aspirational school, where the Christian vision shapes a culture of dignity, hope and positivity.”

I am now pleased to be able to share the final report of our SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) that took place on Thursday 8th May, 2025.

The inspector had a very positive day visiting St Mary’s and he was exceptionally positive about all of the children, staff and parents/carers that he had the pleasure to meet.

We are very pleased to report that the inspection outcome states that St Mary’s C of E Primary Academy **is living up to its foundations as a Church school.**

We are delighted by the report and very proud of the key findings, some of which are listed below:

- Leaders know and understand the community well and have embedded a vision that encourages everyone to aim high
- Collective worship makes a significant impact on how pupils understand and live out the school’s vision and values
- The school is highly inclusive – adults know pupils well and provide the right care and support so that they feel valued and can thrive
- The Collaborative learning Trust provides effective support
- Leaders have built strong, effective relationships across the school – this proactive approach directly improves mental health and wellbeing
- Leaders create thoughtful environments that help pupils settle in and feel safe
- The school has established a clear approach to behaviour that helps pupils make positive choices and build respectful relationships
- Pupils speak with passion about their school and show deep awareness of values that matter
- The curriculum is designed to spark curiosity, encourage deep thinking and celebrate individual strengths
- RE is taught effectively; pupils make sustained progress and are proud of their learning

The full report is available on our school website: [St Mary's SIAMS Report May 2025](#)

I would like to thank all of our children who met with the inspector during the day, who welcomed him so warmly to St Mary’s and who shared their views about the school so positively, confidently and passionately. The inspector visited Collective Worship and many different lessons and he was outside at playtime and lunchtime. He also met with several groups of children during the day to find out more about their views and experiences of our school and their RE lessons.

I would also like to thank you (parents and carers) for your ongoing support each day to ensure that our staff can work in partnership with you and enable all children here to flourish and to let their lights shine, whether of Christian faith, another faith or no faith.

This report is a great acknowledgement of the very wonderful work that happens here each day and reminds us all of what a brilliant school St Mary's is.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Jessica Crisp
Head of School

Mrs Alison Smith
Executive Head teacher

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welcomes everyone
with a kind heart."
Pupil

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their own light, even if
it is hidden."
School Leader



"The school's vision shapes
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inspires compassion for others."
Inspector

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