



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays, and we would like to extend a particularly warm greeting to those families who are new to our school community. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break and are now back into the routine of school!

The children have made a very positive and settled start to the new school year. Classrooms are already filled with enthusiasm for learning, and it has been a joy to see pupils engaging so well with new routines, challenges, and opportunities. The St Mary's team have been impressed with the children's positive attitudes and the way they are supporting one another – this is lovely to see in school.

As we start this academic year, we would like to take a moment to remind you of our school vision: **"Let your light shine."** We believe every child has unique gifts and talents, and it is our privilege to help them discover, nurture, and share these so that they can shine brightly both in school and beyond.

This half term, our Christian value is **Aspiration**. We will be exploring with the children what it means to aim high, to set ourselves goals, and to persevere when things are challenging. Aspiration is about believing in our potential and encouraging others to achieve theirs. We will be celebrating those moments, big and small, where children demonstrate a determination to grow and flourish.

We are having a big focus on attendance this year and helping children (and their families) to ensure they attend school every day – every moment matters! Even one day missed is missed learning and this is difficult to catch up. We will be sending more information out about attendance very soon.

Along with this letter we are sending home a calendar of events for this school year. We hope you find this useful to see what we have planned in – we will work to ensure we stick to these planned dates although some changes may be unavoidable.

This week we say good bye and send our warmest wishes to Mrs Vos who is starting her maternity leave. We also send congratulations to Miss Atkinson, who got married over the summer and is now called Mrs Child.

In a bid to reduce printing costs and to avoid wasting paper, we would like to send as much communication out by e mail as possible. Please return the reply slip below if you would like us to always send you a paper copy of letters.

We look forward to working together with you over the coming weeks and months to support and encourage all of our children in letting their light shine. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

With warm regards,

Ms Jessica Crisp  
Head of School

Mrs Alison Smith  
Executive Head teacher

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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