St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which recognises and celebrates the hard work, care, and dedication of our staff, pupils, governors and wider community.

The report is overwhelmingly positive and confirms that **St Mary's has taken effective action to maintain the high standards identified at our last inspection.** It is a proud moment for our school and a testament to the nurturing, inclusive and ambitious environment we continue to provide.

The inspectors described St Mary's as *"a happy and welcoming school"* where *"pupils feel valued and receive the care they need to be successful."* They praised the school's *"nurturing environment [which] builds pupils' confidence and encourages them to take risks and explore new ideas."*

Our broad and engaging curriculum also received praise, with inspectors noting that *"pupils benefit from an ambitious curriculum that is tailored to their needs"* and that *"in many subjects, including English and mathematics, the school uses an effective and consistent approach to teach the curriculum."*

Particular recognition was given to the support we provide for pupils with special educational needs, the strength of our early years provision, and the way our children develop a love of reading from the very start of their school journey. *"Most pupils learn to read confidently and fluently"* and *"pupils are encouraged to develop the depth of their understanding and knowledge across the curriculum."*

We were especially pleased that our work to support personal development and wellbeing was recognised, with comments such as:
"Pupils show empathy and appreciation for one another, celebrating both their own and each other's successes."
"Older pupils take on leadership roles… and fulfil their responsibilities with dedication and pride."

The report does identify areas where we can continue to improve, particularly around ensuring the same high consistency across all curriculum subjects, and we fully embrace this challenge as part of our commitment to continuous improvement. Already, the school has purchased a new, highly effective curriculum for the subjects that would benefit.

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This Ofsted report and outcome reflects your ongoing support, the tireless dedication of our staff, and the enthusiasm and resilience of our wonderful children. I would like to thank you all for playing such an important role in making St Mary's the school it is today.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Stalham
Executive Headteacher

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St Mary's C of E Primary School
"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

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