

St. Mary's C of E Primary School Pupil Questionnaire July 2023

We were pleased to see how positive your responses to the questionnaire were and that you are all proud to be at St Mary's. It was a delight to read your comments and suggestions. Thank you for sharing these.

Many of you said that you love St Mary's so much that you would like to stay here for secondary school too! One child described attending the school as a 'privilege'. So many of you said that your teachers are kind and understanding. All of you could name more than one adult that they would talk to if they were worried or upset about something. Every single child said they felt safe at school. Many children said that they like how adults and children show our Christian value of 'respect' to each other. One child described their class as like 'one big family'.

There were a small number of children who answered 'mostly no' to whether they enjoy coming to school. When we asked children to tell us about when they didn't enjoy coming to school, the reason they gave was that they liked school but they just enjoyed home even more!

So many children told us that Children Leading Worship is the part of collective worship they enjoy most. You said that you like being able to ask questions about Bible passages and think about how you can apply our Christian values in your lives.

Many children said learning new things is what you enjoy most, which is great because that's what school is for! We were pleased that all of you said that your teachers help you to try your best.

Of course, many children said that playing with their friends at playtime was what you enjoy most. This shows our value of 'friendship'. We were glad to hear that children said that there are lots of different activities at playtime – football, basketball, Adventure Playground, Lego, Indoor Club. We try to provide a good range of options but we are always keen to hear more ideas!

Many of you said you enjoy celebrating achievements in celebration assembly; that you like hearing who is 'Person of the Week', who has special mentions for showing our Christian values and who is a learning hero. It's so important to celebrate our own and others' achievements by showing our value of 'community'.

Many children said that they really enjoy trips and talked about all the different places they have visited. We are pleased to be able to continue to offer a wide range of visits and visitors linked to the learning that you are doing in the classroom.

With the ideas for what we can do to make the school even better, it's always lovely to hear that lots of you say the school is just right and doesn't need anything to get better. Our value of 'excellence' tells us that we can always get better though.

A few suggestions were adding a swimming pool and a tennis court. We are very lucky to have two playgrounds and an adventure playground at St Mary's, as lots of primary schools do not have as much outside space as us. We do have tennis nets that we use for PE lessons in the Summer Term and Year 5 go for swimming lessons throughout the year. A swimming pool would be a nice idea, but it would mean less playground space and it is unlikely that the weather would be nice enough for us to be able to use it often!

A few children asked for double lessons. It is fantastic that you are enjoying your learning this much, but there just isn't time in the day for this. You have lots of different curriculum subjects that you study each week and we would need to make the day longer in order to fit anything else in!

A few children asked for new long skipping ropes and for new football goals so we have ordered these as we agree they will make playtimes even better. We regularly order new equipment for the playground but do come and let us know if you think something need replacing.

Some of you said that to make the school even better we can all keep being kind and helpful to each other. This really shows our value of 'compassion'. Many children said that they like how teachers and children show our value of 'respect' to each other. Well done!

137 pupil responses from Year 1 to Year 6

1. I enjoy coming to school.	Mostly yes 96%	Mostly no 4%
2. I enjoy learning.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
3. Teachers help me to do my best.	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
4. Teachers expect me to work hard.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
5. Teachers tell me how to make my work better.	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
6. Most children behave well at our school.	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
7. Most of our children are friendly.	Mostly yes	Mostly no

	99%	1%
8. Which adults would you talk to at school if you were worried or upset?	100% of pupils named at least two adults in school that they would talk to if they were worried or upset.	
9. Teachers are fair to me.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
10. Our school shows me ways to talk to and listen to God. (eg. Christian Meditation)	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
11. I mostly enjoy Collective worship (Assemblies and Children leading worship)	Mostly yes 84%	Mostly no 16%
12. Teachers listen to my ideas.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
13. I feel safe at school.	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
14. My school encourages me to look after my physical health (eg. healthy eating and exercise)	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
15. My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health (eg. Being whole)	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
16. My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally (eg. Equality studies)	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
17. I am proud to be at this school.	Mostly yes 100%	Mostly no 0%
18. The part of Collective worship I most enjoy is:	Common responses included: Children Leading Worship, Christian Meditation, prayers, singing	