

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school.

We were very heartened once again by the huge number of positive comments about St Mary's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

We were glad to hear children enjoy coming to school and that they feel safe being at St Mary's. One parent commented that, *'The school is a warm and supportive environment where children feel safe and are encouraged to do their best.'* Another parent stated that, *'There is a positive and inclusive atmosphere where students feel safe and valued.'* We were very pleased to read that many parents find the school a welcoming environment with a community feel, one parent stated that, *'All members of staff are approachable and clearly passionate about supporting children's progress.'*

It was very encouraging to read that all of our parents would recommend St Mary's to friends and family, with one parent stating that, *'All of my children have loved coming to this school, we are pleased with everything.'* Parents felt that they are welcome to discuss any questions or concerns with the school and feel comfortable doing so. One parent commented, *'The school is doing really well, all of my concerns are listened to and acted upon.'* Many parents commented on the positive relationships that staff have with children and how children are treated fairly.

Parents told us that they appreciate the ways that school provides excellent communication with parents and regular information through the weekly newsletter, text messages, Academic Review Days, after school meetings with the class teacher and Parent Information Coffee Mornings. One parent commented, *'The school communicate well about my child's progress and struggles'* another added, *'Communication with parents is clear and helpful.'*

A few parents asked how they can have more updates on their child's progress. We welcome parents to book a meeting with the teacher whenever you want to. Teachers are pleased to meet parents to answer questions, to talk through your child's work and offer advice for things to work on at home. Parents do not need to wait for Academic Review Days to do this. Do phone the school office to ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. Ms Marsham and Ms Jackson are also available on the gate at the start and end of the day to answer any quick questions or queries.

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better, a few parents commented that they would like to see a wider variety of after school enrichment clubs. We try to have some different clubs each term so that across the year, there are a variety of enrichment clubs that are on offer. We have to balance the number of different clubs we can offer with giving our support staff time after school to feedback and plan with teachers for the pupils' learning. We

will work with the school pupil council about possible suggestions for what other clubs we can introduce for the next academic year.

A few parents requested that their children get to go on more trips. We have carefully chosen our visits out and visitors to school to match our high-quality curriculum so that every visit will enrich the children's learning. We keep these under review to make sure children are being enriched with high quality visits and visitors. We are mindful that all trips must provide a purposeful opportunity that enriches pupils' learning. Please take a look at our curriculum map on the website to see the intended trips for each subject. If you have suggestions for visits or visitors that we haven't thought of, please do let us know and we can consider these!

We had a few parents think there should be more homework and a few who think homework should be harder. Evidence shows that homework is most useful at Primary school for children to reinforce and practice learning they have already completed in class that week. It provides an opportunity for parents to work with their child at home and sets good habits for children. We are always happy to share suggestions for further materials parents can work on at home in addition to school homework.

Thank you for your helpful suggestions for Parent Coffee Mornings, which will help us to plan for the future. We've taken your suggestions and have planned some of these in for the summer term. Look out for these being advertised in the newsletter.

Many parents said that they could not think of anything to improve and that the school should keep doing what it does well. This is reassuring to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet me and let me know.

We try our hardest to be a really effective school where children can reach their full potential and live out our Vision for them to '*Go shine in the world*'

Best wishes,
Ms Marsham

Questionnaire responses

We received 110 responses representing 143 children

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
67%	28%	5%		
Overall 95% positive				

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
79%	19%			2%
Overall 98% positive				

3. Staff expect my child to work hard and support him/her to learn well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	23%			1%
Overall 99% positive				

4. The school teaches my child to behave well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
77%	30%			2%
Overall 98% positive				

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on and about the things I need to know

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
50%	45%	3%		2%
Overall 95% positive				

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a concern

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
71%	29%			
Overall 100% positive				

7. The school makes decisions that have the children's best interests at heart

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
55%	40%			5%
Overall 95% positive				

8. The school helps children to succeed through its vision: 'Go shine in the world!'

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
59%	35%	1%		5%

Overall 94% positive

9. The school provides opportunities for my child's spiritual development (for example through prayer, meditation, asking big questions)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
50%	45%	2%		3%
Overall 95% positive				

10. I would recommend this school to other parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	27%			
Overall 100% positive				