Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome to a New School Year

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year! It has been wonderful to see everyone this week, and a particularly warm welcome to our new Reception families. We are delighted that you have joined our St Mary's community.

At the heart of our school is our St Mary's vision, which guides the community we want to create together. We are only at the beginning of the year, and I have already seen our vision coming to life in so many ways.

During Collective Worship, we asked the children: What do we want our school to look like, sound like and feel like? They described a school that looks welcoming and happy, sounds kind and respectful, and feels safe, inclusive and encouraging.

As I have visited classrooms and spent time around school, I have already seen these qualities in action. Children have been welcoming and helping one another, showing patience as they learn new routines and encouraging their classmates. In the dining hall, they have been using their manners, pouring water for themselves and offering water to others - developing independence while considering the needs of those around them.

At playtime, children have been inviting others into their games and helping new friendships to grow. In classrooms, they have been listening to one another, sharing ideas and contributing thoughtfully to their class charters. They are also beginning to take responsibility for their belongings and learning environments, showing pride in their classrooms and recognising that everyone has a part to play in our school community.

Next week, we will hold our Meet the Teacher sessions. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear more about the year ahead, including learning, routines and experiences.

I am incredibly proud of the way the children have started the year and look forward to seeing our values of Nurture, Aspire, Compassion and Empower continue to grow throughout the year.

Best wishes,
Ms Mayende and the St Mary's Team

School Family Calendar

Next Week

Monday 7th September
Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 and 4
St Paul's Choral assembly and lessons for Years 1-6 begin with Mr Cook

Tuesday 8th September
Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 and 4
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 3 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Miss Kennedy

Wednesday 9th September
Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 and 4
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Miss Cralli
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Miss Leonard
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Miss Gibson

Thursday 10th September
Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 and 4
9.05am Collective Worship assembly led by St Mary's Church team - all parents and carers are welcome to come and join us in the school hall
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Ms Finfando
9.05am and at 3.00pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher session for parents with Miss Barui

Friday 11th September
Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 and 4
9.05am Reception Meet the Teacher session for parents with Ms Magalhaes

Wraparound Care and After-School Enrichment

We're pleased to offer a range of wraparound care options to support our families.

Every morning from 8:00am, we run our friendly and welcoming **Breakfast Club**, helping children start the day with a healthy meal and a positive mindset.

After school, our **Courtyard Club** is available every day, with flexible pick-up times at either **5:00pm or 6:00pm**.

There will be **Enrichment Clubs 3.30 - 4.30pm** shared on Monday.