



Celebrate

Value Awards

Independent Learners

*Mylie S, Dita P,
Zachary C, Emily B*

Collaborative Learners

*Benjamin C,
Resilient Learners
Charlie W*

Creative Learners

*George S, Brierley P,
Responsible Learners*

Max A, Grace S

Reflective Learners

Emilia B

Lunchtime Award

Mylie S

Environment Council - Caring for our Community



A big thank you to Ms Searle and the Environment Councillors for their excellent presentation in assembly this morning. The Council have been working hard to identify ways in which the whole school community can take more responsibility for ensuring all aspects of the school environment are well cared for. They raised the issues that can be caused by littering and encouraged everyone to take responsibility for ensuring litter is not created in the first place, and picking up litter when they see any.

They also reminded everyone about the importance of not wasting paper and using scrap paper at playtimes and during wet play.

They explained how different water bottles are more environmentally friendly than others and about the importance of using water carefully.

The Councillors have been monitoring the use of equipment at break times and asked the children to take care to avoid kicking balls into the wildlife area so as to prevent damaging the plants. Also, to help the plants around the school the children reminded everyone about the composting facilities and encouraged them to use them in order to provide rich compost to feed the plants.

It was a really informative and interesting presentation reminding all of us of the importance of looking after our special part of the planet. Perhaps you could think about how you could encourage your children to take a responsible approach to caring for the environment within your own homes.



Dates for Your Diary

Remember: PI shows parents, carers, parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

May

School Assessment month

6th Bank holiday—no school

10th Cake Sale YR 3pm PI

13th Year 6 SATs Week

24th Marian Celebration 1.30pm PI

24th Last day of Term 5

June

3rd INSET Day—No school

4th 1st day T6 for pupils

4th-7th Bikeability Y5

10th Phonics Check Week Y1/2

14th Beacon Transition Meetings

14th FSM Fathers' Day Sale

17th Beacon open week

17th Safety in Action Y6

20th St Gregory's maths Roadshow Y5

21st Group photos Y6 and YR

21st FSM Music Festival PI

23rd First Holy Communion Mass

24th RE week—Islam

27th New Intake Stay and Play 10am

28th UKS2 Residential Trip

30th Parish Picnic after 11am Mass

Attendance

Red Class YR: 98.3%

Orange Class Y1: 100.0%

Yellow Class Y2: 94.2%

Green Class Y3: 96.5%

Blue Class Y4: 97.0%

Indigo Class Y5: 99.6%

Violet Class Y6: 92.1%



**Well Done
Orange
Class**

News from Violet Class

Resilience

We have been thinking about resilience in Year 6. In our class and Year 2, we have to be resilient because in a few weeks we will be doing SATs. This means that we have to show resilience when we revise or practise for our tests. Even if you are in a different class and not doing tests, you still need to never give up when things are hard. In many of the classes including reception, teachers are encouraging pupils to try and write more and be resilient in their writing stamina.

*By Ariadne and
Sophie*

Taken from this week's Gospel:

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

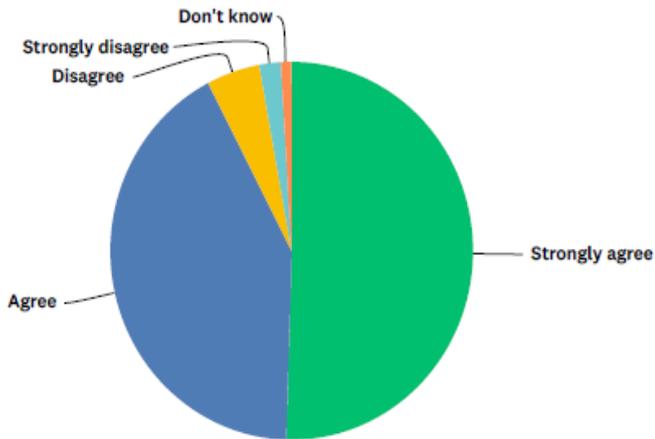
John 21:1-19

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them



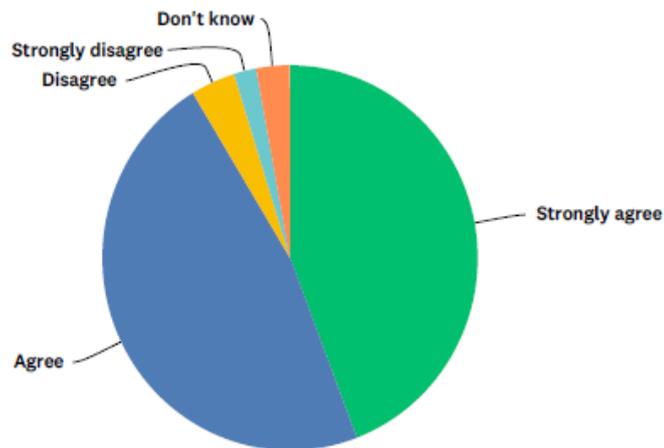
Parent View Survey Results Continued

Q9 St Mary's is well led and managed



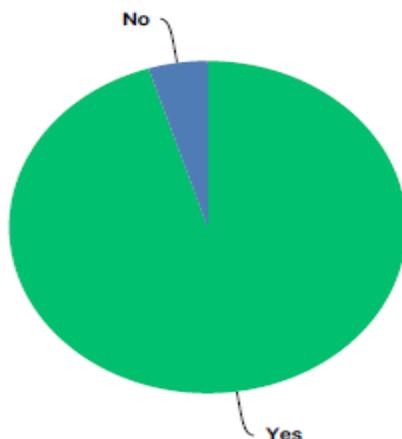
Strongly agree or agree 92.4% (97 people)
 Disagree or strongly disagree 6.7% (7 people)
 Don't know 0.95% (1 person)

Q10 St Mary's School responds well to any concerns I raise



Strongly agree or agree 91.4% (95 people)
 Disagree or strongly disagree 5.8% (6 people)
 Don't know 2.9% (3 people)

Q12 I would recommend St Mary's to another parent



Yes 95.2% (99 people)
 No 4.8% (5 people)

Some of your comments:

Wonderful school, both of my sons have done so well here.

Fantastic staff, this school delivers an amazing education all round. All the staff should be very proud of the results they achieve. Thank you to everyone at St Mary's for giving my daughter a great start in life.

I feel the communication could be slightly better at times for example—times of assembly or Mass, as well as the date. Otherwise we are very happy.

It would be useful to receive more advance notice of events/activities in the school or requirements to bring things into school (e.g recycling, harvest festival items)

Happy with the school, teachers and management.

Great school, Great teachers. Can't recommend enough.

At St Mary's we have worked really hard to improve communication, trying out various methods over time. We have our school website which also has class pages through which you are able to access information. We currently spend around half a working day producing a newsletter, which is then sent out by email each week on a Friday. This newsletter is also saved on the school website so that you are able to refer back to it should you need to. One of the aims of investing in the time to prepare this communication so regularly is so that you know when to expect it and can look out for it.

We try to give as much notice as possible, but are aware that there have been occasions when things have happened in a rush. Sometimes that may be the fault of different agencies we are working with and at times we have been to blame. We will try to improve this.

We send out a yearly planner in September in order that we are able to give advance notice of some of the activities planned. We are not usually able to give timings on this communication as we need to liaise with the church or other people. Times should however be put in the newsletter a month or so in advance. We have checked this and noticed that there have been occasions where this has not been the case. We apologise for this and will try to ensure that timings are added to the newsletter diary.

Swimming lessons.

Children have enjoyed their swimming lessons this week. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school on the correct day. Wednesday for Yellow(2), Indigo(5) and Violet(6). Thursday for Red(R) Orange(1) Green(3) and Blue(4). Please ensure everything is named. Thank you for all the parents that volunteered to help with the lessons especially with KS1.

The cost is **£12.50** per term towards the swimming lessons and upkeep of the pool. This can be paid via ParentMail. We are very lucky to have a pool here at St Mary's but we have to rely heavily on your contributions to keep our pool open. Please review your Parentmail and please pay as soon as possible for this term. Thank you.

