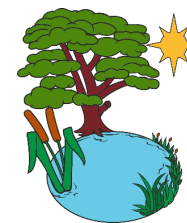


St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Small school, big heart, learning and growing together'




You said, we listened feedback



At St Mary's C of E we take *parent voice* very seriously and appreciate feedback. We know that feedback received is always aimed at improving the children's schooling and where possible, we aim to act on this promptly.

Our Governors were present at our most recent parents' evening and asked as many parents as possible to complete a feedback questionnaire about St Mary's. The feedback was extremely positive and we appreciate all of the kind comments made. These have been shared with staff. Below are some of the aspects you mentioned as parents for us to reflect on and ways that we have aimed to listen and act.

Some of the other feedback is in the process of being addressed and will take longer to implement.

You said 	We listened
<p>More music please</p>	<p>The St Mary's choir is now back and led by Mrs Holliday The children are enjoying accessing this. The choir has played events already and we look forward to showcasing their singing more as the academic year unfolds.</p> <p>Recorder club is starting in January 2025 and will be led by Mrs Gee.</p> <p>We have a range of peripatetic music opportunities that has evolved to the offer it is now. We are aware that this is a <i>paid for</i> service by parents but aimed to give children potential access to lessons this way.</p> <p>Within school, we follow the national curriculum and Kapow music curriculum to deliver our music from Rec - Y6.</p> <p>Children then have further opportunities within our services such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter to showcase their signing and music skills.</p> <p>Ks2 continues to have the opportunity to learn guitar as a class ensemble for a term.</p>
<p>More sports clubs</p>	<p>We now have a sports club 4 times a week that accommodate Rec to Y6. We have a weekly chess club, gardening club, music club and Forest School club..</p> <p>We have invested in Total sports who now deliver our PE on a Monday with our PE specialist, Mr Cass. Mr Cass is the person who delivers our sports clubs as well for total consistency. Mr Cass is open to adapting planning to fit in with what the children would like to develop and play.</p> <p>Through Total Sports investment, we are also in a small schools local competitive group (5 schools) that compete against each other under the organisational direction of Total Sports. We have had 3 events so far after school and the next is the Ks1 dodgeball tournament.</p>

<p>Forest school used more for other subjects</p>	<p>We are extremely passionate about our Forest School and outdoor learning. Mrs Boast recently gained her Level 3 accreditation (18 month process).</p> <p>The following commitments occur:</p> <p>Class 1 = Thursday afternoon Class 2 = Friday afternoon Class 3 = Tuesday afternoons Class 4 = Club once a week on Thursday lunch time</p> <p>There are opportunities when classes are in there to explore other subjects.</p>
<p>Encourage children to try new things on the menu</p>	<p>Sandra and Teresa provide small taste pots that are used for children who eat packs to sample new things that are on our menu. This has been a really successful way of getting some of the children who are a little but reluctant to try new things sensitively transferred over to hot meals. This is also available to any child having a sandwich of JP who would like to try.</p>
<p>Alternative options on wednesday - not all children like roast dinner</p>	<p>I have talked with the kitchen team, as well as Huchisons, and we are planning on bringing in a jacket potato option as an alternative to roast dinner on Wednesdays.</p> <p>The children had an opportunity to give feedback here in a recent pupil voice exercise we conducted and this same message came back</p>
<p>Long hair should be tied back</p>	<p>We have recently had questions about hair cuts/styles and it prompted a revision of our uniform and hair policy.</p> <p>This is being shared this week in readiness for a fresh start and new term in January 2025</p> <p>Long hair is expected to be tied back neatly with children's safety as the main reason.</p>
<p>More information form governors</p>	<p>Our governors support the school extremely well and provide a healthy challenge to me as head teacher holding me to account.</p> <p>I am speaking with our chair of governors to look at ways we can update parents about the good work that governors do. More information will follow here</p>

