



St Mary's

Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy



Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy. We are a one form entry Primary school that is proud to have served the Parish and Community of Brigg since 1966.

We are a school that celebrates the uniqueness of all individuals and we openly promote the Catholic virtues of love, justice, courage, thankfulness, faith and resilience. We hope to develop positive, active learners who are prepared for their role in a rich and diverse society.

As a school, we aspire to create exciting learning opportunities and experiences; fostering a lifelong love of learning. We pride ourselves on being a truly inclusive school, where children flourish spiritually, academically and emotionally.

At St Mary's we pride ourselves on our strong home/school relationships. We encourage an open-door policy, allowing parents and staff to meet whenever a need arises. We place a high value on establishing close links between home and the school so that we can effectively work together to achieve the best for your child.

On 1 September 2022, we joined Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT: one of three Multi-Academy Trusts within the Diocese of Nottingham. Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT brings together the 36 Catholic Primary and Secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire.

Mr James Leech
Headteacher



Our primary Mission

We joyfully, live, love and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.

At St Mary's we aim to joyfully live, love and learn in the footsteps of Jesus. Our Mission enables us to reflect on the important role we play in creating a better world, starting with our own school community.

St Mary's allows children to take up roles and responsibilities across the school. Children at St Mary's have opportunities to play an active role in the future of the school and we have many student leaders in a variety of roles.

Here at St Mary's, the children and staff work together to live out the school virtues and each half-term we focus on a different virtue, allowing children to see how they can put faith into action.

We encourage children to ask questions about the teachings of Christ and to develop enquiring minds. By working together for the children, parents and teachers make this school a place where we can truly say that, 'We value all children, family and visitors who enter our school'.

St Mary's has served Brigg since 1966 and is located within a large tree-lined perimeter. St Mary's continues to be a popular school with a family atmosphere and an excellent reputation for attainment, behaviour and politeness.

Innovative and effective learning and teaching strategies are core and school leaders use current research to inform decisions ensuring an effective curriculum. We have a vibrant, inspiring, dynamic and technological learning environment. It is child-centred and inspires independence.

Learning takes place in a range of settings in and around the school grounds, from the bright, learning-centred classrooms, well-resourced inviting library, to our extensive rural outdoor area. This includes our pond habitat, prayer garden, outdoor gym, shared flower beds and creative child-led EYFS outdoor learning area. The design of all classrooms provides direct safe access to outdoor learning opportunities providing for the differing needs of the children in our care.

St Mary's is surrounded by rich history and geography and staff in school constantly strive to use the local environment to inspire learning.

'My child has been happy since day one of starting school and enjoys attending to the point he misses school in the holidays. He has made lots of friends and speaks nicely about his school day, friends and staff.'

Parent quote 2023

'Everyone made me feel welcome at St Mary's from my very first day at school.'

Pupil quote 2023

Our learning
environment



Our curriculum

Our curriculum encompasses our school virtues and enables children to learn, apply and develop their understanding of the world. Our curriculum gives children the tools they require for the future.

The school utilises its beautiful grounds and rural surroundings, ensuring that children develop a thirst for knowledge, and developing the skills and tools they will use as they continue their academic journey. Music is a key component of life at St Mary's, where children at all ages enjoy learning instruments, singing and developing their own style and methods.

Through expert teaching and intensive support, children progressively learn the key skills and knowledge they require. Staff at St Mary's create bespoke learning opportunities for the children, igniting a passion for learning and helping them to remember what they have learnt. Children with additional needs are fully integrated into the classroom and are given the tools and support required to achieve in line with their peers.

Teaching and learning

At the heart of St Mary's is our belief that all children can achieve and that all children will be supported in fulfilling their potential. We offer a curriculum, which incorporates fun, engaging and thought-provoking experiences for the children. This gives them the lifelong tools, they require to succeed.

Our expert staff are confident in delivering quality first teaching, ensuring that all children are supported to make progress and to achieve. Reading is key to academic success and at St Mary's we prioritise reading from the first days in school and over time, we help to promote and instil a love of reading, which will motivate our children to continue their journeys well beyond their time in school. Children with additional needs are identified early and bespoke support plans are created, ensuring they have the support they need to succeed.



St Mary's continues to serve the local area and through its Liturgical Prayer and day-to-day learning, it teaches children to be responsible citizens. Our children love to serve, and they throw themselves into the Catholic life of the school, whether or not they are of a faith background.

St Mary's instils in children the importance of kindness, tolerance, resilience and thankfulness, enabling children to become independent and dependable members of society. St Mary's collaborates with the local parish and joins with the parish to celebrate and worship.

The Gospel Values are central to what we do at St Mary's and these values drip feed into the everyday life of school, allowing children to live out kindness, love and tolerance in all that they do.

Our six school virtues are:

Love Justice Courage Faith
Thankfulness Resilience

'I absolutely love this school and would not send my child anywhere else. The staff are kind and caring and I feel my child is a part of the school not just a number.'

Parent quote 2023



Catholic life

Beyond the curriculum

St Mary's offers a large array of clubs and activities for children to attend. These clubs which run at lunchtime and after school, allow children to be active, creative and most importantly, have fun with their friends. In addition to the multitude of clubs which run, we offer an extensive before and after school provision, which allows working families to be supported during their working hours.



Developing the whole child

Enrichment activities

At St Mary's we take part in many sporting and non-sporting events in the local area, giving children the opportunity to represent their school and in the process inspire them to be future athletes, academics, professionals, artists, performers and musicians.

Sporting activities

Our pupils take part in a wide range of sports both within the curriculum, and through extra-curricular clubs. We recognise that sport should be enjoyed by children at every level, but we also appreciate the value of nurturing a natural and friendly competitive spirit in our pupils. We aim for every pupil to experience pride in representing the school at some point during their time at St Mary's.

School Clubs

At St Mary's we have a huge range of exciting extra-curricular clubs, which run at lunchtime and after-school. These range from Coding to Wellbeing Club and children across the classes have the opportunity to get involved.

We also run a wraparound service before school and after school. Children can arrive at school from 7:30am each day and can stay until 5:45pm each evening (wraparound finishes at 5pm on Friday)

School trips

School trips and visits are carefully planned, allowing children to further develop their understanding of the curriculum and the wider world. Recent visits include Normanby Hall, Cleethorpes Beach and York. Our children also enjoy taster days at the local secondary schools and annual residential trips to PGL Outdoor Adventures and The Briars.

'I couldn't wish for a better/more caring & understanding school for our daughter to be attending, the support we've been offered as a whole family is second to none.'

Parent quote 2023



Achieving full potential

St Mary's is very proud to be an inclusive school. We are ambitious for every pupil to achieve their very best. We expect high standards of behaviour from all of our pupils, and ask parents to work in collaboration with us in maintaining and upholding the extremely high standards we set. These standards encompass uniform, behaviour and attendance and they combine to allow the children to thrive and flourish.

From the very start in Reception, we aim to instil in children a thirst for knowledge. We want children to become independent and courageous learners, making the most of every second they have. At St Mary's we want children to fulfil their potential and we will do everything we can to guide and support children along their educational journeys.

We want our pupils to enjoy coming to school and to be enthusiastic about learning. We will nurture and encourage pupils and hopefully, inspire them to be active participants in their own development and education.

'I love St Mary's because everyone is kind to one another.'

Pupil quote 2023

Opportunities for personal development

During their time at St Mary's our pupils are provided with a wide range of opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills in becoming a young leader and team member who make a valuable contribution to the school, parish, local and wider community.

We aim for them to be able to lead, cooperate, persevere, have a voice, show responsibility, resilience, determination and respect.

Our School Council gives the children a voice where their thoughts and ideas can be expressed and put into practice. Alongside the staff in the school, children play an integral role in the future developments and planning of our ever-evolving school community. St Mary's is an outward-facing school, which thrives in working within the local community and dedicates lots of time to helping and supporting others.

We are passionately committed to individual achievement, personal growth and the pursuit of excellence for every child. The school has a strong tradition of promoting the Arts. We are proud of our award-winning choir and our many successes in the Annual Brigg Music and Drama Festival.



Our community

St Mary's works with the local community and has forged positive relationships with the other schools in the local area. In addition to this, children at St Mary's take part annually in the Drama and Music Festival and take time to brighten up the day of local residents through community projects that run throughout the year.

St Mary's teaches its children to develop their awareness of the wider world and encourages them to further understand the different faiths, cultures and backgrounds of our school and local community.

The Friends of St Mary's (PTA), organise lots of fun and exciting events for the school community, aiming to enhance the provision for the children in our care.

Joining St Mary's

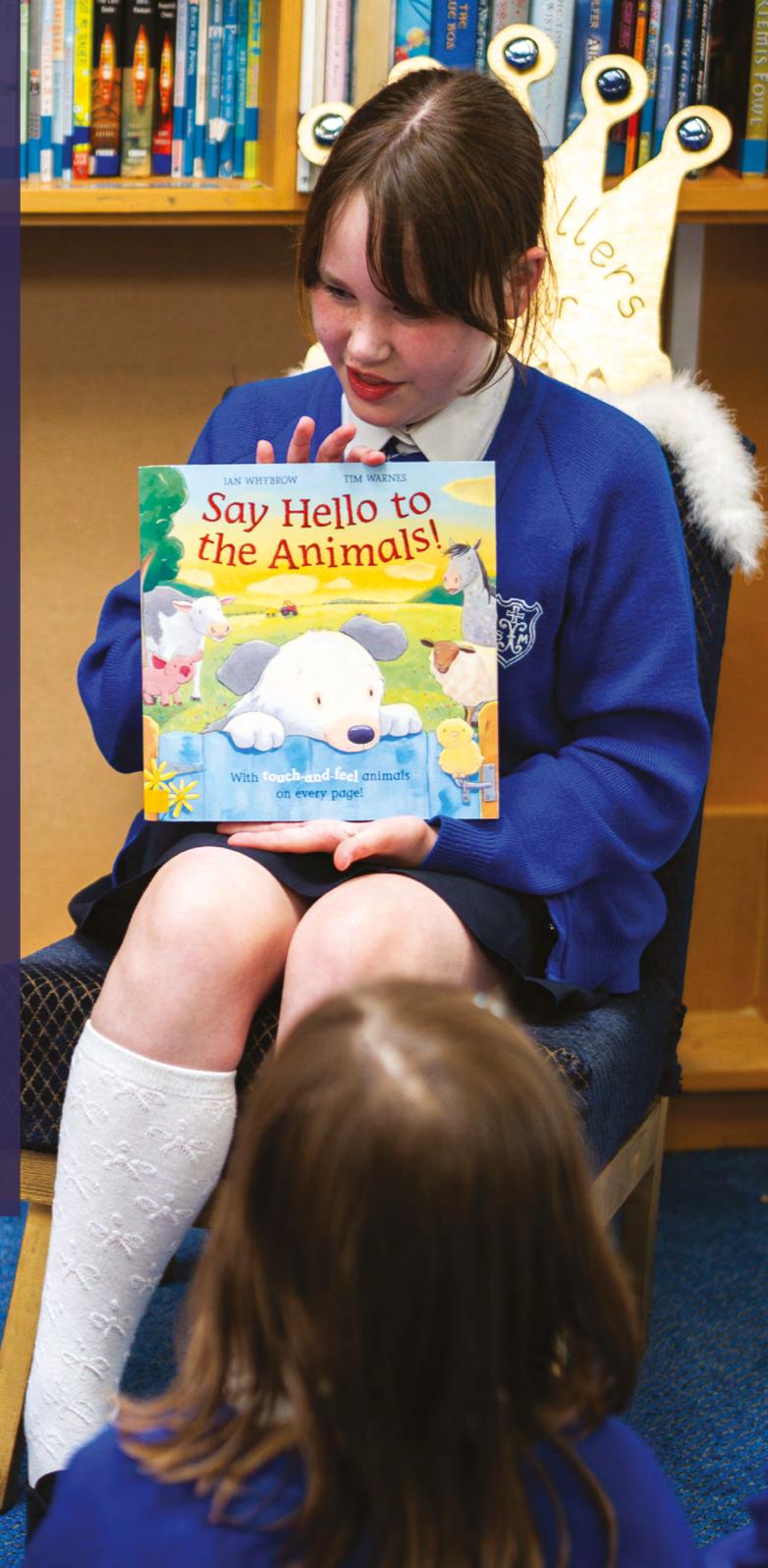
You are warmly invited to visit our school and see the children involved in their learning; this can be arranged by calling the school office and making an appointment.

Children join Reception, in the September after they turn four.

The Academy Trust admissions arrangements, including over subscription criteria and the appeals process, are available on our school website:

www.stmaryscatholicacademybrigg.org.uk/parents/admissions

Applications for places and in year transfers should be made via the North Lincolnshire School Admissions page. We would recommend that you arrange a visit prior to applying. Call 01652 653355 to arrange a visit.



'Leaders have cultivated a positive climate that permeates all aspects of school life'.

'St. Mary's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy is a warm and welcoming school. Pupils, parents and staff are proud to be part of the school community. Positive relationships are at the heart of the school's approach to education'.

'There are a range of activities to support pupils' well-being and their personal development'.

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