



29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Estyn Inspection Report

I am writing to share details of the recent Estyn inspection, which took place at St Mary's before Christmas. The report is available to read [here](#).

The inspection team was impressed by what they saw when they visited, noting that a "strong sense of trust, pride and respect between pupils and staff that permeates naturally across the school community." We were delighted that the Estyn team found St Mary's to be a "happy, caring and inclusive learning environment". I believe this reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and children.

Estyn reinforced our belief that pupils across all year groups receive a good quality of teaching and that staff provide well-planned and purposeful learning experiences. The report acknowledges that teachers "identify pupils' additional learning needs (ALN) effectively and efficiently [...and] ensure that pupils receive support tailored to their individual needs".

I am very proud that Estyn has recognised the strong relationships between staff and pupils and our how we support the development of social and emotional skills of pupils from all backgrounds effectively. The children were fantastic ambassadors during the visit and it is really pleasing to see that the children's excellent attitudes to learning was recognised.

We are confident that the report findings and recommendations will help the school go from strength to strength. Many thanks for your continued support; as ever, we will continue to work hard to take the school forward.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Phillips

Headteacher/Pennaeth

