



# St Mary's C E Primary School

## Mission Statement

*Live, Love & Learn Together in  
The Light of the Life of Christ*

**"For once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.  
Live as children of light."** (Ephesians 5:8-11, 13-14)

Everything that we do at St Mary's is encompassed by our Mission Statement, as we follow Jesus at the centre of our lives and learning. Our motto reflects the importance that we place on ensuring the development of the whole child, not just their academic achievement. We aim to provide the highest quality of teaching and learning for all our children. We seek to create a Christian environment that is inclusive, stimulating, safe and caring. We strive to value each individual and encourage attitudes of self-respect, responsibility and tolerance.

### OUR FAITH

We are a Church of England school, which makes this a very special place to be, but we do welcome children from all other faiths who are in support of our Mission Statement. Our faith permeates the life of the school and shows itself in the way the whole community treats and respects each other. We celebrate mass regularly and prepare the children for First Holy Communion. Collective Worship is taken very seriously in school, and is designed to encourage the whole school community to understand and embed Christian virtues within daily living. Pupils and staff work together to devise and offer worship both in school and in our parish church. Our parish priest is a regular visitor to the school and is also a Governor with responsibility for overseeing the R E curriculum. The children show respect and reverence during all worship times which develops them as particular individuals and makes their faith the foundation for their lives.

### ETHOS AND VALUES

St Mary's aims to provide an education from a distinctively Christian perspective. We seek to enable each pupil to acquire wisdom, pursue academic excellence and to develop their involvement in the local community and their faith community in preparation for life in the globalised 21<sup>st</sup> century. St Mary's aims to give your child an excellent all round education with an excitement and zest that will make his/her school days the best they can possibly be. Our broad and balanced curriculum aims to enrich personal development, confidence and enquiring minds. The St Mary's approach to learning promotes knowledge, understanding, skills and values in the context of spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and social development. The school endeavours to be an integral part of the local community and forges links with individuals and groups to the benefit of our staff and pupils. We welcome children and families from across Brent and beyond and take efforts to ensure that all of our children can fully participate in all activities irrespective of family situation or resources.

Special attention is devoted to the development of personal qualities, virtues and attitudes in accordance with the school mission statement.

Within the school we ensure that there will be:

- A welcoming atmosphere
- A love of learning
- An acknowledgement of the crucial part played by the family in a child's development
- A sense of awe of, and wonder for, God's world
- An appreciation and encouragement of their engagement in school life