



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## English Intent

The purpose of this policy is to clearly identify how English is taught and learnt at St Mary's.

Through our daily English teaching we are ambitious in our aim to:

- To promote a shared love and understanding of all aspects of English.
- Develop enthusiastic, reflective and curious learners who read and write confidently and fluently and seek to acquire knowledge independently.
- Ensure the children understand and are able to use the technical grammatical features of writing.
- Promote enthusiasm for learning through practical real-life experiences, exploration and discussion.
- To create an exciting and enticing reading environment that will instil a lifelong enjoyment of reading.
- Give children the reading and writing skills they need to access all areas of the curriculum.
- Give opportunities for the children to encounter, understand, read and say a wide and rich vocabulary, including technical words related to the subjects and topics they are learning.
- Foster an awareness of English in the world beyond the classroom and in everyday life.
- Facilitate opportunities for the children to read and write texts in a variety of genres and written about a wide variety of subjects. Ensure children have access to a wide variety of classic stories and those written by contemporary authors.
- Ensure our children have a strong phonic awareness and use a phonics first approach to reading.
- Enable each child to reach their full potential by providing opportunities for all children to access the English Curriculum. *(Please also see Equal Opportunities and Inclusion policies.)*