

Welcome to St. Mary's Church of England Primary School. Whether you are a pupil, parent, member of staff, or considering St. Mary's for your child, we extend a very warm welcome.

Situated in the heart of Walthamstow, St. Mary's is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Genesis Education Trust, a dynamic and growing Independent Church Multi-Academy Trust comprising The Federated Schools of St Mary's and St Saviour's in Walthamstow and St Margaret's in Barking.

“I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15)

At St. Mary's, we nurture confident, independent pupils who feel free to ask questions, explore new ideas, and learn through both success and mistakes. This helps every child become a life-long learner, ready to thrive in whatever path they choose. Every aspect of school life, from classroom organisation to behaviour expectations, is shaped by this vision.

Alongside academic learning, we offer a strong personal development programme through our unique Young Transformers programme, Courageous Advocacy initiatives and transformative whole-school projects (you can read about a recent one in the [Big Issue magazine](#)). From pupil voice to enrichment activities, children build resilience, leadership and emotional intelligence, discovering their strengths and becoming thoughtful, responsible members of their community.

We are equally passionate about the creative arts. Through music, art and performance, pupils develop creativity, imagination and confidence, along with their ability to communicate, collaborate and appreciate the beauty of God's world.

Our commitment to learning extends to staff too. We invest significantly in professional development so that our teachers and support staff can deliver an excellent, inspiring education every day.

As a church school deeply rooted in the local faith and wider community, we strive to live out our Christian ethos in practical ways. While we celebrate the diversity of belief within our community, we ask everyone at St. Mary's to embrace our shared values of caring, equality, faith, forgiveness, respect, truth and wisdom, chosen together by pupils, parents, staff and governors. These are not abstract words but living principles that guide our daily decisions, relationships and conduct, helping us grow together in respect, compassion and wisdom.

Thank you for visiting our website. If you would like to learn more, please get in touch.

I would be delighted to show you around.

Joe Pitchford
Headteacher

