No 7. Dinners

Our school lunches are delicious and nutritious! Our provider is Taylor Shaw & our kitchen staff love to ensure that our children eat well. Our School Council even have a hand in shaping the menu. We have a three week cycle with four different options per day that children can choose from, so there is something for everyone with lots of additional items such as: fruit, salad, yoghurt & bread.

"After running around in the yard, I love the school dinners

as they give me energy again."

"The school dinners are yummy-my favourite thing is the pizza!"



No 8. Uniform

All of the children in school wear a school uniform everyday- unless it's a very special occasion. They arrive at school looking smart and ready to learn and their uniform gives them a feeling of being part of a very special community.

"I love my uniform because when we go on trips, everyone knows we are St Mary's."



"Uniform is great because wearing a tie makes you feel like an adult so makes me act sensibly.

No 9. Trip and Visits

Educational visits are not only fun but they enrich our curriculum and help bring learning to life. We go to fantastic places like: The Deep,

Ecclesall Woods, Magna, Kelham Island, The English Institute of Sport, Crucial Crew, Bishops' House, Whitby and Weston Park Museum to name a few. We also go on incredible residential visits to places like Kingswood and The Oaks.

"School trips are so much fun!"



"I like going on trips because I get to go to places I've never been before with all my friends.'

No 10. Responsibilities

We love all of the roles & responsibilities that we have at St Mary's! These could be special jobs given to you by the teacher for your class as well as bigger roles like being an Junior Leadership Team member, Play Leader, Merit Team Captain or part of our CREW Council.

"I decided to go out of my comfort zone and nominate myself as a JLT member and I'm so glad I did as I'm more confident".

"When I'm in Year 6 I want to be a Merit Captain so I can lead other people."





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* The Junior Leadership Team devised their list of the best things about our school and voted on the order in September 2019.



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No 1. Behaviour

The Junior Leadership Team felt that the top thing about our fantastic school was the behaviour of the children!

We have the best children at St Mary's and we reward their positive behaviours for learning as well as the kindness and respect they show towards others and their determination to follow the school rules.

"I like being in a Merit Team and we work together to try and win a fun treat."



"Our behaviour is excellent so we can focus on learning new things."

No 2. Teachers

Our teachers are brilliant as they make lessons interesting and exciting to keep us interested in learning. They work very hard to make sure that we have the best



possible experiences at primary school. They really care about us & want all of us to be able to do our very best. They help us with our learning and are always there to help us with any problems that we might have.

"All the people in school love me and look after me because we are a family!"

"My teacher is kind and always smiles at me."



No 3. Children

The children at St Mary's are all kind, caring and considerate of each other. They work incredibly hard to be the best they can be! They welcome everyone into our

lovely school and if the teachers created a 'Best of Ten' the children would definitely come top, as they make the school the inclusive and joyous place it is.

"One of the best things about our school is it's Christian values the children have, but I don't want to say that as it might stop other children



that as it might stop other children coming here and we want parents to know that everyone is welcome because that's what's so special about St Mary's"

No 4. Safety

The pupils in school know that this is a safe learning environment. That does not just mean that no serious harm will come to children whilst here. It also means it's a safe environment in which to develop

their understanding of complex emotions and to develop their own thought and opinions about different subject matters.

"It's safe because in P4C lessons you can express your opinions or change your opinions and no will be unkind to you about it."



"I can talk to the adults about anything that is making me sad and they will help me."

No 5. Special Events

We enjoy loads of different special events at school from special days (World Book Day, Aspire Day, Merit Treats, St Mary's Got Talent & Charity events) and special weeks



(Book Week, E-Safety, Environment & Global Awareness) We often mark special times by dressing up & raising money for good causes!

"I like St Mary's Got Talent because we sit out in the sunshine and see the talents all out friends have. It's it really fun!."

"I like the singing we do at the supermarket every year because it makes people smile."



No 6. Playtime

Our playtimes are the best time of the day where we can let off steam & chill with friends, We have well trained Play Leaders



who organise a different team game each day, help us & we always try to play nicely with each other so that no one ever feels left out. We also have plenty of friends & our school is a 'Bully Free Zone', so no bullying is every allowed!

> "I like playtime as we have lots of equipment to play with."



"Playtime is great because I

