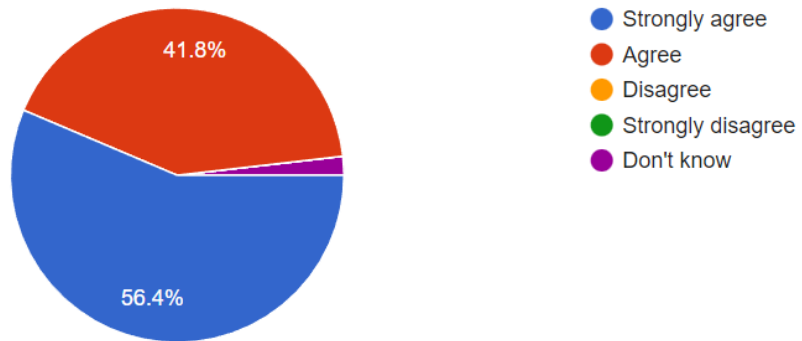


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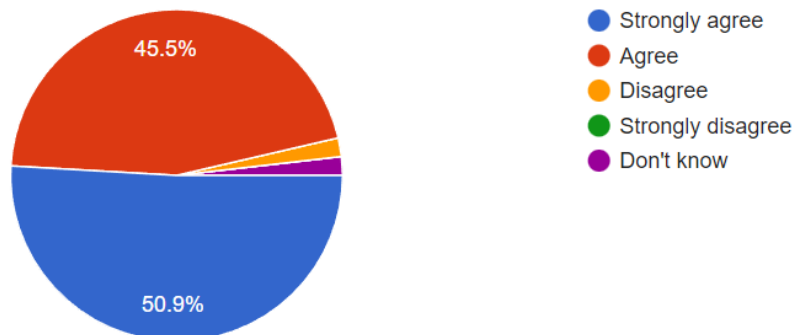
My child is happy in school.

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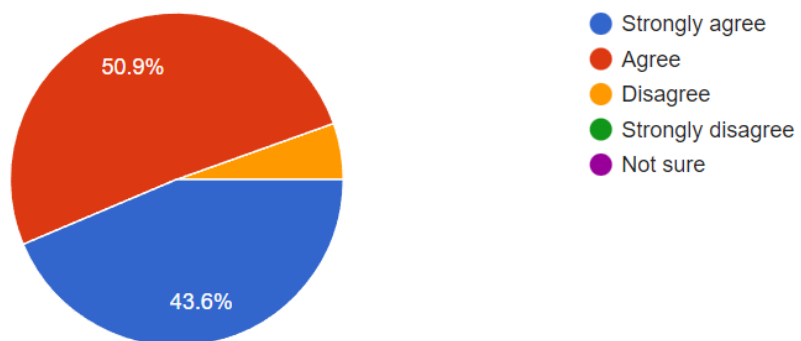
The school promotes and upholds a good Catholic ethos.

55 responses



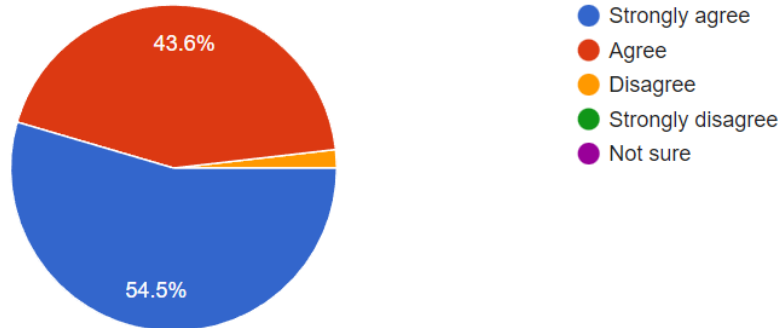
The school supports my child's wellbeing

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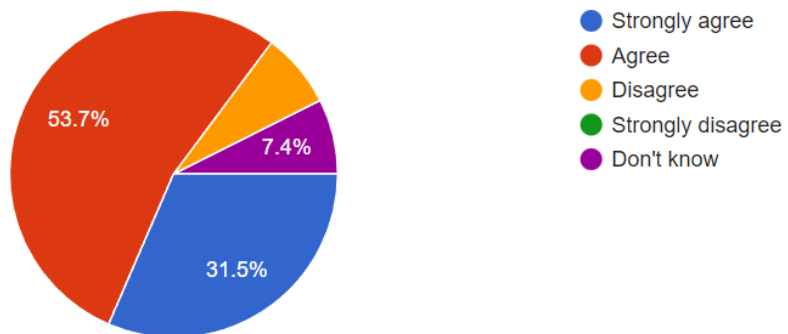
My child feels safe in school

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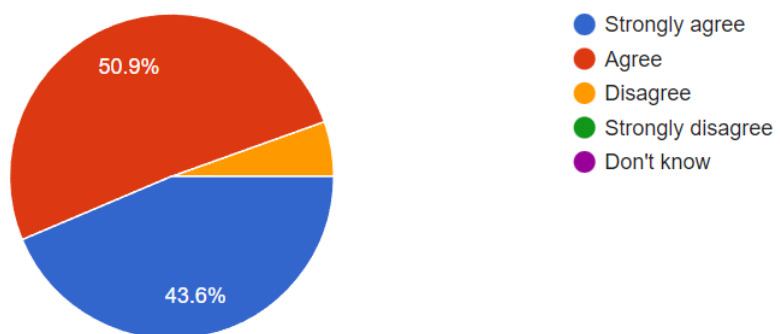
St Mary's has high expectations for my child.

54 responses



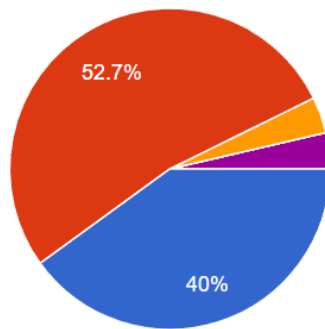
My child has a wide range of experiences and learning activities through the curriculum.

55 responses



My child is making good progress at school.

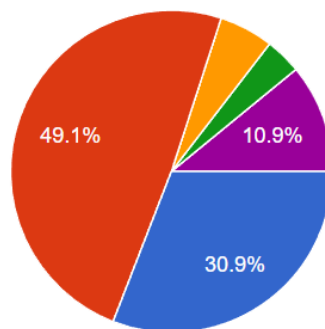
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- Strongly agree
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- Don't know

The school deals effectively with behaviour issues

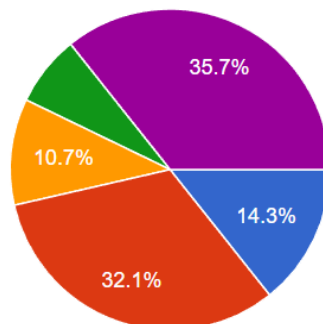
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The school deals effectively with bullying (please leave blank if you have no experience of this)

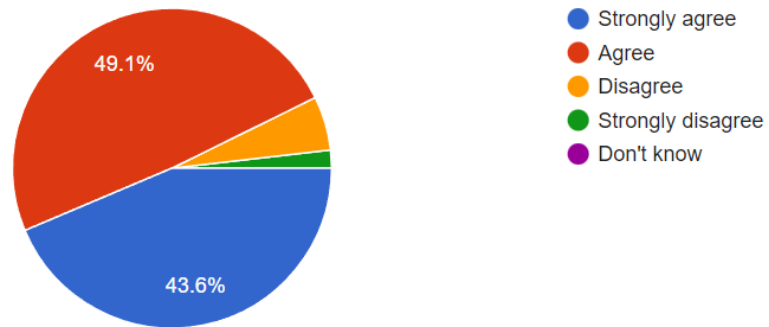
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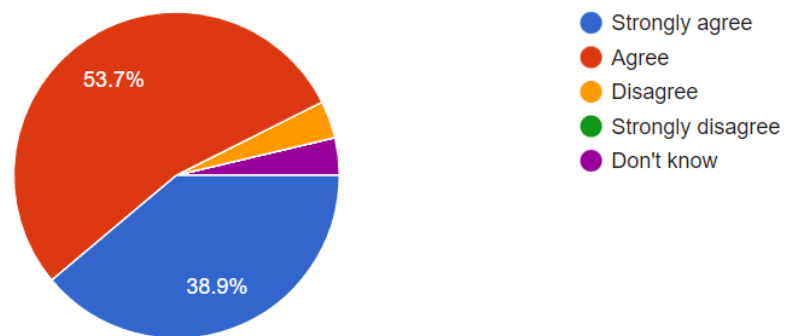
School offers opportunities for me to find out about my child's learning and progress.

55 responses



If I have a question about school, my question is answered.

54 responses



In your opinion what are the best things about St Mary's Primary School?

39 responses

Safe environment

Great teachers, very understanding and helpful.

Teachers are very welcoming and helpful.

Teaches take care of students.

Sense of community and its diversity

Being kept up to date with learning and how children are getting on. Teachers have always been available to talk about anything.

The community environment and the drive/ambition of the teachers to see all the pupils learn and grow.

A very good school for the first steps in life, thank you

The staff are very welcoming and helpful to parents. The size of the school has made a very close school community- staff know all pupils throughout the school. The Catholic ethos has created a very respectful and positive learning environment.

School offer opportunities for me to find out about my child learning and progress.

Values, staff and settings

The opportunities for children of different ages to get together such as Senedd groups. The extra learning activities such as Forest School and attending masses too.

Wellbeing

Loving children atmosphere with some discipline and supporting great reading and arts

Is a good place for learning and bring up Christian children. I feel comfortable when my children are in school at St Mary primary school.

The teachers and staff are always very happy and helpful. There are lots of extra activities and trips. I know my children really enjoy these.

Very lovely staff

Inclusive, always welcoming opportunities to share news and opportunities with parents

Opportunities, care, addressing all four purposes to support pupils progress

Caring staff who create wonderful and engaging activities for all. Wanting the best for my child and considering their interests and how we can support them

Is the best school for the kids to start their journey in Educational background

Safe, respectable, honest, responsible and creative school with really good discipline.

The size of the school

It is a comfortable, happy and challenging environment for the children

The teachers and their connection to each child in the class is the best.

They are the best for me

The school is supporting to develop my child' behaviour and discipline

Catholicity

Foundation phase staff

Teachers are fantastic and make the school what it is.

Great values, super atmosphere, great progress in learning

Learn about religion

Good management of miss russel

Strong support in adapting to a new class

Friendly and welcoming, seemingly firm but fair approach to discipline in the classroom (in a positive way), extra provisions and support on offer for children with additional learning needs.

My children are happy in the school.

It is safe, friendly place for our child to develop and further education

The staff and the multicultural society

Close knit school with a family feel

Is there anything in particular that you would change? Even better if.....?

Suggestion	Action
Too much communication	We need to ensure all parents/ carers receive the messages and so we use a number of platforms to do this. We have discussed ways of reducing these with the office, such as sending messages to year groups rather than to the whole school and highlighting which year groups the message is aimed at so they can be easily deleted/ ignored if not needed to be read.
More playground resources	We asked our Playground Facilitators School Senedd group to ask the school what they wanted. They made a list of items which have been ordered and placed onto the yard for use this term.
Parent chat groups	We are currently investigating setting up a Parent Forum in our school - more details to follow. Our office staff will be offering drop-in sessions where we will be able provide advice and support to parents; for example, in using ParentPay, applying for free school meals, applications to high schools etc.
Attending Mass more often	Y3 to Y6 classes now attend mass once a half term on a Tuesday morning with Y2 attending in the summer term. Family Sunday Masses and in school Masses are planned with Canon David each term.
Healthy School but too many sweets being sold by PTA	We asked our school SNAG Senedd group to discuss this issue and they spoke to the PTA. The PTA now think carefully about what is being sold, choosing healthier options. We do feel it is important to teach children that treats are allowed.
Too many children waiting at the school gate in the mornings/ No breakfast club	We have started a 45 place free breakfast club at the school. This may be increased if there is enough demand. This has reduced numbers of children waiting at the gate at 8.45am.
After school club	Last term we were able to find another day care provider who will be setting up on our school site in January 2024. They are hoping to be able to offer an after school club if there is enough interest. Please complete this short survey to register your interest - https://forms.office.com/e/9ua8DJe74i
School Behaviour Procedures	Our school behaviour and anti-bullying policies can be found on our school web site - https://www.stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.uk/policies/ Last year we offered an online parent meeting to explain our behaviour management system in school and we will be offering another one later this term for those who want to know more.
Spring term teacher-parent meetings	Last year we trialled teacher-parent meetings in the autumn term and an opportunity to look at your children's work with them after school. We had great feedback from these sessions but many felt that they also wanted the spring term face-to-face or online teacher-parent meetings. So we will be offering these along with the Book Shares in March.

<p>Not enough balance of trips/ experiences for all classes</p>	<p>We have worked hard to ensure consistency in the summer term for all classes to have the same access to trips and experiences. We have audited and planned out trips/ experiences for each topic across our year's curriculum to ensure a better balance this year.</p>
<p>Pupil well-being</p>	<p>We need to be better at communicating what we have in place at our school to support pupil well-being and so are updating our school website with information as well as continuing to put information in our school newsletter. Take a look at our website for information on our class Cwtch areas - https://www.stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.uk/zones-of-regulation/</p>
<p>More Welsh</p>	<p>This year Welsh second language is one of our school priorities. Details of this can be found in our School Development Plan - https://www.stmarysprm.cardiff.sch.uk/summary-school-development-plan/</p>
<p>Swimming Lessons</p>	<p>A few years ago all Y3 to Y6 classes would attend swimming lessons each year. However, due to dramatically increased costs we were unable to sustain this. Now our Y4 class will attend swimming lessons each year. We do need to ask for a donation to school for the costs of the lessons as this is not funded by the local authority or Welsh Government. Our PTA does fund the cost of the coaches in order to keep costs down for parents. carers.</p>