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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted that St Mary's CE Infant School has once again been judged to be a 'Good' school following its recent visit from Ofsted.

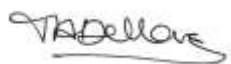
It is fantastic that the report highlights some of the school's many strengths. The motto of 'Together we love to learn and learn to love' is noted at the very start of the report as being lived out daily in the school, and it is wonderful that the nurturing and inclusive ethos of St Mary's is recognised.

St Mary's is a school at the heart of Witney, and I'm pleased that the report recognises how children learn to be 'responsible citizens' and enjoy strong links with their local environment, both within the 'meticulously crafted' curriculum and in their engagement with community events. The opportunities for children's personal development and their strong understanding of the wider world is also highlighted and the report is clear that, as we already knew, St Mary's is giving children a wonderfully well-rounded start to their education.

St Mary's has worked increasingly closely with The Batt school in recent years and the positive nature of this relationship is very evident. The culture of kindness, ambitious curriculum, strong focus on reading and the rich extra-curricular and personal development opportunities that are noted in St Mary's report, reflect similar findings from The Batt school's inspection earlier in the year. As the two schools continue to build on their shared approach to education, I am certain that both will continue to go from strength to strength in offering your children a high-quality, nurturing and unique education designed to meet their needs at each stage of their primary school journey.

I'd like to pay tribute to the school leaders, staff and local governing body, who work very hard to ensure children receive an excellent education at St Mary's. Many congratulations, and thank you to you as parents and carers for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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