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Dear Parents, Carers and Children of St. Mary's,

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you and well done to everyone in our school community. We have had a wonderful year filled with many successes, achievements and memorable moments. We were especially delighted to receive a strong judgement in all areas of the Ofsted framework, recognising the hard work, dedication and commitment of our children, staff, governors and families.

To our wonderful children, thank you for embracing every opportunity, working hard and always trying your best. You have shown kindness, enthusiasm and determination throughout the year and we are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved.

To our supportive parents and carers, thank you for your continued encouragement and partnership. Your support makes such a difference and helps your children to flourish both academically and personally. A special thank you goes to our fantastic volunteers and events team. Your support with school trips, activities and fundraising events has been invaluable. The opportunities you help provide for our children enrich school life enormously and we are truly grateful for your time and commitment.

To the dedicated staff of St. Mary's, thank you for your professionalism, hard work and unwavering commitment to our children. Your passion and care ensure that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to be the very best they can be.

For all those leaving St. Mary's this year, we wish you every happiness and success for the future. May you carry the values, friendships and memories you have made here with you as you begin your next chapter and may you always feel God's guidance and blessings along the way.

A very special farewell and thank you to Mrs Parrish and Miss Edge, who both leave St. Mary's today. We are grateful for their positive impact they have had on the lives of so many children and families. We thank them both for all they have given to St. Mary's and wish them every happiness, good health and success in the future.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at St. Mary's, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

As we go into the summer and look ahead to new opportunities, let us remember:

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

God bless,

Mrs Rathbone

Principal

