



St. William of York Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of St William of York. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to lead our school and build upon the success already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Lynch.

I joined the team at St William of York in 2011, and I have loved every second of my journey over the last thirteen years. I started here as a student teacher and quickly realised what a special place our school really is. I have had many roles and responsibilities during my time at St William of York and I have always been incredibly grateful for our fantastic pupil, parent and staff community.

As a parent to two young children, Millie and Jesse, my goal is for them to be happy, safe and achieve their potential; this is part of the vision that I have for the children of St William of York. I am committed to ensuring that our children have meaningful and memorable experiences during their time at school and that the strong sense of community and emphasis on relationships continues. I feel very fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented staff team, and we are all looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss McDonagh, who has joined our Nursery Team to cover Mrs Lawlor's maternity leave. We wish Mrs Lawlor all the best as she begins her maternity leave next week.

It has been a very short, and wet, week in school but the children have settled back into school life really quickly and have been busy getting to know their new teachers and teaching assistants. Next week, class teachers will write to you with more information about the curriculum for their year group and any upcoming trips or visits.

If you are interested in your child receiving extra music tuition for brass or violin, we do still have some spaces available in our small group lessons. Violin lessons are available for pupils in Yr2 - Yr6 and brass lessons are available for pupils in Yr4, 5 and 6. Please register your interest via the link: <https://forms.gle/6knmuXt87ehThGuy5>

This week we have launched our new school website and we will be uploading photos regularly throughout the term. Please do have a look at it and follow our Instagram accounts if you have not

already done so. A copy of the School Dinner Menu can be found on our website at <https://www.swoy.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners&pid=130>.

Next week, we will be launching our new Newsletter via the website. Please do take the time to read the weekly newsletters to ensure you are aware of forthcoming events. We will have our Welcome Assembly and Barbecue on Friday 20th September 2024, and we hope to see many of you there!

In the meantime, I hope Yr1 – Yr6 have enjoyed their first few days back and I look forward to meeting our new Nursery and Reception children next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Mayers".

Hayley Mayers
Headteacher
St William of York