

30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an important update regarding our leadership team.

For the Summer Term, I will be taking on the role of Executive Headteacher for the Acorn Partnership, which consists of Little Plumstead Primary and Acle Primary Academy, as well as remaining the Headteacher of St Mary's. This is a significant appointment that allows me to lend my expertise to the wider strategic development of our Trust family, ensuring that St Benet's continues to provide the highest quality of education for all our pupils.

To ensure the continued smooth operation of our school during this period, Miss Dekeyzer will continue to be Head of School for the Summer Term. Miss Dekeyzer will remain responsible for the day-to-day running of St Mary's, providing a consistent point of contact for parents and maintaining the excellent standards of teaching and care that our children enjoy.

This leadership structure will be further supported by our Improvement Director, Mr Carlyle, adding capacity across all three schools to ensure the strategic growth across the partnership does not negatively impact St Mary's. While my remit is expanding, I will still be a visible presence within our community, working closely with Miss Dekeyzer to ensure our school's priorities remain on track as we head into a busy and exciting final term. I will not be missing the Year 6 residential!

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team. I am personally very excited to step into this new role while continuing to support the school community I am very proud to be a part of.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St Mary's. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment with me.

Warm regards,

Miss Richardson



"They will soar on wings like eagles"



Nurture. Respect. Responsible. Community. Compassion. Courage.

