

St Denys Primary School



Great News



**In our recent Ofsted inspection,
St Denys Primary School has been judged as
“continuing to be good”**

Ofsted said

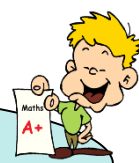
“Through the headteacher’s empowering leadership, supported ably by her deputy headteacher and capable work of the dedicated team of staff, the school is clearly a very caring, close-knit and vibrant school where children thrive and are happy and confident to learn”



In the report Ofsted also said:

Parents and carers are highly positive about their children's experiences of the school

A strong sense of "family" permeates the school and is valued by pupils and parents



St Denys is a happy and welcoming place

Staff know pupils well, recognising their diversity and different needs



The schools' values, built around a culture of respect, are promoted successfully

Pupils learn well at St Denys



Pupils feel safe, are well cared for and accept each other's differences, resulting in a harmonious school where pupils behave respectfully

Parents choose the school because they trust that the school will strive to meet their children's specific and diverse needs

Risks to pupils' well-being are identified quickly and well managed



Open and effective working relationships between families and school staff support safeguarding work successfully

Leaders track pupils' attainment carefully, using accurate and reliable methods of assessment

A love of reading is evident through vibrant classroom displays and pupils' enthusiasm

Adults use observations well to direct children's future learning experiences so that emerging needs are addressed effectively



Pupils are challenged to deepen their learning is evident through activities in lessons

Reading is promoted across the school, which supports pupils' language acquisition and the quality of their writing



At the end of the report Ofsted say the next steps for the school are that leaders should ensure:

- recent changes to how spelling, punctuation and grammar are taught lead pupils, especially the most able, to make consistently good progress in reading and writing during key stage 2
- governors challenge leaders more precisely about the difference their actions make to pupils' progress from their different starting points so that standards remain high

What does this judgement mean?

- o The school improvement plan addresses the right priorities
- o Teachers share the headteacher's drive for improvement
- o Effective leadership of teaching has contributed to improvements in achievement
- o Professional development is worthwhile and is having an impact on improving teaching
- o Assessment data is used systematically to ensure pupils make progress
- o Parents are happy with the learning experience that is provided for their child
- o The proportions of pupils reaching the expected standards in reading, writing and maths at the end of each key stage are at least in line with national averages
- o The proportion of pupils on track to reach greater depth or higher standards of learning is increasing over time

That all of the good things that were mentioned in our 2015 report, such as consistently good teaching, good behaviour in lessons and excellent relationships between pupils have been maintained (see previous Ofsted report <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/116102>)



That the Governors:

- o ensure that policies and processes are fit for purpose
- o ensure effective performance management of staff
- o carry out their safeguarding duties effectively and diligently

In the survey parents and carers said:

We feel this is a great school and the children are taught well and love the fact the children are known by name and treated as individuals

Having a child with additional needs, I can't thank St Denys enough for all the support my children and myself receive. Everyone here is amazing and I'm so grateful

I am really happy that my children attend St Denys. It is a very nurturing school that looks at its students as individuals

The ethos on learning and development in the school suits my children and their learning styles

My children have thrived at St Denys under the care of their teachers due to the hard work and commitment

Such a wonderful school

Great school, welcoming staff and well resourced, especially in current budgetary constraints

My child is so happy at St Denys. It is a very nurturing school where the teachers and headteacher know all the kids' names

I think that this is a fantastic school

The headteacher and deputy are always available and so easy to talk to

The school has given my daughter such a wonderful start to life in education

Amazing school where each child is treated as an individual. A wonderful learning environment