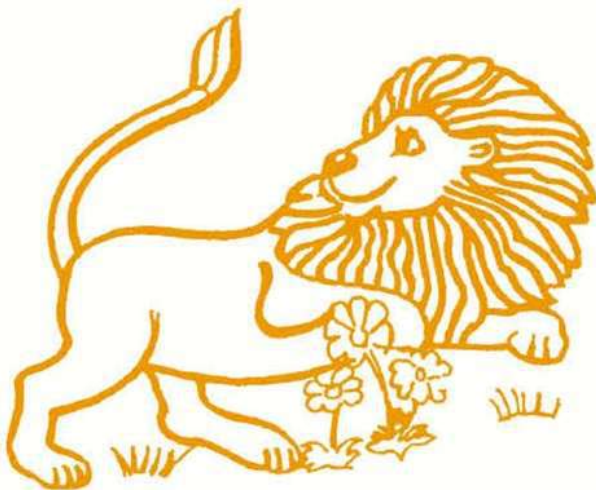


St Mark's CofE Primary School

Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

Results of our Parents' Questionnaire

July 2026



Thank you for taking time to fill in our questionnaire.

We really do value what you say, and act on your suggestions.

This booklet gives you the results of our questionnaire, a summary of the main comments given by parents, and how previous comments are being acted on by our school.

What were the survey results?

407 responses were given

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	My child is happy at St Mark's	83%	16%	0%	0%
2	My child feels safe at St Mark's.	84%	16%	0%	0%
3	St Mark's makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	68%	32%	0%	0%
4	My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. ** those who say their child hasn't been bullied	98%		1%	1%
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	76%	24%	0%	0%
6	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	66%	33%	1%	0%
7	St Mark's has high expectations for my child.	70%	30%	0%	0%
8	My child does well at St Mark's.	72%	27%	1%	0%
9	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	65%	34%	1%	0%
10	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at St Mark's.	74%	26%	0%	0%
11	St Mark's supports my child's wider personal development.	70%	28%	2%	0%
12	My child has Special Needs and the school gives them the support they need to succeed. (91 responses given)	60%	37%	3%	0%
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	99.8% - Yes ✓			

Summary of the feedback given

Parent feedback highlights the many strengths of St Mark's, with the dedication and care of staff standing out most strongly. Parents consistently praised teachers and support staff for being approachable, nurturing and committed to helping every child succeed. Many described how individual staff members have gone above and beyond to support children both academically and emotionally.

The school's strong sense of community was another recurring theme. Parents value the warm, family atmosphere and appreciate that children are known, valued and treated as individuals. Many commented that their children are happy, feel safe in school and look forward to attending each day.

Support for wellbeing and inclusion was particularly celebrated. Parents spoke positively about the care provided for children facing challenges such as anxiety, SEND needs, medical conditions and social or emotional difficulties. Many highlighted significant improvements in confidence, resilience and self-esteem as a result of this support.

Academic progress was also frequently mentioned. Parents are pleased with the high standard of teaching, particularly in reading, phonics and maths, and are proud of the progress their children have made across the curriculum. Strong communication from staff and regular updates on learning were also valued.

A wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom received considerable praise, including OPAL play, Forest School, music, choir, Dance Live, sports and after-school clubs. Parents feel these experiences enrich school life and help children develop confidence and new interests.

Finally, many families praised the school's Christian ethos, especially its focus on kindness, respect, compassion and inclusion. Overall, parents view St Mark's as a caring, supportive and aspirational school where children flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

We're already working on these suggestions

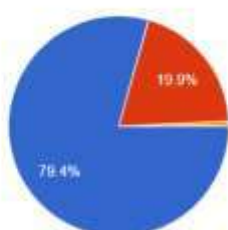
One thing I would like to see....

- **Communication (30 different comments):** Streamline emails, provide earlier notice of events, trips and clubs, and increase updates on pupil progress, SEND support and pastoral care.
- **Sports and Enrichment (15 different comments):** Expand sports clubs, increase spaces on popular activities, and offer more trips, outdoor learning and enrichment opportunities.
- **Site and Environment (15 different comments):** Improve parking, drop-off and collection arrangements, address classroom heat through cooling measures, and continue improvements to drainage and pathways.

Regarding our Agents of Change Programme

I know what the Agents of Change Programme is about

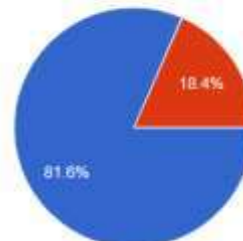
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Yes
Mostly
No

My child has completed at least 1 home challenge

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Yes
No

Agents of Change Programme

Feedback on the Agents of Change programme was overwhelmingly positive. Parents described it as a fantastic, inspiring and worthwhile initiative that encourages children to develop kindness, confidence, creativity and a sense of responsibility. Many families enjoyed completing challenges together, valuing the opportunities to strengthen home-school links and engage with the wider community.

Key strengths highlighted by parents included:

- Promoting positive values, patience, kindness and community awareness.
- Giving children a sense of pride, achievement and purpose.
- Encouraging family participation and meaningful conversations at home.
- Motivating children through certificates, rewards and recognition.
- Supporting personal development beyond the classroom.

Many children were described as being highly enthusiastic about the programme, with some actively working towards Gold Awards and eagerly talking about their achievements with family and friends.

The main suggestions for improvement focused on practicalities rather than the programme itself.

Parents would welcome:

- More regular reminders and updates throughout the year.
- A digital system for recording and tracking completed challenges.
- Greater clarity around how evidence is submitted and acknowledged.
- Additional examples or guidance for more open-ended challenges.

Overall, parents see Agents of Change as a highly successful programme that has had a positive impact on children's character development, confidence and engagement, with many expressing enthusiasm for it to continue and grow in the future.

Thinking about our Christmas Ethos

Does the school encourage your child to help others and make a difference?

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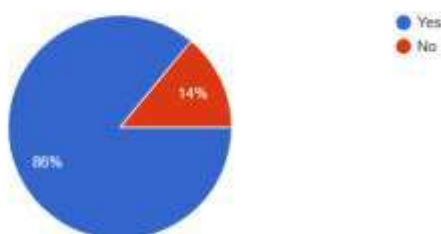


Examples parents shared:

- Agents of Change challenges promoting kindness, charity and environmental action.
- Buddy systems and Year 6–Year R partnerships supporting younger children.
- Litter picking, recycling and eco-projects such as bug hotels and Eco Committee work.
- Foodbank Friday, Grow a Pound and charity fundraising activities.
- Children showing kindness by helping classmates, including others in play, supporting friends and caring for pupils with additional needs.
- Wellbeing Champions, School Council and ambassador roles encouraging leadership and service.

Does being part of the St Mark's community help your family to flourish?

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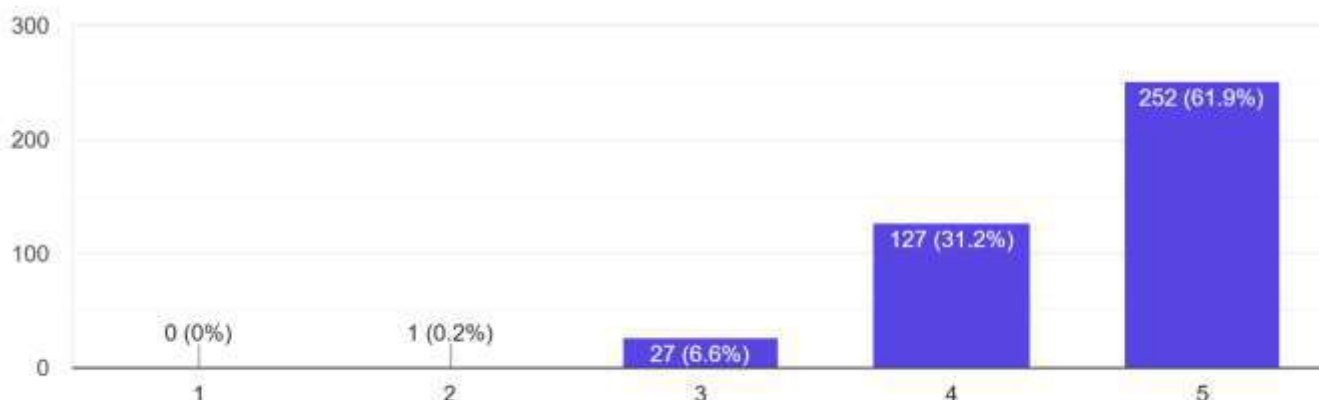


- Attending summer fairs, Christmas fairs, fun days, concerts and performances together as a family.
- Getting involved in FOSM events, fundraising activities, the school farm and Agents of Change challenges.
- Building friendships and support networks with other parents through the school community.
- Participating in Sports Day, Dance Live, Anvil performances and family events.
- Enjoying technology-free days and the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative.
- Supporting learning at home through school topics, family discussions and shared activities.
- Feeling welcomed, supported and connected as part of the wider St Mark's family and community.



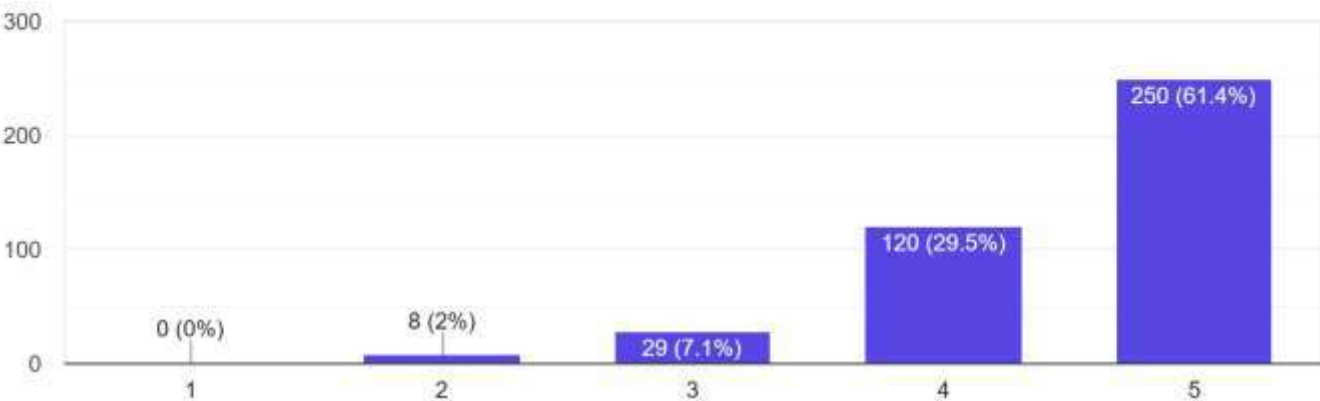
How well do you think St Mark's helps your child to flourish academically?

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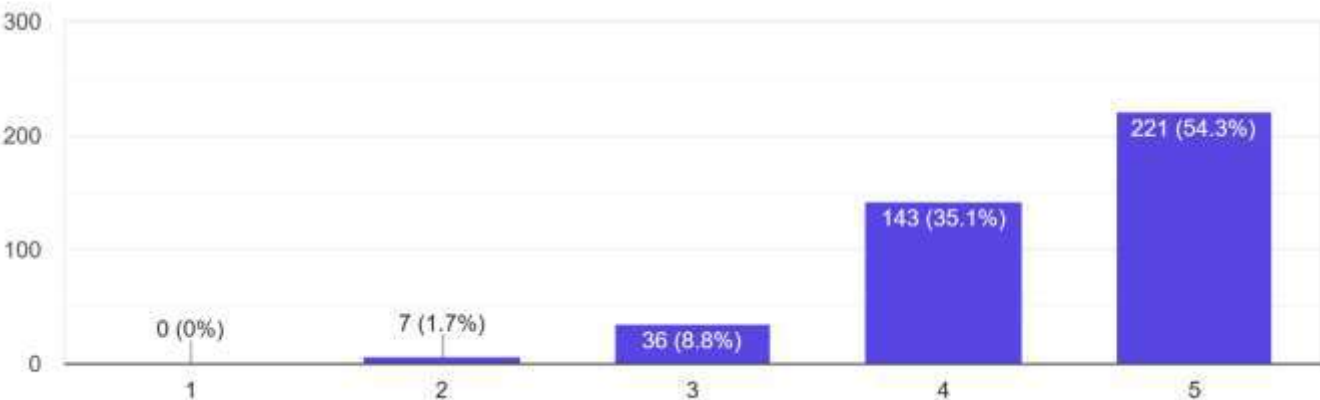
How well do you think St Mark's helps your child to flourish socially?

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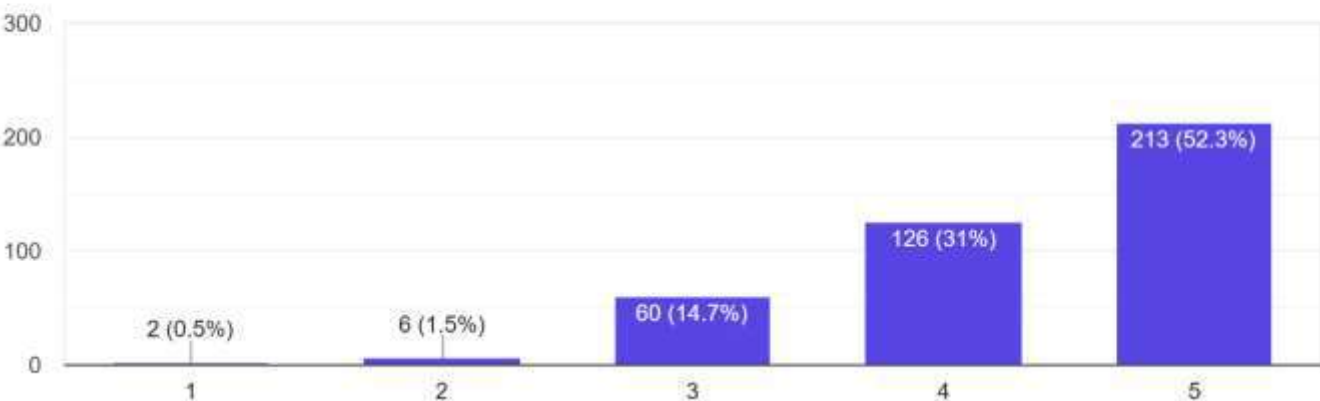
How well do you think St Mark's helps your child to flourish emotionally?

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How well do you think St Mark's helps your child to flourish spiritually?

407 responses



What Parents Value Most About St Mark's as a Church School

Parents overwhelmingly value the way St Mark's combines a strong Christian ethos with a welcoming, inclusive and nurturing environment. The most common theme was the emphasis on values such as kindness, respect, compassion, forgiveness and helping others, which parents feel are lived out daily across the school.

Many parents commented on the strong sense of community and belonging, describing St Mark's as a family-focused school where children feel safe, valued and supported. The caring relationships between staff, pupils and families were frequently highlighted, with parents praising the warmth, dedication and encouragement shown by all members of staff.

Parents also appreciated that the school's Christian values help develop children's moral character and provide a strong foundation for life. Many felt these values supported their children in becoming thoughtful, respectful and caring individuals. Importantly, both religious and non-religious families praised the school for promoting these values in an inclusive way that welcomes and respects people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Worship, prayer, singing and opportunities for reflection were also valued, helping children explore faith, develop spirituality and consider how they can positively contribute to the world around them.

Overall, parents see St Mark's as a school where Christian values, high expectations and genuine care work together to help children flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.