

## St Mary's Aston le Walls Report to the Parish Council

### Schools position

The school remains popular and draws children from Banbury to Daventry including children from the surrounding villages. The school is made up of less than 50% catholic children and we pride our selves on the inclusivity of the school, the strong catholic ethos and the range of other faiths that are taught.

Our Catholic secondary feeder is the very popular Blessed George Napier Secondary School in Banbury.

The schools statutory test results place us above the local authority average as well as the national average.

Although popular with our parents for the care, ethos and range of enriching opportunities provided, the school still has places available for September 2023. We have struggled to gain children from Daventry and Banbury this year due to the rising cost in fuel and the disruptions caused by HS2. The cost of living crisis has also impacted on the amount of the school's budget that is spent on energy.

We are now looking for new imaginative fundraising ideas and ways that we can advertise which will reach more families in the surrounding villages.

### Exciting future plans:

- Gardens to be developed.
- School grounds to be used for the Coronation event.
- The school would like to be involved in more village events.
- The school will be voting on joining one of two multi-academy trusts. The Northampton Diocese OLLICAT trust and the Pope Francis trust in Banbury.

We would like to thank the Parish for their support in enabling us to have the 'Zig Zag' lines out the front of the school and for allowing the use of a storage container on the school field.

Kind regards,

Laura Concannon

Head Teacher

St Marys ALW