

Welcome to Leigh St Mary's Church of England Primary School. I am proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of our warm, happy, hard-working, safe and nurturing school community. Leigh St Mary's is an oasis of calm, nestled in a busy town centre. It is a joyful place, filled with lovely children who enjoy coming to school and are enthusiastic to learn. We pride ourselves on being built upon strong relationships and we are a school family with God's love at its heart. A sense of belonging, community spirit and togetherness runs throughout every aspect of school life. Relationships are key: we work hard to develop strong and trusting relationships with our families and benefit from the positivity they bring to children's educational experiences.

At Leigh St Mary's we aim to provide the very best educational experiences for every child. All members of our dedicated staff team strive to create a rich tapestry of learning opportunities through which our children grow and thrive, both academically and emotionally. Children experience a carefully planned, broad, rich and balanced curriculum which is engaging, challenging and enjoyable. Our staff have high expectations for all children- for all aspects of school life - and these are delivered with high levels of warmth and praise. We are a reading school. A genuine love of books and enjoyment of reading is a gift that we hope to build within all our children. We know that the power of reading unlocks the curriculum and not only increases children's vocabulary but also provides them with a huge bank of knowledge to take with them into every lesson. We pride ourselves on our school reading pathway, our teaching of reading and our celebrations of reading. You only have to step foot in the building to know that reading is at the centre of our curriculum.

Sport, PE and The Arts are important to our school community and we place an emphasis on being active, fit and healthy. We are a school that loves to dance, sing and perform; with the Leigh St Mary's annual dance show a highlight in the busy school calendar. As we are a school at the heart of a bustling community, we benefit from strong links with St Marys The Virgin Parish Church , Leigh Neighbours Project, Leigh Library, The Turnpike, Leigh Leopards, Wigan School Games, local high schools and many more. These links ensure that we are able to provide our children with a wealth of opportunity and experience.

Our mission statement and motto encourages all children at Leigh St Mary's to be 'the best they can be' and to aim high. We equip our children with the 'tools in their toolkit' to succeed in their future lives beyond Leigh St Mary's. Through our Christian values of kindness, joy, honesty, perseverance, hope and trust we hope that our children will be a force for good in the world and make a positive difference to their part of it.

Please take time to explore our wonderful website and see for yourself all that Leigh St Mary's has to offer.

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