



St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School
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Governors' Update

24th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the recent Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI), the governors were asked what makes our school such a unique and special place. We all gave so many answers, and since then I have found myself reflecting on just how strong, caring and supportive our school community is. We are also so fortunate to have Fr Simon closely involved in the spiritual life of our school, helping to nurture and guide our children in faith. One line from the inspection has particularly stayed with me: *"This is a deeply inclusive school where all pupils are highly valued, known and loved."* It captures something very special about our school. It also builds on last year's Ofsted inspection, where the school was judged Outstanding in every category. Last week, I saw a group of children waiting with their parents after school to welcome back a former pupil who had come to visit his friends. The warmth of the greetings, and the joy with which the children played together that warm sunny afternoon, was a lovely reminder of just how strong the bonds are within our school community.

We are incredibly blessed to have such dedicated and compassionate staff and volunteers, who support and encourage our children to learn, grow and flourish. Thank you to everyone, including the staff, parents, members of the parish and our governors who all play a vital part in making our school such a nurturing and joyful community. Together, we truly live out the words of Matthew 5:16 each day: *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

As we come to the end of term and continue our journey towards Easter, we are reminded that this is a season of hope, renewal and new life. May this Easter bring you peace, joy and time to rest with those you love.

With every good wish to you and your families,

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