

Silver Accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools

We are delighted to share that St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School has been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) by UNICEF UK.

Achieving the silver award recognises our commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of our school's ethos, curriculum, and relationships.

Our assessor highlighted the strengths shown across all three strands of the accreditation and the report praised our strong alignment between rights education and our school values, particularly our focus on equality and dignity.

Children spoke confidently about their rights and demonstrated a deep understanding of global issues, including the denial of rights in places such as Gaza and Ukraine. Pupils also shared how rights help foster positive relationships in school, with one child saying: "We know we have the right to express ourselves and be listened to and we do this for each other."

The assessor noted that rights learning is embedded across assemblies, class charters, and the curriculum—especially through literature, with the terrific texts that engages learning, such as: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', which opens up discussions around refugees, inclusion, and dignity.

Parents are increasingly engaging in rights-based conversations at home, and Governors continue to support and monitor our progress closely.

We are especially proud of our children, who were interviewed as part of the process and spoke with clarity, compassion, and conviction. Their advocacy work—such as campaigning against the closure of the local library—shows how they are learning to be active, informed citizens.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Snios (RRSA Lead), Miss Preedy (Assistant Head), our dedicated staff and governors, and of course, our wonderful children for their contributions to this achievement.

We are now excited to continue our journey towards the Gold Award.