



PROSPECTUS

St Mary's CE VC Primary School Living, Learning and Growing Together

St Mary's CE Primary Academy is a popular small village school in Thorncombe, just a few miles from the towns of Chard, Axminster and Crewkerne, situated in beautiful West Dorset where the borders of Somerset and Devon also meet. We make good use of our extensive outdoor grounds and access to the local countryside to enhance delivery of our broad and balanced curriculum. We warmly welcome visits to the school and would be proud to show you what we have to offer.

If you would like to visit us at St Mary's, please call us on **01460 30535** or email the school at thorncombeoffice@acornacademy.org

School Opening Times:

8.30am to 3.15pm

Breakfast Club from 8am and After School Club until 4.30pm

Feeder to the outstanding The Woodroffe School,
Lyme Regis as well as links with Beaminster
School and Holyrood Academy, Chard.

Weekly Forest School sessions

After-school sports clubs

Open-air heated swimming pool in summer term

*"Amazing outdoor space and
small friendly family feel"*



Violin, cello and piano lessons are available in school from visiting tutors. An annual music programme is taught in Key Stage 2 from Dorset Music Service and children can choose to join the School Choir.

"The support my son has had in this amazing little school is just incredible – best decision we've ever made!"



Extensive sports curriculum, including Tag Rugby, benchball, football, gymnastics, netball, cross country running, tennis, swimming in our onsite pool and many more

Weekly Forest School sessions



High standard of teaching: Second highest average reading score across all Dorset schools, third highest scaled score in grammar, punctuation and spelling tests
(National league tables, December 2018)
12th out of 177 Dorset primary schools

"Lovely school – both of our children are so happy here"

Annual residential trips in Key Stage Two



Focus on parent communication – there is a weekly newsletter and half-termly updates on class topics and learning overviews. Families also have the option to join our Parents and Carers closed group on social media for regular updates, informal enquiries and reminders.

Active and friendly PFA who fundraise and run events such as discos, quizzes, a bi-annual fete and fun sponsored events. Funds raised are used to support the school with additional resources e.g. books, equipment, leavers hoodies, transport for trips



We have strong links with the village church – school services at Harvest, Easter and



We also have visits from our Open the Book team who lead worship every week.



"Both of our children go to this lovely school. The whole school has a really caring and friendly feel. If you are looking for a nurturing environment for your child where they enjoy learning, this is the place."

Living, Learning and Growing Together

Through living, learning and growing together we nurture each individual's uniqueness and potential so that they may enjoy life in all its fullness.

John 10:10

