

8 September 2026

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carers

St Mary's Menston Open Day – Saturday 26 September 2026, 11:00am – 2:00pm

You are warmly invited to join our school community for St Mary's Annual Open Day on Saturday 26 September 2026.

This event is especially significant for our prospective Year 6 pupils and their families, as you begin to consider the next stage of your child's educational journey. At St Mary's, we deeply understand how important this decision is and we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.

As our Mission Statement affirms, every child is at the heart of all we do. We recognise that each member of our community is on a unique journey of growth and self-discovery, and it is a privilege to walk alongside you during this formative time in your child's life.

We look forward to welcoming you in person between **11:00am and 2:00pm**, when you will have the opportunity to experience the vibrant life of our school. We hope the day will give you a true sense of what makes St Mary's so special, a place where our Mission is not just words, but a lived reality. Together with our families, we nurture each pupil's gifts, talents and character so they leave us ready to contribute positively to society and the world around them.

The day will include:

- A welcome address from me, as Headteacher
- Guided visits to all areas of the school
- Opportunities to meet staff and pupils across subject areas
- Insights into our daily teaching and learning

Due to the high level of interest from families considering Year 7 entry in September 2027, we will be operating a **ticketed system** for the Headteacher's Welcome presentation. This will help ensure that all visitors can enjoy the full experience of what our school has to offer.

To book your place at our Open Day, please visit our Open Events and Tours page on the school website by using the link below. Once there, you will be prompted to complete a booking form which will allow you to book tickets for one of the two **Headteacher Welcome and Admissions Information sessions**. These will be held in our Main Hall at **11:20am and 12:20pm**.

<https://www.stmarysmenston.org/Admissions/Open-Events-and-Tours/>



It is important you attend only at the time you have booked to enable all of our visitors to have the opportunity to hear the presentation in person. If you are unable to access the online booking system, please do not hesitate to contact us directly on **01943 883 000**, and we will be happy to reserve a place for you.

Once your session is booked, you are welcome to arrive at any time from **11:00am**.

- Visitors attending the **11:20am** presentation will have the opportunity to explore the school's facilities once their talk concludes.
- Those attending the **12:20pm** presentation are encouraged to tour the school from 11:00am onwards, prior to their talk starting.

This is an exciting time in our school history with the construction of our new school buildings now underway. One short-term consequence of this is a reduction in our on-site car parking capacity. We would therefore ask that all visitors are considerate of our neighbours when parking in the local area.

Our Open Day is a genuine highlight of our annual school calendar and I am excited by the prospect of sharing many of the outstanding aspects of life at St Mary's, including the exceptional 2026 examination results achieved by our former students.

It is a true privilege to lead this exceptional school community and to support you during this important time in your family's journey. I look forward to welcoming you warmly to St Mary's on **Saturday 26 September 2026** and to meeting you in person.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'M. Hattersley' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss M Hattersley
Headteacher