



For many years, our school has retained the same logo... since Mrs Hardisty was the headteacher.

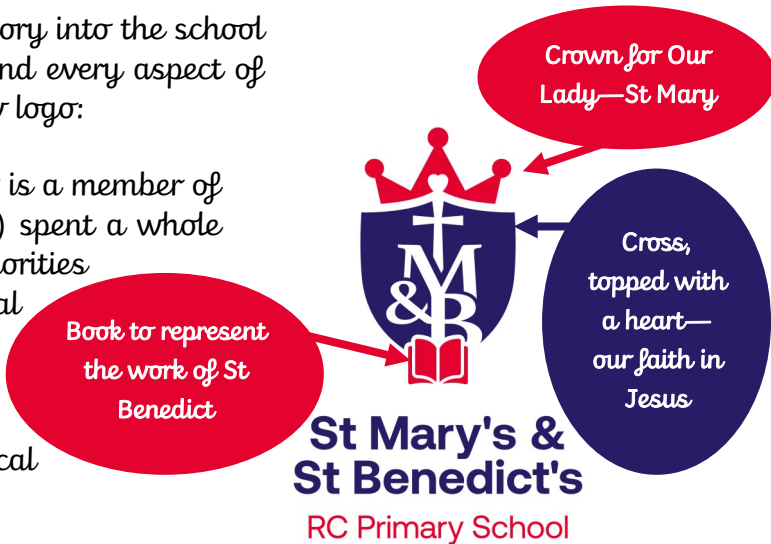
Around seven years ago, our school reviewed the Mission Statement and it became:

*'With Jesus, we learn as a joyful family and flourish to be the best that we can be'*

As we transition from one period of school's history into the school that we are becoming, we are reviewing each and every aspect of our school identity. Here, for example, is our new logo:

During the summer term, Mrs F Wygladala (who is a member of parish community as well as a school governor) spent a whole day working with each class to review their priorities and establish what we believe should be central to our school's mission now.

Working along with teachers and governors on the same day, we narrowed down the list of critical values that we share:



**inspiration; thankful; community; respect; learn; grow & witness**

We then began to formulate some mission statement ideas:

**Together in God's family, we grow in faith, knowledge & love to reach our full potential, and to become the people that we are created to be.**

**We are open & welcoming: we reach out to others with forgiveness & compassion.**

**To inspire and motivate, we embrace challenges to strive for excellence.**

Finally, to reflect the tradition and history that we have with our legacy from both St Mary's infant school and St Benedict's junior schools, we have chosen to have three values underneath our logo.

**we pray; we learn; we serve**

The element of prayer is critical to us as Catholics and our relationship with God, our Father in Heaven.

We learn because of the Benedictine call to work and that, in schools, our work is learning.

We serve because Jesus and his mother, Our Lady, call us to be servants for one another.

We are now asking you for your input! What do you like or what do you not like? What do you think of our choice of words? Are we doing enough to grow in faith? How could we seek to witness more faithfully to the Gospel?