

7 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

School leadership

We are writing to let you know that Mrs Woolley has advised us of her intention to retire at Easter next year. This is an exciting time for Mrs Woolley as she moves onto new adventures and looks ahead to her next chapter, however, it is a moment of sadness for us all, as she is a valued and dedicated member of our school and Trust community. Her tireless commitment to supporting both children, families and staff over the last 12 years has made a lasting impact, and she will be missed.

There will be plenty of time to celebrate her contributions and say farewell, and we know you will join us in expressing heartfelt thanks for all she has done.

We are already working on the leadership recruitment process to ensure that St Mary's continues to thrive and build on the strong foundations Mrs Woolley has established. We will keep you fully informed as this process unfolds.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachel'.

Canon Rachel Howie
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth'.

Mrs Elizabeth Durning
Chair of Governors