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As the year draws to an end it is time to reflect and review. I am privileged to lead a wonderful, talented and dedicated staff. I thank them for all they do for the whole school community. Our children are a delight to be with and we appreciate the love and support you give them.

Sadly it is time to say goodbye to Mrs Gill and Miss Vera after many happy years, we wish them well for the future, they will be greatly missed.

It is also time to say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6. They have had a truly incredible time at St Mary's. This week is one of mixed emotions; treasured memories, excitement and nervousness about the future. I am confident our children are well prepared for their new ventures.

I would like to share a Year 6 reflection by Grace Price, read at the end of our Leavers' Mass this week:

Who can believe our time at St. Mary's is coming to an end? For many of us, it may seem rather surreal but, on Friday, when we hang up our bags for the last time, it will very much become a reality.

As we move on to our new schools with a mixture of apprehension and excitement, we will always treasure the years that we have spent together.

I, for one, have learned skills and had the opportunity to experience things that I will most likely remember for far longer than how to find the area of a triangle. Whether it was singing at the Royal Albert Hall, performing in Aladdin, sprinting the three-legged race (somewhat lopsidedly!) with Brandon or the dizzy heights of the Cliffhanger at Flamingoland; St. Mary's has made going to school an experience worth remembering.

Throughout my seven years here, I have come across many people whose kind words, encouraging actions and friendship I will remember forever. All my teachers have been approachable and have kept me motivated, but, for me, Year 6 has been exceptional.

Mr Pearce has taught us to work hard, to be courageous, to stand up for what we believe in but, most importantly, to be kind.

Nobody truly knows what the future has in store, but whatever comes next, we will always be able to look back on our time at St. Mary's knowing we had the best start possible.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers. For those leaving, parents and children, you will always be a part of St Mary's. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Summer.

God Bless

Mrs Julia Pearce

