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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection, which celebrated the many strengths of our school and the exceptional qualities of our children. The report praised the school's dedication to providing a nurturing, exciting, and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Below, we summarise the key findings and express our gratitude for your continued support.

### **What Makes Our School Special?**

The inspectors highlighted the joy and enthusiasm that define our school:

"This is a school where pupils thrive thanks to the many opportunities they have."

One child said, "It's a small school but full of big possibilities."

Inspectors noted that "pupils are known well by adults, are happy, and very proud of their school."

### **Academic Excellence and Wellbeing**

Our curriculum ensures pupils "learn and remember more over time," with a strong focus on subjects beyond English and maths.

In early years, we pride ourselves on giving children "a strong start" through tailored activities, stories, songs, and partnerships with external experts.

Teachers "check understanding in a variety of ways" to support all pupils, including those with additional needs, ensuring "they learn the curriculum well."

### **Character and Community**

Pupils "thrive due to exemplary behaviour" and a culture of respect. "They try their hardest in lessons" and collaborate to improve the school through leadership roles.

Over 20 clubs and activities, including university-linked courses, show how pupils "broaden their experiences beyond the classroom."

### **Areas of Pride**

The report particularly commended:

Leadership: Our governors, staff, and trust partners are "forensically aware" of our community's needs and "continuously improve practices."

Reading: Our systematic phonics program and adult-led reading sessions ensure "pupils progress rapidly."

Attendance: Pupils attend school regularly, and we work closely with families to maintain this.



This report reflects what we see daily: a school where children feel valued, challenged, and joyful. The inspectors' comments highlight the collective effort of our staff, governors, and families like yours.

"The school is determined that all pupils will achieve to a high standard," and we thank you for partnering with us to nurture confident, curious learners.

Your trust and involvement are vital. Please continue to engage with school events, read newsletters, and share feedback—we value your input!

A copy of the full Ofsted report is available on the school website and a copy is attached to the email along with letter. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

Together, we will keep striving for excellence, ensuring every child feels "proud of their school" and reaches their full potential.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rathbone  
Executive Principal

P.S. Let's celebrate our pupils' "high standards of behaviour," their "perseverance," and the "harmonious" spirit that makes Our Lady of Grace such a special place!

