

## Governor of the Month – December 2023



'Loved and Inspired by Mary ...  
We shine and learn as a family of God'



I am Barbara Gardner

I am a Foundation Governor at St Mary's. I have been involved in a variety of ways with the school community since 2015 and I always enjoy spending time in the school.

The community of St Mary's welcomes you from the moment you set foot in the doorway. The sense of family comes from the positive relationships between children, staff and parents and includes everyone. As a Governor I aim to foster this sense of family by supporting and challenging the headteacher and staff as they work to provide the best for every child.

St Mary's is a Catholic school and as a Foundation Governor appointed by the Church I am proud of the Catholic Ethos and the way that the children as well as the staff all add their own unique contribution to this Ethos.

Away from school I enjoy spending time with my six Grandchildren who range in age from 14 to 6 weeks, all very different and all giving us great pleasure. I also enjoy mini holidays with my husband visiting different parts of this country as well as travelling further afield.

