



Welcome to Our
SCHOOL COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Your School. Your Ideas. Your Voice.



SCHOOL COUNCIL Supporting Adults



Mrs Leal



Ms McLaughlin

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What is Pupil Voice?

"Pupil voice means your ideas and opinions are heard."



When pupils share their thoughts, teachers and leaders can make our school a better place for everyone. Your voice helps shape playtimes, learning, wellbeing and the little moments that matter.

WHY IT MATTERS

1

You are heard

Every idea is welcomed and considered.

2

Ideas grow

Small suggestions become real change.

3

Everyone gains

A better school for every pupil.

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Why does your voice matter?

Adults should make ALL the decisions.



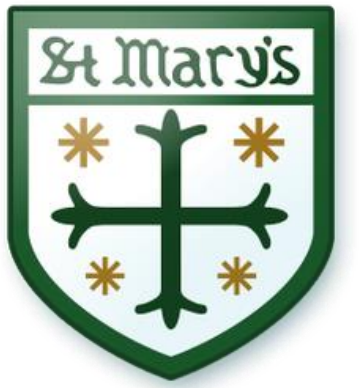
Only the loudest children should be heard.



EVERY child should have a chance to share ideas.



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Why Join the School Council?

01

Make our school better

Turn everyday ideas into real, lasting change.

02

Learn new skills

Speaking, listening, planning and leading with care.

03

Work with friends & teachers

Grow together as a team with a shared purpose.

04

Be a leader at St Mary's

Set an example rooted in kindness and faith.

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What Does the School Council Do?

01

Listen

We listen carefully to pupils' ideas from every class.

02

Change

We help make positive changes across the school.

03

Improve

Playgrounds, environment, events and wellbeing.

04

Care

We fundraise and support causes close to our community.

EXAMPLE • Improving playtimes and fundraising for causes close to our community.

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Our School Council Structure

6 councillors representing every pupil at St Mary's

Two councillors from every class in Years 1 to 6—so every pupil's ideas can be represented.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2 councillors	2 councillors	2 councillors	2 councillors	2 councillors	2 councillors

Councillors will be in post for a term.

If you are not elected this term, you will have an opportunity to run again next term.

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Qualities of a Good Councillor

Good Listener

Hears every voice with patience and care.

Respectful

Treats every idea and person with dignity.

Responsible

Follows through and can be trusted.

Good Communicator

Shares ideas clearly and kindly.

Team Player

Works well with friends and teachers.

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Councillor Responsibilities

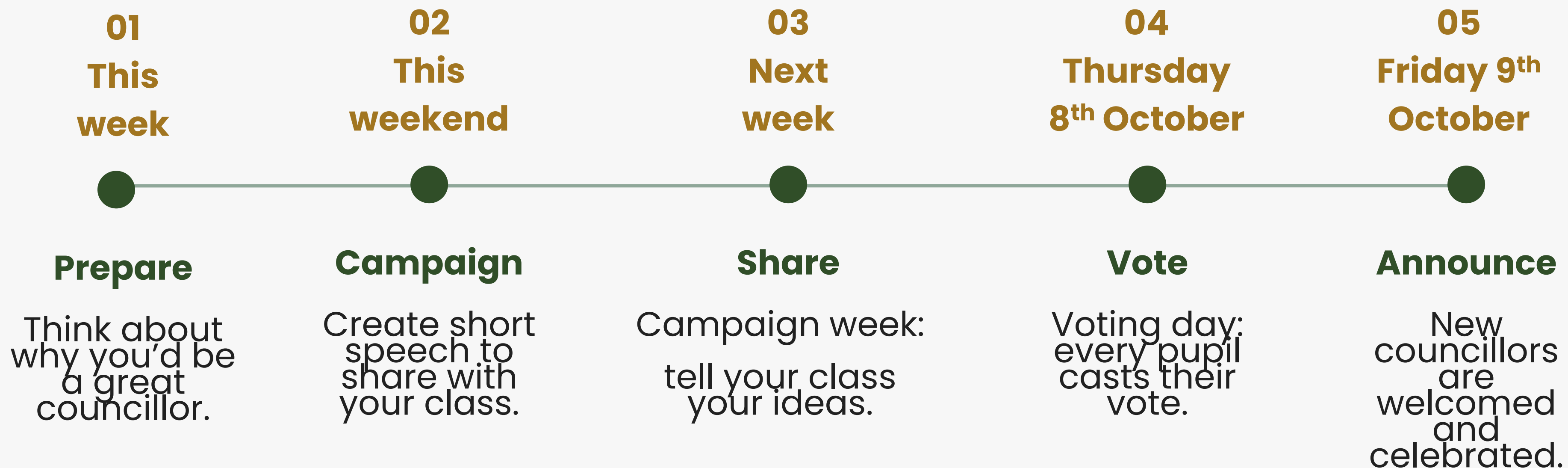
Six ways councillors serve their classmates and school community.



- 01** Listen to classmates
- 02** Represent their ideas at meetings
- 03** Meet regularly to discuss school issues
- 04** Take action to help improve school
- 05** Report back to their class
- 06** Be a positive role model



The Election Journey





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First Student Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th October – Time TBC

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Campaign Guidance

Small things done kindly make a strong campaign.



- 1** Be friendly and polite to everyone.
- 2** Tell people why you want to be a councillor.
- 3** Share your ideas clearly and simply.
- 4** Listen to what others want, too.
- 5** Keep it positive, kind and fair.

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Golden Voting Rules



Five simple rules to keep our vote fair, kind and true.

DON'T CHOOSE SOMEONE JUST BECAUSE...

- ✗ They're your best friend
- ✗ They're the funniest
- ✗ They're the most popular
- ✗ Everyone else is voting for them

CHOOSE SOMEONE BECAUSE...

- ✓ They will listen
- ✓ They are fair and respectful
- ✓ They are responsible
- ✓ They will speak up for your class
- ✓ They will represent EVERYONE

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Questions & Answers

“Any questions about how to join, or what we do?”

Speak to your class teacher, a councillor, Mrs Leal, Ms McLaughlin or Miss Keane. We're here to listen.

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Your Voice Matters!



***“Stand up, speak out, and make a difference.”
We hope you’ll join us to make St Mary’s even better.***

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