

# Ofsted Inspection Outcomes

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Today we are able to release our Ofsted Report from the recent March 2026 inspection. It is a superb report. Those who know me well, will realise that I don't use such terms lightly. Inspection systems are always under the spotlight of school and education leaders for many reasons and with many strong views in differing directions, but under the current systems, methods and expectations of Ofsted, Mayfield Primary School had a fantastic inspection. As the inspection was completed and we were receiving the verbal feedback to support the final written documentation, I have to say that I could not have heard or seen better feedback if I had actually written it myself! In so many ways I would love everyone to have heard the narrative around these judgements as it was brilliant. Not just in what we heard but how it perfectly captured what we aspire for in our learning experience and the deep emotion that was behind the feedback we received. Honestly, I have been teaching 25 years and leading schools for nearly 15 years and it was top of my list in terms of what have been said about the school's I have led, taught in and supported. I urge you to read the report in full. It is a delight. In particular, the 'What it's like to be a pupil at this school'.

I use the phrase 'change the landscape' about Mayfield. Seven years ago when I arrived, it was clear that Mayfield was ready for a new journey, new horizons and most of all to carve its own unique offer for the local community in terms of how to construct learning and build a school that fits need. This second strong Ofsted Report in a row, building upon our 2022 performance, demonstrates how we done what we set out to do. We have a very clear vision on how we build experiences at Mayfield and we now have that offer not just established but validated as strong and offering everything we can and should do. It is important to note that this current Ofsted framework is proving challenging for many schools and is indeed challenging for schools to demonstrate their work and the value that they add. Regional leaders in education have set out how challenging this framework is and how many schools may see judgements apparently fall from previous inspections, yet it is vital to note that even in this challenging climate, our school has built and grown further with this very strong inspection outcome. The dark green 'Strong Standard' judgements are very hard to achieve and for us to have gathered four is, and should be, something to be proud of in terms of Ofsted inspections.

The people closest to me know how I think and my upbringing has always taught me to think we should never get ahead of ourselves, take praise as a way to take our eye or efforts off the ball or to think in any way that we do not get things wrong and do not have things we want to get better at. We are about wanting to be constantly better that is why we have had a massively journey of progress in seven years, that doesn't just happen by coasting or backslapping or resting on laurels it happens by analysing, reviewing and understanding what we need to do next. That never alters. It never will.

Mayfield Primary School in St Annes has established and sustained a new learning landscape offer that we are hugely proud of. You, as families, who entrust your children to us will hopefully feel that you have once again made the right and best choice and your decision to enter our gates rather than walk past them was not just the right thing to do but the best thing to do.

This school is now in its strongest position ever. All indicators demonstrate this is a school to choose and a school which adds huge value in every way. A school of first choice. Mayfield Primary School. Well done everyone and thank you.

Mr Denton



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