



SS Mary and John Oracy Vision

At SS Mary and John, we believe that every child has a voice that deserves to be heard.

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils learn **to talk and through talk**, because spoken language is a powerful tool for learning, thinking and belonging. Oracy is not an add-on; we aim for this to be at the heart of our curriculum and culture. Through high-quality, planned and purposeful talk, children deepen their understanding, develop their ideas and engage meaningfully with the world around them.

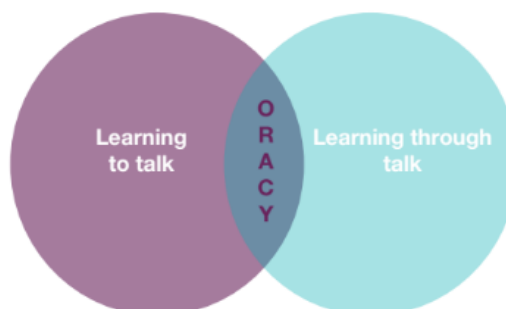
We recognise that for many children, particularly those with SEND, EAL and from disadvantaged backgrounds, access to rich language experiences is essential. Spoken language is a key driver of life chances, and we are determined to close this gap by giving every child the knowledge, vocabulary and confidence to express themselves clearly and with purpose.

Through our work with Voice 21, we are building a school where oracy is at the heart of what we do:

- talk is explicitly taught, modelled and scaffolded
- every child is encouraged and supported to participate
- classrooms are rich in discussion, dialogue and reasoning
- pupils learn to listen actively, speak confidently and think critically

We believe that oracy is both a tool for learning and a vital life skill. By developing confident communicators, we empower our children to articulate their ideas, share their needs, build relationships and contribute positively to society.

Our vision is that all children leave our school able to use their voice for success - in school, in their community and in their future lives - because talk truly opens doors.



You can find out more about our Voice 21 oracy journey here: <https://voice21.org/why-oracy-matters/>