

Monday 10th November 2025

St. Mary's News

Start children off on the way they should go and, even when they are old, they will not turn from it. - Proverbs 22:6



Watergrove
Trust
Providing more



Welcome

Good morning! We are excited for another week of learning. This week, we pay our respects to the fallen on Remembrance Day. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a piece of remembrance artwork to school - they are fantastic.



Up and Coming

- Tuesday 11th November**
Remembrance Day
- Monday 17th November**
Road Safety Week
- Friday 28th November**
PTA Toy Sale in Church - 9.00am
- Friday 5th December**
Tree Decorating Assembly and Reindeer Run. Children in own clothes for Christmas Fair donation (Christmas jumpers optional and welcome).



Menus Week 2

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Chef's Pizza Of The Day Served With Chips Beans Or Vegetables	Mac & Cheese Served With Garlic Slice and Vegetables	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
TUESDAY	Braised Beef In Beetroot With Chunky Carrots & Dumplings Served with Crusty Bread & Veg	Quorn Casserole Served With Crusty Bread & Broccoli	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Seasonal Vegetables	Sausage & Mash Served With Seasonal Vegetables	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
THURSDAY	Chicken Nuggets Served With Potato Crunchies & Spaghetti Hoops	Cheese Whirls Served With Potato Crunchies & Spaghetti Hoops	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Stars Served With Chips & Mushy Peas	Assorted Sandwiches Served With Salad & Chips	Assorted Desserts or Fruit

Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches are available daily. All meals are served with water.

Any dietary requirements please advise a member of our team.

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Attendance

Week beginning 3rd November 2025

Reception - 91.9%

Year 1 - 95.3%

Year 2 - 95.6%

Year 3 - 96.0% (2nd)

Year 4 - 95.7% (3rd)

Year 5 - 99.0% (1st)

Year 6 - 92.0%

School
Target
95%

This
Week
95.0%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception - Oscar

1 - Autumn

2 - Jack

3 - On Trip!

4 - H

5 - Logan

6 - Alex



Contact Details

Very soon, Christmas will be upon us and with it lots of exciting events. It is really important that school has up-to-date contact information for you and your household. We often communicate by text, email, ClassDojo, our website and our newsletter. Please ensure that we have the most recent phone numbers and email addresses to avoid you missing out. Details can be updated via the Arbor app. Alternatively, please contact the school office on 01706 648125 if you need an update.



Arbor

Wellbeing Ambassador Training

Our newest wellbeing ambassadors were trained last week and took in the many different agencies working in Rochdale to better our mental health. Our wellbeing ambassadors help us throughout school to remember the 5 ways to wellbeing:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Take Notice
- Keep Learning
- Give

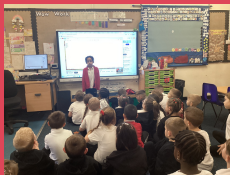


School Council Update

After successfully achieving a 'Silver' award for being an effective School Council last year, changes had to be made by the council to try to go for 'Gold' this year. Councillors will now serve for 2 years to ensure that they have time to affect change. Look out for their new gold badges, letting you know that they are democratically elected!

We are also proud to introduce Dion and Ivy, who were formally elected by Year 1 as their School Councillors.

Stay tuned for School Council events as their plans take shape!



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PTA

Following a successful meeting of our PTA, a range of fantastic events have been agreed:

- **Friday 28th November** – PTA Toy Sale in church – 9.00am – 10.00am
- **Friday 5th December** – Christmas jumper non-uniform day. KS1 are invited to bring chocolate donations, KS2 bottle donations for the Christmas Fair.
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Fair – 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

The PTA are also hoping to host weekly hot chocolate sales in the playground and a raffle coming soon, weather permitting! Thank you, as always, to our fabulous PTA for organising great events for school.

Remembrance

Thank you so much for all of the artwork we have received ahead of Remembrance Day. Remembrance is always an important time at St. Mary's. As part of our Christian value of 'Respect', remembering members of the armed forces and beyond who gave their lives for us is vital. The school will pause for reflection at 11.00am on Tuesday. Key Stage 1 will observe on the playground, whilst Key Stage 2 reflect at our local cenotaph. Our Liturgy Leaders will represent the school in central Rochdale. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.



Ignite Fire

Festival - 21st to 23rd November.

The gardens opposite Rochdale Town Hall will be transformed for a weekend of family friendly activities and the Christmas lights switch on (Sunday). The festival has sculptures, displays and installations and a torchlight procession too. New for 2025, the event also includes an ice rink, Christmas markets and even more activities to get involved in.

This event is free with no need to book.

Find out more by going to:

www.rochdale.gov.uk/ignite



This Week in Worship

This week, we said farewell to our amazing curate, James. James has been with us for 3 years and has helped us all feel a little closer to God. We wish him all the best in his future as a vicar. We also heard from Luke 7: 1-10 where Jesus was amazed at the respect shown by a Roman Centurion, despite their differences. We were reminded of the 'golden rule' – do unto others as you would have them do to you.

YUNEX TRAFFIC

ROAD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Yunex Traffic is looking for school children to design, create & submit entries for a road safety sticker, which will be displayed on their fleet vehicles around the UK during Road Safety Week which is 19th-23rd November 2025.

This is in support of BRAKE's Road Safety Week Campaign, with the focus this year on "Road Safety".

Be Bright and be Bold! How might Yunex Traffic products and services help?

PRIZES!

Remember the winning entry will receive a prize and a copy of your school's Road Safety Week poster!

The winning entry will be displayed with a welcome message!

Reception Maths Workshop

Thursday 27th November 3.30pm.

We invite our Reception parents and carers to the Reception classroom to better understand our approach to Maths in the Early Years and what you can do to support Maths learning at home.

PTA Toy Sale

Friday 28th November 9.00am in Church

Our PTA will be selling pre-loved toys to raise funds for school experiences throughout the year, as well as our school crossing patrol. Parents and carers are welcome into church at 9.00am.