

Monday 13th October 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

Hello! This week at St. Mary's, we look forward to welcoming families into school for our initial parents meetings with your child's class teacher. Please note that school is closed to all on Friday for our Watergrove Trust Training Day. Let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Wednesday 15th October**
Parents Evening - 3:30pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday 16th October**
Parents Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Friday 17th October**
School is closed to pupils for Watergrove Trust Training Day.
- Thursday 23rd October**
Reception Open Event - 5.00pm to 7.00pm



Menus Week 3

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Chefs Choice Pizza (V) served with chips and salad	Pasta of the day (V) served with Garlic slice & Salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Korma Curry Served with Rice & Naan Bread	Veggie hotdog (V) served with New potatoes and Sweetcorn	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day Served with Creamy Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese Rolls (V) served with Mash & Vegetables	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Sticky Chicken Served with Warm salad	Loaded veggie chilli (V) served with Rice and Nachos	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fishcake & Chips Served with Mushy Peas	Selection of Sandwiches served with chips and salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt

Jacket Potatoes available everyday. All meals are served with Water & Milk, with Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts available.

Any dietary requirements please ask a member of our team or call the school.

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Attendance

Week beginning 6th October 2025

Reception - 93.98%

Year 1 - 91.22%

Year 2 - 96.33% (3rd)

Year 3 - 98.0% (2nd)

Year 4 - 98.57% (1st)

Year 5 - 88.99%

Year 6 - 95.86%

This Week
94.6%

School Target
95%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception- Nayla

1 - Matthew

2 - Austeja

3 - Isla-Grace

4 - Iliya

5 - Ella

6 - L



Parents Evening and Afternoon

It is now possible to book your parents evening or afternoon appointment through Arbor.

Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 15th October from 3:30pm to 7:00pm.

Parents Afternoon will be on Thursday 16th October from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

We would love to see as many caregivers as possible, so please book soon to avoid disappointment.



Arbor

Year 6 at Crucial Crew

A couple of weeks ago, Year 6 visited Rochdale Stadium to take part in Crucial Crew.

The Crucial Crew initiative, this year, supported approximately 2,000 Year 6 students from 42 schools over 3 weeks.

Year 6 took part in workshops from partners across Rochdale, such as Rochdale GMP, the School Nurse Team, British Transport Police, TravelSafe and Rochdale School Games.

Year 6 particularly enjoyed asking questions to Nigel, Rochdale's Environmental Education Officer, and learnt about how services across Rochdale can help them in their futures.



Harvest Festival

We were overwhelmed last week once again by your generous offerings. Thanks to you, we were able to send a huge harvest donation to Rochdale Foodbank which will benefit people throughout the borough. Thank you also to all that came to our Harvest Festival Celebration to sing and worship.





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D6

We are delighted to hear that several children from Year 5 and Year 6 have signed up for D6 sessions at Sandbrook Community Primary School.

Congratulations for taking such amazing responsibility for your learning!

D6 is available to Year 5 and 6 pupils and begins on Saturday 11th October at 9.30am at Sandbrook Community Primary School. Find out more and sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/dng9205>

Set your sights on a new adventure.

Join Scouts and take part in a range of exciting activities, including outdoor adventures, sports, and community projects. Find out more and sign up today!

Rockdale Additional Needs Service

Free and low cost (MINDS) will be holding coffee morning for parents, carers and staff members of secondary schools and young people at the Rockdale Hall.

The aim of the event is to provide a chance for parents, carers and young people to meet and share ideas and experiences. We will also have a chance to meet the staff members who will be supporting them.

When: Saturday 11th October, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Rockdale Hall, Sandy Street, Heywood, OL10 4BQ

Foundation

GIRLS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Whether you're just starting out or already scoring goals for fun - this is your time to shine! Join us for an exciting football event where girls of all skill levels can get involved and have fun with:

- Small-sided games
- Finishing practices
- Virtual reality football experiences
- Refereeing activities
- Prizes

Ensure you select and complete the correct age group registration and consent form

Session 1: For participants aged 8-11 years

LINK TO REGISTER & CONSENT:
<https://external-forms.viewapp.net/forms/v/07ca7d0c-b322-400e-ab98-a7e9c18233b5>

Tuesday 28th October
Kingsway Park High School - Rochdale OL16 4XA
Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Session 2: For participants aged 12-15 years

LINK TO REGISTER & CONSENT:
<https://external-forms.viewapp.net/forms/v/6500331e-5607-457b-abcb-304ef477356c>

Tuesday 28th October
Kingsway Park High School - Rochdale OL16 4XA
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Come with your boots or trainers and enjoy a fun-filled session of football related activity. Once registered you will receive confirmation for your allocated time slot and further information.

YUNEX TRAFFIC

ROAD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Win a prize of up to £1000 by completing a road safety quiz. The quiz is available online from 10th to 16th October 2023. You can also enter by completing a road safety quiz on a road sign.

PRIZES

- £1000 cash prize
- £500 cash prize
- £250 cash prize
- £100 cash prize
- £50 cash prize
- £25 cash prize
- £10 cash prize
- £5 cash prize
- £2 cash prize
- £1 cash prize

Are you struggling with your child's school attendance?

Join our free online support for parents (DAP) group to discuss your child's school attendance.

Our education welfare service offers a safe space for parents and carers to discuss their child's school attendance. We will provide advice, support, advice, and guidance to overcome these challenges. Refreshments provided.

Upcoming sessions:

- 10th October 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am
- 14th October 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am
- 17th October 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am
- 20th October 2023, 10.00am - 11.00am

For more information contact:
1. 0161 261 1111
2. education.welfare@rockdale.gov.uk

D6

We need to hear that D6 is really inclusive and takes positively about working on a Saturday.

This Week in Worship

This week, in church, James told the story of the Good Samaritan; perhaps one of the most well-known examples of love in the Bible. We heard how, despite what other people said or thought, the Samaritan carried out an act of great kindness. In school, we spent Friday afternoon getting involved in World Mental Health Day and spent time practicing sentence stems that can help us connect with others.

ROCKDALE TOWN HALL

SEND SUNDAYS

Puppet Making
Theatre Craft
The Orchestra of Sound
Family Theatre
Ella Songs

FREE

Free Sunday of each month

www.rockdale.gov.uk

Pennine Family Hubs

Are you feeling adventurous?

A fun and active session for primary school aged children

All activities based on a book called '10 things to do before you are 11%'

50% OFF

Children aged 5-11

11% OFF

Children aged 12-15

Mousehouse Family Hub
Tuesday 28th October
1.30pm - 3pm

Beffield Family Hub
Thursday 26th October
1.30pm - 3pm

Outdoors

Please wear warm clothes and be prepared to get outside. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Is your child due to start secondary school in September 2024?

Working with your local authority, we will provide support and guidance to help you prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Registration deadline - Friday 11 October 2023

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.