

Monday 17th 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



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Welcome

Hello! Its time for another wonderful week at school. This week, we continue our reflections on the value of 'Respect' and think about how we can continue to demonstrate it as we head slowly but surely towards Christmas. Let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Monday 17th November**
Road Safety Week
- Friday 28th November**
PTA Toy Sale in Church - 9.00am
- Tuesday 2nd December**
Year 4 Trip to Ski Rossendale
- Friday 5th December**
Tree Decorating Assembly and Reindeer Run. Children in own clothes for Christmas Fair donation (Christmas jumpers optional and welcome).



Menus Week 3

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Chef's Pizza Of The Day Served With Chips & Beans	Pasta Of The Day Served With Garlic Slice	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
TUESDAY	Cheese Burger Served With Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll Served With Beans	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Vegetables	Cheesy Meatball Sub Served With Beans or Vegetables	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
THURSDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese Served With Garlic Slice	Tomato Pasta Served With Garlic Slice	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
FRIDAY	Cod Fishcake Served With Skinny fries & Corn Cobbette	Assorted Sandwiches Served With Skinny Fries & Salad	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 10th November 2025

Reception - 94.6%

Year 1 - 98.3% (1st)

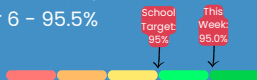
Year 2 - 90.0%

Year 3 - 97.3% (3rd)

Year 4 - 98.2% (2nd)

Year 5 - 94.0%

Year 6 - 95.5%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception - Ari

1 - Petrona

2 - Aadam

3 - Ember

4 - Moshe

5 - I

6 - Mila



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



Remembrance at St. Mary's

Last week saw St. Mary's remember the fallen across the borough. On our playground, at our cenotaph and in Rochdale centre, our young people showed the greatest of respect. Thank you to our whole community who contributed to our remembrance activity.



Eco Club at COP30

Last week, our fantastic Eco team and Forest School group, led by Miss Webber, dialed into COP30 in Brazil! Together they heard of the important debates and decisions being made that effect global climate and had the opportunity to share their own thoughts and ideas for the world leaders.



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Careers Coffee Morning

Thank you to those that attended our Careers Coffee Morning on Friday, aimed at boosting job interview techniques. For anyone interested, we currently have a vacancy for a Breakfast & After School Club Leader - <https://www.watergrovetrust.co.uk/vacancies/before-after-school-club-leader/> apply online or contact the school office for more information.



Christmas

We are delighted to once again bring a range of Christmas celebration events across December. Further information about different events will be publicized through our newsletter, ClassDojo and by email.



Christmas at St. Mary's 2025

Friday 28 th November	PTA Toy Sale	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.
Monday 1 st December	Year 4 and Year 5 Advent Service	In Church. 2.30pm. Parents and Carers welcome. Led by Year 5 with Year 4 supporting.
Thursday 4 th December	St. Mary's host leaders from across the trust for a Christmas Experience.	In school time.
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Jumper Day/Non-Uniform Tree Decorating Ceremony. Springhill Hospice Reindeer Run.	Donations warmly accepted: KS1: Donation of chocolate. KS2: Donation of bottles. Donations are for our Christmas Fair.
Monday 8 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity	In Church. 2.30pm. Parents and carers welcome.
Thursday 11 th December	Morning Year 3 & 5 Christmas Experience	In church - led by church team.
Thursday 11 th December	St. Mary's Christmas Fair	In-school. 2.30pm. All manner of Christmas treats available for purchase.
Monday 15 th December	Whole-School Christmas Celebration	In Church. 2.15pm. Led by Reception and Year 6. Parents and carers welcome.
Wednesday 17 th December	St. Mary's Christmas Dinner	Children wishing to have Christmas Dinner who usually have packed lunches, can book via the office.
Thursday 18 th December	Whole-School Trip to the Pantomime	Booking and payment can be made via the Author App or the school office.
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Parties in class. School closes for the Christmas holidays.	See you in 2026!

This Week in Worship

This week, we heard from Jan about the Parable of the Lost Sheep from the gospels of Matthew and Luke, where Jesus teaches us that God will always seek to bring us into his flock, no matter what mistakes we make. In school, we heard tales from the First World War in Class Worship and worked together to think about the meaning behind the poppy.

Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective

For parents and carers of children and young people aged 3-19

Date: Wednesday 19th November 2025

Time: 9.30-11.30

Location: Croagates Primary School, Kin Lane, Milrow, Rochdale OL16 3HB

What to expect?

A short course delivered by our occupational therapists where you will come away with the knowledge and understanding of personal care from a sensory perspective. You will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents or carers.

How to book:

Should you wish to book a place on a workshop, please email info@stmarys.cus.ac.uk or call 0161 258 0606.

Please include your child's name and date of birth in the email.

Please note - it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as there are no childcare facilities available.

We also offer the following workshops for parents/carers:

- Self & Emotional Regulation
- Sensory Processing and Anxiety
- Resilience & Mindful Parenting
- Managing Anger and Difficulties
- Communication and Play
- Health & Communication and Independence

For more information about any of these, please check our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/stmaryscus or email info@stmarys.cus.ac.uk or call 0161 258 0606 for a copy of the workshop brochure.

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.

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