

# Monday 22nd September 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

Good morning! We hope you managed to stay dry this weekend. We have another great week lined up, full of rich learning experiences and lots of fun. We continue to reflect on stories of love from the Bible and beyond; using their lessons in our daily activities. Let's get started!



## Up and Coming

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Autumn Term Forest School begins
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Reception Phonics Meeting
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 3 Stone Age Day in school
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents Evening



## Menus Week 3

|           | OPTION 1                                                                  | OPTION 2                                                            | DESSERT                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY    | Chefs Choice Pizza (V)<br>Served with<br>Potato wedges & Golden Sweetcorn | Macaroni Cheese (V)<br>Served with<br>Garden Peas & Garlic slice    | Assorted Cakes,<br>Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt |
| TUESDAY   | Classic Beef Burger<br>Served with<br>New Potatoes & Golden Sweetcorn     | Cheese Swirls (V)<br>Served with<br>New Potatoes & Golden Sweetcorn | Assorted Cakes,<br>Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt |
| WEDNESDAY | Roast of the Day<br>Served with<br>Creamy Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  | Quorn Cottage Pie (V)<br>Served with<br>Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy | Assorted Cakes,<br>Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt |
| THURSDAY  | Veggie Lentil Curry (V)<br>Served with<br>Wholegrain Rice & Naan          | Meatball Sub<br>Served with<br>Warm Salad                           | Assorted Cakes,<br>Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt |
| FRIDAY    | Fish Butty & Chips<br>Served with<br>Garden Peas                          | Selection of sandwiches (V)<br>Served with<br>Chips & Salad         | Assorted Cakes,<br>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 15th September 2025

Reception - 96.9%

Year 1 - 97.3%

Year 2 - 98% (2nd)

Year 3 - 99.0% - (1st)

Year 4 - 96.4%

Year 5 - 97.4% (3rd)

Year 6 - 93.4%

School  
Target:  
95%

This  
Week:  
98.7%



## ClassDojo Winners

Reception- Damian

1 - Dion

2 - Alfie

3 - Ryan

4 - Samuel

5 - H

6 - Mila



## Our New Computing Offer

We are lucky to invite Mr Chaudry to school from In2Learn as part of the Watergrove Trust's central offer. Mr Chaudry will be working with children throughout the year to teach key programming and coding skills, using a wide variety of tech. We are very excited to have him!

SEND Advice Service presents...

SEND Is Everyone's Business event



Join us for a SEND Support showcase in Rochdale

Discover a wide range of services and organisations available for 0-25 years, dedicated to supporting families on their SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) journey.

Meet representatives from the Local Authority, health services and voluntary organisations. You will have the opportunity to find out more and learn how these teams can assist you and your family.

Teams joining us include: Barnardo's SENDIASS, Rochdale Parent Carers Voice, CAMHS Single Point of Access, The Neurodiversity Hub, Jolly Josh, Rochdale Additional Needs Service, Education Welfare Officers, and many more.

Drops in between 3pm - 5:30pm - no booking required.  
Contact us on 01602 801 0580 to find out more.

TUESDAY

30

SEPT 2025

ROCHDALE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

TIME:

3.00pm - 5.30pm

LOCATION:

Ground floor, Number One  
Riverside, Smith Street,  
Rochdale, OL16 1XU



## Year 2 at the Fireground Museum

On Thursday, Year 2 ventured out to Rochdale's amazing Fireground Museum as part of their 'London's Burning' topic, where they are investigating the Great Fire of London. They slid down the pole, got to grips with 17<sup>th</sup> Century firefighting techniques and explored the museum's vast collection. The children were fantastically behaved - thank all for a brilliant experience!



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## Lexia

We are once again underway with another year of Lexia at St. Mary's. Lexia supports pupils of all ages and abilities in literacy skills development, and has been proven to be effective in over 20 externally reviewed research studies – including an efficacy study by the Education Endowment Foundation.

READING

**Year 1 Phonics Meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
3.15pm

We invite our Year 1 parents and carers to the year 1 classroom to find out more about phonics at St. Mary's and what you can do to support the reading of your young people.

**Reception Phonics Meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
3.30pm.

We invite our Reception parents and carers to the Reception classroom to find out more about phonics at St. Mary's and what you can do to support the reading of your young people.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT**

**SNAPCHAT** 13+

With over 300 million active monthly users and billions of 'snaps' sent daily, Snapchat is a popular messaging app that allows users to share photos and videos that disappear after a few seconds. It is often used by teenagers and young adults to communicate with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that it allows users to send messages and only keep them for a short period of time.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a branch of computer science that aims to create machines that can think and learn like humans. AI is used in many ways, including in social media apps like Snapchat to filter and recommend content.

**SCREEN ADDICTION**

Screen addiction is a condition where a person becomes overly dependent on their smartphone or tablet. It can lead to problems with school, work, and relationships. Snapchat's addictive nature can contribute to this problem.

**SEXUATION**

Sexuation is the process of becoming a sexual being. It is a natural part of growing up, but it can be confusing and scary for young people. Snapchat can be a place where young people explore their sexuality, but it can also be a place where they are exposed to inappropriate content.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Accessibility is the ability to use a product or service. Snapchat has made efforts to improve its accessibility for people with disabilities, but there is still work to be done.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

Inappropriate content is content that is not suitable for children or young people. Snapchat has a strict policy against inappropriate content, but it is difficult to enforce. Parents and educators should be aware of the risks of inappropriate content on Snapchat.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB**

The Snapchat Family Safety Hub is a resource for parents and educators to learn more about Snapchat and how to keep children safe. It includes information on how to set up parental controls and how to talk to children about online safety.

**ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

Encouraging open discussions about Snapchat and online safety is important. Parents and educators should talk to children about the risks of Snapchat and how to stay safe online.

**BLOCK AND REPORT**

Blocking and reporting users is a way to protect yourself from harassment and inappropriate content. Parents and educators should encourage children to use these features if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

**USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**

Using privacy settings together is a way to protect your privacy on Snapchat. Parents and educators should encourage children to use these settings to control who can see their snaps.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr. Sarah Johnson is a specialist in child psychology and online safety. She has written several books and articles on the topic of children's mental health and online safety.

**Wake Up Wednesday**

The National College

## This Week in Worship

This week, in church, Jan told the story of Dorcas of Joppa; known for her charitable works and the being raised from the dead when prayed for by Peter. The life of Dorcas teaches us to be ever-faithful and extend love and generosity to all we meet. In Key Stage Worship, we heard the story of the Prodigal Son and Oliver Jeffers' 'The Way Back Home', challenging us to show those we love that we care.

**Simple ways to check in on a friend today...**

Ask them if they want to go for a coffee

Send a photo or meme that reminded you of them

Pass them a hand written note or card

Invite them to a video call catch up

Send them a message

Ok, but how have you REALLY been?

Let me know when you are ready to chat?

Hey, just checking in, how have you been lately?

No pressure to reply quickly, just wanted to see how you're doing

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 Application deadline is Friday 31 October 2025.

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