

Monday 29th 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

Hello! Autumn days are most certainly here and this week we prepare for our Harvest Festival in church next week. As we say goodbye to September, we continue to hear stories of love from the Bible and beyond. Let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Tuesday 30th September**
Year 3 Stone Age Day in school
- Friday 3rd October**
Collecting harvest donations for Rochdale Foodbank
- Monday 6th October**
Harvest Festival Service in church at 2.30pm. Parents and carers welcome.
- Thursday 9th October**
Year 1 Phonics Meeting at 3.15pm in the Year 1 classroom



Menus Week 1

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Chef's Choice of Pizza (V) served with chips & sweetcorn	Pasta of the day (V) served with Garlic sauce & sweetcorn	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	All Day Breakfast served with beans	Veggie all Day Breakfast (V) served with beans	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day Served with Creamy Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Fillet (V) Served with Creamy Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken & sweet potato curry Served with Garlic naan bread and raita	Cheese Swirls (V) served with New Potato & Beans	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips Served with mushy peas	Selection of sandwiches served with chips & 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 22nd September 2025

Reception - 96.6% (2nd)

Year 1 - 90.7%

Year 2 - 96.0%

Year 3 - 99.0% - (1st)

Year 4 - 96.1% (3rd)

Year 5 - 92.2%

Year 6 - 93.4%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception- Raine

1 - Krzysztof

2 - Owen

3 - Harvey

4 - Edwin

5 - Lyssia

6 - Eli



Topic WOWs: Engaging in Topics

At St. Mary's, our topic learning is split into three sections: engage, develop and our global investigation. So far this half-term, children across school have been engaged in different experiences to 'hook' them into the wonderful learning to come.



Census Day Lunch

We are having a Census Curry Lunch on Thursday, 2nd October. If your child doesn't have school meals and would like to join us for curry on this day, contact the office and make payment on Arbor. The menu will be:

Main - Chicken or Vegetable Curry & Rice with naan bread, minty yoghurt & poppadoms

Dessert - Saucy ice cream pudding

Note: The usual meal options - jacket potatoes, pasta and sandwiches, will still be available.

We are hiring!

Before & After School Club Leader

Closing date 13/10/2025

Visit watargreentrust.co.uk to apply

Join us at our **Open Event!**

Thursday 23rd October - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

A free event for all

Forest School Begins

Last week, forest school groups ventured out to begin this year's forest school sessions. Forest school is an educational approach using the outdoors as a classroom, focusing on hands-on experiences in nature to build confidence, self-esteem and environmental connection. Our first groups were very pleased to find a bountiful crop of apples on the allotment last week!



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WellComm

You may hear the term "WellComm" at home. WellComm is a speech and language screening and intervention toolkit used in Rochdale to identify potential communication challenges that can be addressed in school. To begin with, children are screened through an assessment and appropriate activities are identified.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thursday 9th 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.

Rochdale Additional Needs Service
Neurodivergent Outreach Team for Education Support

Coffee Morning

Free and Low or NO COST will be having coffee mornings for parents, carers or other family members of neurodivergent children and young people at the Heywood Family Hub.

This event will provide the opportunity to meet other parents / carers / family members, over a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits, and share ideas and experiences.

Whatever age your child, whatever their needs, whether they have a diagnosis or you suspect they might be neurodivergent, you are all very welcome to come along.

Where:
Heywood Family Hub, Darley Street, Heywood, OL10 4JZ

When:

Date	Time	Theme of Discussion
Monday 22 nd September	10am - 11am	Back to school
Wednesday 24 th September	10am - 11am	Managing change
Monday 27 th February	10am - 11am	Supporting your child's emotional well-being
Monday 27 th March	10am - 11am	Understanding anxiety
Wednesday 29 th May	10am - 11am	Understanding challenging behaviour
Monday 6 th July	10am - 11am	Supporting your child in the school holidays

We need to book on... Just turn up on the day and stay for as long as you would like during the session. You can arrive at any time within the slot, so don't worry if you're running a bit late.

We look forward to seeing you there ☺

Rochdale Foodbank
together with Trussell

Harvest Festival Collection

Friday 3rd October

We are again collecting for Rochdale Foodbank to celebrate the harvest. We will be collecting **toiletries, store cupboard ingredients, tins and jars** to donate. Please bring donations on Friday 3rd October for our church service on Monday 6th October at 2.30pm.

Items to donate: Toilet paper, Tomatoes, Corn, Pasta, Peas.

This Week in Worship

This week, in church, Ben told us the story of Peter denying Jesus three times before His death and how, after being risen, Jesus forgave Peter and showed him the love of God. In Key Stage Worship, Mrs. Brown told us the story of Jesus at the home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:36-50 and how the woman in the story showed incredible love, even when others judged her.

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 18th-22nd November 2025.

This is in support of BRAN'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

Winners for the primary and secondary age groups will be selected. The winning school will receive a prize of £1000 and a road safety sticker.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

TIME: 3.00pm - 5.30pm

LOCATION: Ground Floor, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

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 SENDSOL, Rochdale Parent Carers' Voice, CAMHS Single Point of Access, The Neurodiversity Hub, Jolly Josh, Rochdale Additional Needs Service, Education Welfare Officers, and many more.

Open between 1pm - 5.30pm - no booking required
Contact us on 0161 353 0360 to find out more

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Is your child due to start secondary school in September 2026?

Apply online using our simple application form
rochdale.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Application deadline is Friday 31 October 2025.

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