

Monday 3rd 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! Welcome back to school! It is time for our exciting second Autumn half-term which, as we prepare for a jam-packed December, is full of celebration, life and great learning. We can't wait to get started, so let's go!



Up and Coming

- Monday 3rd November**
St. Mary's re-opens for Autumn 2
- Tuesday 4th November**
PTA Clothing Collection Date
- Thursday 6th November**
PTA Autumn Discos
KS1: 3.15 - 4.15pm
KS2: 4.30 - 5.30pm
- Tuesday 11th November**
Remembrance Day

 Menus Week 1			
	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Chef's Choice of Pizza Served with Chips & Sweetcorn	Pasta Of The Day Served With Garlic Slice & Sweetcorn	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Cheese Pie Served With Mash & Beans	Quorn & Lentil Chili Served With Rice & Nacho's	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Fillet Served With Creamy Mash & Seasonal Vegetables	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
THURSDAY	Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry Served With Rice & Naan Bread & Raita	Veggie Sausage In A Bun Served With Wedges & Curry Sauce	Assorted Desserts or Fruit
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips Served With Mushy Peas	Selection Of Sandwiches Served With Chips & 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 20th October 2025

Reception - 95.0% (2nd)

Year 1 - 94.3% (3rd)

Year 2 - 92.3%

Year 3 - 93.7%

Year 4 - 99.3% (1st)

Year 5 - 86.3%

Year 6 - 93.1%

This Week: 93.3%

School Target: 95%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception- Bethel

1 - Lincoln

2 - Tyron

3 - Essy-Mae

4 - Raegan

5 - Caleb

6 - Marceli



Year 2 Re-Create the Great Fire!

To finish off their Great Fire of London topic, Year 2 carefully constructed houses that reflected the buildings in London in 1666, and then witnessed how the blaze caught on by setting fire to their "paper-London!" Year 2 have been fantastic historical detectives during the topic and it was wonderful to end with excitement.



Reception Parent and Carer Lunch

We were delighted to invite parents and carers into school before the break for our first parent and carer lunch of the year! It was Reception's turn to host. Thank you to all that were able to come along and eat with your amazing young people.



Value of the Half-term: Respect

At St. Mary's, we show the value of respect in the following ways:

- I take turns and share
- I accept that people learn in different ways
- I respect my class showing good learning behaviours
- I use a quiet hand
- I actively and positively contribute to learning
- I respect my friends choices
- I respect our community and environment
- I use equipment respectfully
- I play fair and follow rules
- I let everyone take a turn



- I walk respectfully from outdoor to indoors
- I move around school respectfully knowing other classes are learning
- I use my whisper voice
- I give way to others
- I hold the door for others
- I use the correct entry/exit points
- I get permission before I use the internet
- I respect our ICT agreement
- I ask permission before taking photos
- I am respectful when carrying devices

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PTA

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

- **Tuesday 4th November** - Clothing collection - bring bagged clothing donations to the KS2 Playground.
- **Thursday 6th November** - Autumn Disco.
- **KS1 will be from 3.15pm to 4.15pm - £2 entry** including snacks and drink.
- **KS2 will be from 4.30pm - 5.30pm - £1.50 entry** with snacks and activities available to buy. Recommended no more than £5 spending money.
- **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.

Half-term Learning Log.

We are once again getting ready for Remembrance Day. The council would like you to create a piece of remembrance artwork on **A5 paper** (half a piece of A4).

Any artwork received will be displayed either at Rochdale

The artwork could represent remembrance in lots of different ways, including:

- A poppy field
- A picture of a cenotaph
- A peaceful landscape
- Soldiers
- Medals

We would love to see your creations on our first week back!



This Week in Worship

It is time for us to focus on 'Respect' this half-term in our worship: a topic that the Bible tells us a great deal about. In the run up to Christmas, we will be reflecting on stories of respect from the Word of God, as well as tales from around the world that show respect in daily life. To remind us of the value of respect, we will be singing 'How Great Thou Art' and 'Who I Am' before switching to our favourite school carols.

New Ways November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1. Make a list of new things you want to do this month.	2. Respond to a different activity in a different way.
3. Get outside and notice the changes in nature around you.	4. Sign up to join a new course, new activity or new community.	5. Change your bedtime today and notice how you feel.	6. Try out a new way of being physically active.	7. Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make, draw or inspire.	8. Pick a new activity or idea you want to try this week.	9. When you try a new activity, say the word "yet."
10. Be curious. Learn about an inspiring idea.	11. Choose a different role and use the way you see the world.	12. Find out something new about someone you care about.	13. Do something playful outdoors.	14. Find a new way to help or encourage someone you care about.	15. Build on your ideas by observing "Yes and what if..."	16. Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective.
17. Try a new way to practice your new habit or try yourself to yourself.	18. Connect with someone from a different generation.	19. Broaden your perspective. Look at a different point of view.	20. Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before.	21. Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with someone.	22. Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them.	23. Set aside a regular time to notice an activity you love.
24. Share with a friend something you learned recently.	25. Use one of your strengths in a new way.	26. Try out a different outfit or new TV show.	27. Join a friend doing that hobby and activity they love.	28. Discover your artistic side. Design a new piece of art, greeting card.	29. Enjoy new music by playing, singing or dancing or listen.	30. Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times.




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**Reception
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Workshop**

**Thursday 29th November
3.30pm.**

We invite our Reception parents and carers to join us in 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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