

Monday 19th January 2026

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

Welcome back to another wonderful week at St. Mary's! We are hard at work learning and growing: the Spring term is always a wonderful time where we see great progress in our young people. Let's keep going!



Up and Coming

- Tuesday 3rd February**
Year 2 Parent Lunch - details to follow.
- Monday 9th February**
Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th February**
Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum
- Friday 13th February**
Final day of Spring 1 - school closes for half-term.



Menus Week 3

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Served with Wedges & Garden peas	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) Served with Garlic slice & Crispy Mixed Salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Korma Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice & Naan	Quorn Meatball Marinara (V) Served with Wholegrain Pasta	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Vegetables	Quorn Cottage Pie (V) Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Chicken Pie Served with New Potatoes & Vegetables	Veggie Hot dog Served with Potato wedges & Golden Sweetcorn	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips Served With Garden 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 & Yogurts available.

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

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Attendance

Week beginning 12th January 2026

Reception – 98.3% (2nd)

Year 1 – 95.3%

Year 2 – 95.3%

Year 3 – 98.5% (1st)

Year 4 – 97.5%

Year 5 – 95.0%

Year 6 – 97.7% (3rd)

School
Target
95%

This
Week:
98.8%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception – Jacob

1 – Hanna

2 – Joshua

3 – Cole

4 – Frankie

5 – Charlotte

6 – Zain



WOW Topic Starters

From dragon eyes as part of Year 2's 'Castles and Dragons' topic, to traditional pottage as Year 4 explore the Vikings, our classes have been getting up-to-speed with their new topics with some brilliant 'WOW' experiences!







Sensory Needs Workshop For Parents

- Awareness, hints, tips and parent coping strategies for parents on how best to cater for a child with sensory needs.
- Learn from our experienced facilitators

Thursday 29th January 9.30am to 2.30pm

Address

KYP, Unique Enterprise Centre, Belfield Road,
Rochdale, OL16 2UP

Booking is essential for this free course
PLEASE CONTACT ANDREW AT KYP OR SPEAK
WITH FAIZA TO RESERVE A SPACE. an-
drew@kyp.org.uk

Attendance Heroes!

Look at all of these wonderful attendance heroes! Many children achieved our trust target of over 97% attendance during the Autumn term and received a special badge tag. Well done everyone!



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School Uniform

A reminder that our full school uniform list can be found on our website:

www.stmarysce.rochdale.sch.uk/test/school-uniform

We pride ourselves on offering an affordable uniform that helps everyone feel part of the St. Mary's team.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE SESSIONS

WHAT WE OFFER

A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY AND/OR SEND TO ACCESS ADVICE FROM A RANGE OF LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- NO DIAGNOSIS REQUIRED
- NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
- AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES IN THE BOROUGH, REGARDLESS OF SCHOOL SETTING

WHEN AND WHERE

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 9:30AM - 11AM	ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, CROSSFIELD ROAD, WARDLE, OL12 5JW
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 9:30AM - 11AM	BOARDSHAW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, STAYLIFFE LANE, MIDDLETON, M24 2PB
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 9:30AM - 11AM	OUR LADY AND ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUTHERLAND ROAD, HEYWOOD, OL3 3PD
THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 9:30AM - 11AM	CASTLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HLOREST ROAD, CASTLETON, OL11 2DD
THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 9:30AM - 11AM	NEWHEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAYTHORN LANE, NEWHEY, OL16 4JX

SERVICES AVAILABLE

For More Information ☎ 01623 780439 ✉ sam.freeman@stmarys.net

The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- Has your child got a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism?
- Are you on the way to getting a diagnosis?
- Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?

ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE? Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

The sessions will use person-centred approaches to build understanding of your child's Neurodiversity and increase resilience to support them on their journey in a positive and empowering way

Sessions are at Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU
Neurodiversity and school
Tuesday January 13th 10-12 or 6-8pm
Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Thursday January 15th 6.30-8.30pm
Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm
Neurodiversity All about it - part 2, strategies
Wednesday March 11th 12-2pm

Please book Sessions via Eventbrite or
For more information please contact
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com

This Week in Worship

This week, Ben told us the story of Abraham's trust and perseverance in God and how the Old Testament teaches us that we can all be part of God's family. In Key Stage worship, Mrs. Brown told us the story of Ibtihaj Muhammad in "The Clearest Blue", where the American fencer tells her story of perseverance against misunderstanding to celebrate difference. We also heard about these differences in the story of 'David and Goliath'.

Are you looking for support with the cost of living?

Not sure which benefits you should be getting?

We're here to help you for free.

Families in your area are missing out on £100s of benefits. Get support with:

- ✓ Benefit checks
- ✓ Childcare costs
- ✓ Debt advice
- ✓ Utility grants
- ✓ Budgeting advice
- ✓ Council tax support

Get in touch or scan the QR code for self-referral:

Contact Sarah Niven at money.matters@rochdalecouncil.gov.uk
Or on 01623 552 642 (available Monday-Thursday)



How does Money Matters help?

We offer free, non-judgmental support to check your entitlements, manage complex applications, and improve your financial situation

We Make a Difference:

- Supported a family with care needs to gain over £10,000 in annual support
- Secured £6,843 for a family who were cutting back on essentials
- Achieved £4,762 in financial support for a parent struggling with anxiety and stress
- Provided over £5,000 in support, offering the family much-needed financial relief and stability

The support from Money Matters has made a truly positive impact on our lives and gave us the breathing space we needed to focus on other important areas, such as spending more quality time with our children.

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