

Monday 2nd February 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

Hello, and hello to February! Our first month of 2026 has been packed with wonderful learning as our classes continue to show our value of perseverance; constantly challenging themselves to overcome obstacles. Let's keep going!



Up and Coming

- Tuesday 3rd February**
Year 2 Parent Lunch - book on Arbor
- Monday 9th February**
Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 9th February**
Shades Project Launch
- Tuesday 10th February**
Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum



Menus Week 2

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Served with Wedges & Garden peas	Pasta Arrabbiata (V) Served with Garlic slice & Crispy Mixed Salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice & Naan	Veggie Beef Lasagna Served with Garlic slice & Crispy Mixed Salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Vegetables	Cheese & Onion Pie (V) Served with Creamy Potatoes & Vegetables	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato wedges & Golden Sweetcorn	Vegan Sausage Roll (VE) 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 & Yoghurts available.
Any dietary requirements please ask a member of our team or call the school.

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Attendance

Week beginning 26th January 2026

Reception – 97.6% (1st)

Year 1 – 94.6%

Year 2 – 96.3% (2nd)

Year 3 – 94.0%

Year 4 – 95.3% (3rd)

Year 5 – 93.1%

Year 6 – 94.6%

School
Target
95%

This
Week
95.1%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception – Shane

1 – Divine

2 – A

3 – Christopher

4 – Keegan

5 – Callum

6 – Joanna



New Website

We are proud to announce that our new website is now live. Developed by Urban Soul with Watergrove Trust, we hope it will be easier than ever to get the key information you need about St. Mary's, including a quick link to Arbor.

Check out our website at: www.stmarysce.com and be sure to look at our new welcome video!

Shades Project

On Monday 9th February, we are looking forward to welcoming the Shades Project team into school to deliver a whole-school assembly and workshops for Year 5 and Year 6.

Shades is a racial justice and faith project run across Manchester Diocese. It is designed to support schools and churches to be a place of belonging and flourishing for everyone. We can't wait to get going!



Year 2 Parent Lunch

We offer a parent lunch for every class throughout the year, where we encourage parents and carers to come into school to enjoy lunch with their young people. Our next parent lunch is for Year 2 on Thursday 3rd February. For more details and to get signed up, please log on to your Arbor app.

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Watergrove Spelling Bee

Key Stage 2 classes will soon be competing in classes to decide which St. Mary's champion we send to Wardle High School on Tuesday 24th March as part of The Watergrove Trust Spelling Bee! The Spelling Bee is an excellent opportunity for young people from Year 3 to 6 to test their skills against other schools. By taking part, we hope to promote community amongst the trust schools and have a little healthy competition along the way! Pupils can get practicing by finding key Key Stage 2 spellings on their class pages.

Heywood Civic Family Fun

Heywood Civic is re-opening! To celebrate, they are holding a free Family Fun Day on Sunday 1st March. Get creative and playful with a hands on mix of arts, crafts and games everyone can enjoy. Just book your timeslot by going to: <https://ow.ly/1kTt50XU4U1>



Year 4 Swimming

In the Spring and Summer term, Year 4 will be taking part in swimming lessons with the Your Trust Swim Academy at Rochdale Swimming Baths. Swimming will be on a Wednesday morning and these sessions are funded by school with no cost to caregivers. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore statutory for every child to take part in. The Year 4 team will be with the class and the instructors throughout the session.

The first session will commence on Wednesday 4th February 2026. More details can be found on the letter sent home last week.

This Week in Worship

This week, Ben reminded us of Jesus' first miracle - turning water into wine - and how Jesus taught us that keeping going and being ready will lead to great rewards. In Key Stage Worship, Mrs Brown told us the classic story 'Were Going on a Bear Hunt', where no obstacle proves too challenging! We connected this with Mark 1:1-2, where Jesus heals the man who couldn't walk. By taking risks and 'giving it a go', we can strive to do better.

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