

Monday 23rd 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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Trust
Providing more



Welcome

Hello! We are excited to welcome you back to St. Mary's after our half-term break. As the sun tries to break through the clouds, we are looking forward to more brilliant learning experiences in the run up to our Easter celebrations. Thank you for being with us - let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Monday 23rd February**
School opens for Spring 2
- Tuesday 24th February**
Shades Application Deadline for Year 5 and 6
- Thursday 26th February**
Year 4 Trip to Blue Planet
- Thursday 26th February**
Year 5 Trip to Ordsall Hall



Menus Week 1

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	DESSERT
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Served with Wedges & Garden peas	Macaroni Cheese (V) Served with Garden Peas & Garlic slice	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice & Naan	Veggie Bolognese Served with Garlic slice & Crispy Mixed Salad	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast Of The Day Served With Creamy Mash & Vegetables	Quorn Bangers & Mash (VI) Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Assorted Cakes, Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Meat & Potato Pie Served with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Quorn Burger (V) 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 9th February 2026

Reception - 94.67%

Year 1 - 97.24%

Year 2 - 90.0%

Year 3 - 97.41% (3rd)

Year 4 - 97.86% (2nd)

Year 5 - 94.38%

Year 6 - 99.0% (1st)

This Week: 95.7%

School Target: 95%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception - Bailey

1 - Corey

2 - Elbie

3 - Harvey T

4 - S

5 - Lacey

6 - Jenson



Children's Mental Health Week

We had so much fun celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, dressing up as the people and things we love. Every child had the opportunity to create natural pictures of their character traits during Forest School and we continued to reflect on our Lyfta stories.



Place 2Bc

Shades Project

On Monday 9th February, we launched the Shades Project in school with the Diocese of Manchester. In class, Year 5 and 6 had some valuable discussions about race and the celebration of difference. We look forward to launching our Shades Ambassador Programme this half-term - the deadline for completed applications is Tuesday 24th February.



PTA Events

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for putting on a wonderful Spring disco before the break, and thank you to everyone that supported it with a donation!

On Wednesday 4th March, our PTA will meet at the Million Pavillion in Balderstone Park at 9:00am to discuss events over the rest of the spring term. If you have a bit of time or a skill to spare, we'd love you to join us.

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Holiday Dates Consultation Coffee Morning

**Friday 27th February
9:15am in church.**

We will be meeting in church on Friday to discuss our holiday dates consultation. We would love to hear your voice on the matter, led by school staff. Hot drinks and biscuits provided.

Value of the Half-Term: Trust

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

- I trust my adults are there to help me
- I trust that my community care for me and want me to succeed
- I trust our school community are there to help me
- I trust my community to act responsibly and respectfully
- I trust systems are in place to protect me
- I share anything that makes me feel uncomfortable
- I trust that my adults look after our equipment



This Week in Worship

This half-term, we will be deep diving into our value of 'trust', listening to Bible stories where Jesus and His followers showed loyalty, as well as inspirational tales from around our world. We will be singing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High", "In Christ Alone" and "The Lord is my Shepherd" in worship, helping us to reflect on the leadership God offers us.

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