

Monday 16th March 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! Another great week at St. Mary's gets under way. We were working incredibly hard last week during Assessment Week and are now looking forward to continuing to sharpen the skills we put to the test. Thank you for being with us - let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Monday 23rd March**
Year 5 Bikeability Begins - 1 Week
- Tuesday 24th March**
Year 2 trip to Whistlestop Valley
- Tuesday 24th March**
Year 3 Parent Lunch
- Monday 30th March**
Y3 and Y4 Passion Play and Whole-School Easter Celebration in Church - 2:30pm



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 (VE) 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 March 2026

Reception – 88.7%

Year 1 – 86.9%

Year 2 – 90.7%

Year 3 – 97.7% (2nd)

Year 4 – 98.3% (1st)

Year 5 – 97.1% (3rd)

Year 6 – 93.7%

This Week: 93.2%
School Target: 95%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception – Adeife

1 – Willow

2 – Arlo

3 – Grayson

4 – Jaxon

5 – Ruby

6 – Victoria



Paul Waugh MP Visits St. Mary's

We were grateful to welcome Paul Waugh MP into school on Friday. Paul addressed Key Stage 2 about the role of a Member of Parliament and spoke with the School Council about the big issues they feel need putting right across the borough.



British Science Week

This British Science Week, we showed off our experiments in style by showcasing them in the hall.

Each class had the chance to answer a big curiosity question about a scientific class text. From there, they investigated in a number of ways. From 'magic milk' to impact craters to parachutes to travelling balloons, last Tuesday was full of discovery and surprise!



Parents and Carers Afternoon and Evening

Parents and carers meetings are now available to be booked. On Wednesday 1st April, we will be inviting parents and carers into school from 1:30pm right through to 6:50pm.

Early booking through Arbor is advised as slots become booked up very quickly. If you have any problems during the booking process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01706 648125.



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PTA Craft and Film Night

The PTA are hosting a Spring film and craft activity event on Tuesday 31st March, 3.15-5pm. We will be watching an Easter movie and crafting! The cost is £5 per child and a drink and snack will be provided. Please consent and pay on Arbor.



Year 5 Bikeability

This year's Bikeability in Year 5 begins on Monday 24th March. This week, messages will go home telling you which day your Year 5 child will take part in Bikeability. On that day, they need:

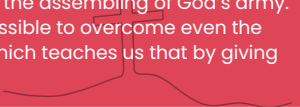
- To wear appropriate footwear.
- To wear their P.E kits.
- To bring a suitable coat to school.
- To bring a water bottle.

Children will be divided into ability level based on their voice and confidence and work with expert instructors.



This Week in Worship

This week, Jan taught us the story of Gideon and the assembling of God's army. We learned that, through our trust in God, it is possible to overcome even the greatest trials. We reflected on Proverbs 3:5-6, which teaches us that by giving ourselves to God, we will reap the rewards.



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

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

Contact Sabah Hosen at money.matters@rochdale.gov.uk
Or on 0161 555 5542 (available Mondays-Thursdays)



Are you struggling with your child's school attendance?

Join our school attendance support for parents (SASP) group this summer. Our education welfare service offers a safe space for parents and carers (only) to access confidential peer support, advice, and guidance to overcome these challenges. Refreshments provided.

Upcoming sessions

- 20 May 2024, 4-5.30pm at Sandbrook Family Hub
- 3 June 2024, 11-12pm at Belvedere Family Hub
- 5 June 2024, 2.30-4pm at Norden Family Hub
- 10 June 2024, 9am-12pm at Derby Street Family Hub
- 17 June 2024, 1-3pm at Langley Family Hub

For more information contact:

T: 0161 555 5542
E: education.welfare@rochdale.gov.uk

Mothering Sunday in Church

A big thank you to all of the young people from St. Mary's who visited St. Mary's Church on Sunday to take part in their Mother's Day service. They represented the school beautifully, singing songs from our worship: "If I Were a Butterfly" and "Lord I Lift Your Name on High".