

Monday 9th 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



Watergrove
Trust
Providing more



Welcome

Hello! This week at St. Mary's, we look forward to celebrating British Science Week, with the help of our special Science boxes delivered by the trust. We will be attempting to answer big questions and hear about scientific genius from around the world. Let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Monday 9th March**
British Science Week Begins
- Wednesday 11th March**
School Council Network Event
- Monday 23rd March**
Year 5 Bikeability Begins - 1 Week
- Tuesday 24th March**
Watergrove Spelling Bee Final



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

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Attendance

Week beginning 2nd March 2026

Reception - 99.3% (1st)

Year 1 - 93.2%

Year 2 - 91.0%

Year 3 - 97.7% (2nd)

Year 4 - 95.9%

Year 5 - 96.1% (3rd)

Year 6 - 93.0%

School
Target
: 95%

This
Week
95.1%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception - Vinnie

1 - Abel

2 - Tye

3 - Eire

4 - L

5 - Freddie

6 - Alex



Year 3 at MAGNA

As part of their topic, 'Disaster Zone!', Year 3 journeyed to MAGNA last week to discover the elements and the scientific significance behind them.

Year 3 had a brilliant time exploring and playing. Well done everyone!



World Book Day

What an absolutely smashing World Book Day celebration we had! Teachers swapped classes to read some of their favourite stories, gift cards were designed, bookmarks were created and the very best of stories shared.

Thank you for all of your efforts!



Celebrate your Child's Success with our Website.

At St Mary's we love to celebrate the success of our pupils during school time and outside of school hours.

If your child has gained certificates or achievements and you would like to tell us about it then please do so by completing the form on our website, [linked here.](#)

Have they done something incredible for charity? Won a prize at a club?

Achieved a goal? We want to hear from you.

Please note that information shared will appear on our website, social media channel and in school.



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Come and celebrate Mother's Day



On Sunday 15th March

At our church service for all the family

We will be joined by our school children for a musical treat

10.30am at St Mary's Church

With cakes and refreshments after



St Mary's
Balderstone

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KS2 Attainment

Network Workshops

The Rainbow Trust, with the Department for Education, are offering a number of online workshops for parents and carers, school staff and pupils as they prepare for SATS. There are sessions aimed at current Year 6 families and some aimed at Year 5.

To find out more and see the whole list, please go to:

www.rematcpd.org.uk



This Week in Worship

This Week, Ben told us the story of the One 'O' Clock Miracle and how one man showed the ultimate trust in God to save his son. In Key Stage Worship, we reflected on the story of Frozen and how Elsa had to trust that she would endure all hardships. We used the film to think more closely about Jesus calming the storm in the Bible.

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Not sure which benefits you should be getting?

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| ☒ Budgeting advice | ☒ Council tax support |

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Contact Sabah Nisreen at money.matters@rochdalecouncil.gov.uk

Or on 0161 555 5542 (available Mondays-Thursdays)



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- Secured £8,843 for a family who were cutting back on essentials
- Achieved £4,262 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.

Year 5 Recycling Heroes

Thank you to Nigel from Rochdale Borough Council for coming to speak with Year 5 about being a recycling hero on Friday. Their topic, 'Enough for Everyone?' is all about being an active citizen and looking after our world - the expertise shared will certainly help Year 5 explore further!

