

Easter Holidays 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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Providing more



Welcome

Hello! We wish you a wonderful Easter break. Before we leave you until Monday 20th April, we are happy to share some information for the holidays that might be of use. Take care, God Bless.



Up and Coming

- **Monday 20th April**
St. Mary's re-opens for Summer term
- **Thursday 23rd April**
Neurodiversity Session in Church - 9:30am
- **Friday 24th April**
MHST Coffee Morning in Church
- **Wednesday 29th April**
Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

	Term Dates 2025 - 2026			
	Pupils in School	Half-Term School Closed	Pupils in School	Term Holiday School Closed
AUTUMN 	Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING 	Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026	Friday 3rd April to Friday 17th April 2026
SUMMER 	Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026 (Bank Holiday Monday - 4th May 2026)	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 (Bank Holiday Monday - 25th May 2026)	Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July 2026	Friday 17th July 2026 - School Closed for Summer
Staff INSET and Training Days 	Monday 1st September 2025 Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Friday 17 October 2025			Monday 20th July 2026 Tuesday 21st July 2026 (Dates to be distributed over the year as twilight sessions)

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Easter Celebrations.

Thank you to all that attended our Easter Celebration in church on Monday, we had a wonderful time celebrating with you. An extra special thanks to our wonderful PTA who put on a fantastic film and craft night this week – the perfect occasion to get us Easter ready!



Attendance

Week beginning 30th March 2026

Reception – 94.2%

Year 1 – 91.8%

Year 2 – 98.7% (1st)

Year 3 – 98.1% (2nd)

Year 4 – 96.7% (3rd)

Year 5 – 96.0%

Year 6 – 89.6%

School
Target
95%

This
Week
95.0%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception – Fynley

1 – Oilibhear

2 – Clara

3 – L

4 – Nimra

5 – Elsie

6 – Darcy



Autism Acceptance at St. Mary's

We were delighted, on Wednesday, to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with an array of activities across school. We heard about inspiring, neurodiverse people from around the world and used their inspiring stories to create artwork. We finished off by writing inclusive pledges for a welcoming home, school, community and world.



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Easter craft session

Join Star Tree Studio for an egg-citing Easter craft session on Saturday 4th April at Rochdale Central Library. No booking required, suitable for children aged 2 - 6. [Follow the link for more information.](#)



Easter at St. Mary's Church

Join the congregation at St. Mary's church to celebrate the coming of renewed hope. All are welcome to join in as we celebrate the hope of the resurrection.

Our Rochdale

The Our Rochdale website is your one-stop shop for information on health, social care, childcare and family services within Rochdale borough. You can gain information on RBC's entire local offer, as well as great signposting for the many groups and activities available from around Rochdale. Bookmark it today at: www.ourrochdale.org.uk



HOPE is ALIVE!

Palm Sunday
Good Friday
Easter Sunday

St Mary's Church, Oldham Road, Rochdale, OL11 2HB

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the hope of the resurrection!

Palm Sunday
Sunday 2nd March, 10.30-11.45am

- Join us as we begin Holy Week
- A celebration for all ages

Good Friday
Friday 3rd April, 11.00am-12.00pm

- Reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for you
- Quiet service of meditation

Easter Sunday
Sunday 5th April, 10.30am-12.00pm

- Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus
- Holy Communion service for all ages

St Mary's Church
Oldham Road
Rochdale
OL11 2HB

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

www.stmarysbalderstone.org.uk

Children's Champion Applications

Applications for Year 4 and 5 pupils are now open to become Rochdale's new Children's Champion - a role that aims to make a difference in our borough. Application forms can be asked for in school or downloaded from ClassDojo. Information was presented to children in assembly on Wednesday. Please contact Mr Carey for further questions. Applications will close on the 8th May.



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Providing Domestic Violence and Abuse Support in Rochdale

There are many services available locally and nationally if you need help.

National Stalking Helpline

0808 802 0300

Refuge

08082000247

Rochdale Early Help and Safeguarding Hub

03003030440

Rochdale Connections Trust (RCT)

01706 345 111

Rochdale Women's Welfare (RWWA) for BME women

01706 860157

Men's advice line

0808 801 0327

Karma Nirvana (for forced marriage and Honour Based Abuse)

0800 599 9247



Rochdale Domestic Abuse Services

☎ 0161 507 9609
✉ rochdale@victimsupport.org.uk
💬 Live chat service:
victimsupport.org.uk/live-chat





Tummy Turns 1!

Saturday 11th April 2026

Role Play @ 9.30am, 11.30 and 1.30pm

9.30am Messy Makaton
11.30am Moo Music
1.30pm Mini Me Yoga

£6

Face Painting Raffle

Booking Required for all sessions





FREE EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT 4th APRIL • 11am - 12pm

FUN • CRAFTS & CHOCOLATE EGGS

Organised by Kirkholt Community Church

BALDERSTONE PARK, OL11 2AQ

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT kirkholtcc3@gmail.com



Elm Kirkholt Community Church is an Elm Pentecostal Church. Registered Charity No 251549



Healey Dell FAIRY HUNT

THIS EASTER HOLIDAYS!

Join the magical adventure for the whole family!

Explore the woods of Healey Dell

Find the fairies & discover the Fairy Chapel!

Start at Healey Deli Cafe

KIDS LUNCH BOXES & PICNIC BOXES AVAILABLE!

SPECIAL COFFEES & TREATS!

Finish the trail & collect your Official Fairy Hunter Certificate!

Elmer Craft

Come along and make your very own patchwork elephants in a special crafting session to celebrate the wonders of nature with Rochdale Pioneers Museum. The event will be on Thursday 16th April at Rochdale Central Library – no need to book, just turn up! For all children 4 and over. Follow the link for more [information](#).



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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 £36,000 in annual support.
- Secured £8,841 for a family who were cutting back on essentials.
- Achieved £4,267 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.”

Resonant Poverty **Money Matters**

Resonant Poverty is a voluntary support service across Greater Manchester. We offer free, confidential advice and support to help people in financial difficulty. We can help you understand your rights, access benefits, and manage your money. We can also help you with debt, housing, and other issues. We can help you in any language.

Contact Sabah Naveen at moneymatters@resonantpoverty.org
 Or on 0800 554 6443
 Available Monday - Thursday

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

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:

ROCHDALE MAYFIELD GIRLS U11s

TRAINING SESSION - ALL WELCOME!

Want to try rugby? Come and join us!

Date: 30th April
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Rochdale Mayfield

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Girls in Years 5 & 6
- All abilities welcome - no experience needed!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Fun training sessions
- Friendly team environment
- Learn new skills
- Make new friends

JOIN THE TEAM - BUILD CONFIDENCE - HAVE FUN.

Contact: info@rochdalemayfield.com

After school storytime at Balderstone Library

Drop in for a short story and simple craft activity at our fun, free session, especially for children aged 5+ and their parents/carers.

Thursdays during term time 3.30 - 4.30pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome to join in too.

rochdale.gov.uk/libraries
[RochdaleBoroughLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/RochdaleBoroughLibraries)

Looking for trusted support at every stage of your child's development?

Download Rochdale's free Family Hub app.

essential parent **Rochdale Borough Family Hubs**

Little Wonders

STAY AND PLAY

for pre-school children and their adults

Tuesdays, 9:30AM - 11AM

LEARN - ENGAGE - PLAY - SOCIALISE

Elm Kirkhol Community Church is an Elm Protestant Church. Registered Charity No 25549

WARM WELCOME SPACE

FREE • WARM • WELCOMING • SAFE

Tuesdays 9am - 11:30am

FREE **FREE** **FREE** **FREE**

At Kirkhol Community Church, Daventry Road.

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

www.gov.uk/government/collections/easter-holidays-2026

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

PIZZA HUT
 Kids eat FREE every day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

PREMIER INN
 Kids up to age 12 eat FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PUREZZA
 Kids up to age 12 eat FREE with 1 adult breakfast

SA BRAINS PUBS
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

SUBWAY
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

SIZZLING PUBS
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

TABLE TABLE
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

THE REAL GREEK
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

THE REAL GREEK
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

TRAVEL BAY
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

TURTLE BAY
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

WHITBREAD INNS
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

YOGI SUSHI
 Kids eat FREE all day, every day, from 12pm to 5pm

Sleep Support Drop-In Sessions at Family Hubs

Is your child or young person experiencing mild to moderate sleep difficulties? Come along to our informal drop-in for friendly advice, practical tips and support.

No appointment needed
 Open to all families
 Relaxed, welcoming space

Hub	Date	Time
Freemantle St Family Hub (0202 009)	Mon 20th April	9.30am - 11.30am
Langley Family Hub (0202 009)	Wed 22nd April	10.30am - 12.30pm
Derby St Family Hub (0202 009)	Thurs 23rd April	9.30am - 11.30am
Needham Family Hub (0202 009)	Fri 24th April	9.30am - 11.30am

If you have any questions, please contact the SEND Advice Service on 0202 903 0300