

Summer Holiday 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

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being part of our family this year. Before we leave you to some Summer fun, we bring you some opportunities from around the borough, as well as key information on getting help during Summer. Have a good one!



Up and Coming

- **Friday 17th July**
School Closes for Summer
- **Wednesday 2nd September**
School Opens for Autumn Term
- **Monday 7th September**
Year 6 Residential at PGL Winnmarleigh
- **Friday 11th September**
Whole-School Photos with John Hunt Photography

Term Dates 2026 - 2027				
	Pupils in School	Half-Term School Closed	Pupils in School	Term Holiday School Closed
AUTUMN	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 - Friday 23 rd October 2026	Monday 26 th October 2026 to Friday 6 th November 2026	Monday 9 th November 2026 to Friday 18 th December 2026	Monday 21 st December 2026 to Monday 4 th January 2027
SPRING	Monday 4 th January 2027 to Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 15 th February 2027 to Friday 19 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027 to Thursday 25 th March 2027	Friday 26 th March 2027 to Friday 9 th April 2027
SUMMER	Monday 12 th April 2027 to Friday 28 th May 2027 (Bank Holiday Monday - Monday 3 rd May 2027)	Monday 31 st May 2027 to Friday 4 th June 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027 to Friday 23 rd July 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027 - School Closes for Summer
Staff INSET and Training Days	Tuesday 2 nd September 2026 Friday 9 th October 2026			

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Farewell Year 6!

The class of 2026 celebrated this week with a spectacular leavers show, a wonderful buddy trip, a bowling extravaganza and a brilliant disco. We wish them all the very best in their futures as they take with them the values and community of St. Mary's. Take care everyone.



Radcliffe House Win!

ClassDojo Winners

Reception - Nayla

- 1 - Elijah
- 2 - Harper
- 3 - Arina
- 4 - Freddie
- 5 - Ariana
- 6 - Darcy



Spectacular Sports Day winners cement Radcliffe House as this year's house winners! They lift the cup for the first time and win an ice cream van treat!

100% YEAR ATTENDANCE 2025 - 2026



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**SUMMER
PROGRAMME
AUGUST 2026**

ON THE BEACH THURSDAY 6 TH AUGUST	IN THE CITY THURSDAY 13 TH AUGUST
IN THE FOREST THURSDAY 20 TH AUGUST	IN THE MOUNTAINS THURSDAY 27 TH AUGUST

**Join us every Thursday 10.30-11.30
for a short celebration and crafts.**

Most suitable for primary school aged children,
but all ages welcome.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Free to attend, no booking required

For more information, email
canon.missioner@manchestercathedral.org

Free and Fun
The Rochdale Darwah Centre
offer an amazing list of 1000 free
and fun things to do around the
borough! To find out more,
access their resource page by
clicking through [here](#).



HAF

Bookings for the Summer 2026 Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) program will go live for parents/guardians to book places from Wednesday 1 July 2026. There are 70 different clubs offering over 23,000 places during the summer school holidays across Heywood, Middleton, Rochdale and Pennine. Each eligible child will be able to access up to 16 days free provision. To find out more, please follow [this link](#).



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



Your Trust

Your Trust Holiday Club offers school holiday activities at Heywood Sports Village and Middleton Arena from £27 per day. From gymnastics to art to swimming, there is something for everyone. To find out more, visit the Your Trust website, [linked here](#).

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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

0800 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

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PLAY BOX IN THE PARK

9 - 12 August 2026
Balderstone Park
Rochdale

Free activities for families, 10am - 4pm, every day.

Lego • Hula Hoops • Den Building
Space Hoppers • Arts and Crafts
Giant Marble Run • Table Tennis
Giant Bubble Blowing • Sensory Play
• plus new activities every day!

Everyone welcome. Just drop in. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Presented by **Playful Anywhere**

Rochdale AFC Childcare

Rochdale AFC are once again offering their Soccer School through the 6 week holidays. Each session is themed around football, but feature other sports for 5 to 12 year olds. To find out more, [click the link here.](#)

Uniform 4 All

Uniform 4 All is a Rochdale community project for recycling used school uniforms. You can support them by donating used uniforms to help others and the environment, but also by giving away school uniform items for re-use within Rochdale. To find out more, visit [their website linked here.](#)

Picture News For Parents

July 2026

Hello!

If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resource, so I thought I'd be helpful to you as in your children's Picture News schools have been up to the harem! Let's get started...

News Recap

"Special" what can football teach us about this world?
June 2026

To celebrate the biggest ever World Cup in the UK, Britain and Canada, this resource aimed at A-Level teachers as well as other people and places in the world. Children discussed our countries' views on the tournament, and what it meant for the world, and how we can learn from it.

How much should we influence our children?
26th June 2026

This resource looked at the 100th anniversary of the end of the world war, and what it means for the world. It was a time when the world was in a state of chaos, and it was a time when the world was in a state of chaos, and it was a time when the world was in a state of chaos.

Join in weekly news conversations

Remember Picture News schools receive a weekly 10-page newsletter for parents and carers to get involved in every day of their child's life. It's an opportunity to get involved in their child's life, and it's an opportunity to get involved in their child's life.

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Social media ban: Advice for parents

This item has been seen on the social media ban for under 18s. Picture News has covered this topic back in February, when conversations in UK Parliament emerged following a ban on social media for under 18s. It was a time when the world was in a state of chaos, and it was a time when the world was in a state of chaos, and it was a time when the world was in a state of chaos.

Read the Blog

12 to 13 year olds: Changing childhood?
19th June 2026

With the launch of The Story 3, this post focused on the 12 to 13 year olds, and the impact of technology on childhood. Children reflected on how they and their children's pastimes have changed, and the importance of imagination, creativity, and spending time together while using screens responsibly.

Big World Cup Primary Party!

Talk about our end of year party! This month, we welcomed children online for a special live stream event. The event was hosted by the World Cup Ahead of the Ball, and we celebrated the excitement of the World Cup ahead of the Ball, and we celebrated the excitement of the World Cup ahead of the Ball.

Bye for now!

That's it from me for now - the summer break is almost here! I'll be back in September, and I'll be back in September, and I'll be back in September.

Uniform 4 All

Picture News Roundup

At St. Mary's, we use Picture News to inform our in-class worship. You can zoom in on their wrap-up newsletter to the left to find out more.

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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

You can find out more about where you can save this Summer by visiting [the Summer Savings website linked here](#).



Jumping into open water can be fatal.

Cold water shock kills
and you don't know what's
beneath the surface.



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we are
**GREATER
MANCHESTER**

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue have reminded us of the dangers of open water. As we celebrate a hopefully warm summer, we should always be mindful. Stay safe, float to live.

Side-by-Side Festival

Side-By-Side Festival returns this August for three days under the theme 'It Belongs to You'. From Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th August, you can get involved at Rochdale Town Hall with free art activities, games, performances, film screenings, food and much more – all created by local communities. To find out more, [visit their website linked here](#).



This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

How it works:

Children can sign up at their local library, where they will receive a special sticker booklet. They set a summer reading goal and choose books, eBooks, or audiobooks of their choice – logging their reading will earn sticker rewards.

Libraries will be running a programme of free themed events and activities!

Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

Children can take part online if they prefer! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



**Summer
Reading
Challenge**

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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 £16,000 in annual support.
- Secured £6,841 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.”



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:

Contact Sabah Noreen at money.matters@resolvepoverty.org

Or on 0845 552 6443
Available Mondays-Thursdays



**WARM
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Tuesdays 9am - 11:30am



At Kirkholt Community Church, Daventry Road.

Kirkholt Community Church is an Elm Protestant Church. Registered Charity No 29540

Little Wonders
STAY AND PLAY



Tuesdays, 9:30AM - 11AM

LEARN • ENGAGE • PLAY • SOCIALISE

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



Download Rochdale's free Family Hub app.



ROCHDALE
Feel Good Festival
Saturday 8 August
GABRIELLE ASH starsailor

THE ALLERGIES • ALEX SPENCER • K-ESTATE
METRO • DAVE SWEETMORE • AND MANY MORE

Get tickets at rochdale.gov.uk/FeelGoodFestival

Heywood community
FUNDAY
Saturday 25 July, 12-3pm
Pine Square, outside the Guild Cw, OL16 9JW



Fill your garden with colour this summer

Summer bedding plants, perennials, hanging baskets and more are available now



Rochdale.gov.uk/bowlesnursery



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

money.savingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 12 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend ASDA ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026 BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday BEEFATER & BREWERS PAYNE 2 Kids Eat Free breakfast with 1 paying adult BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026 BREWDOG 1 Kid eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week CHURCH Kids eat free during all school holidays COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 15th July - Sun 6th Sept DORRIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays FLAMINGO GILL PUBS Kids eat for 80p this summer holidays FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE during school holidays FRANCO HANCIA Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs FUTURE INNS Under 16 eat for free with any adult meal GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day HARVESTED Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026 HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for 80p this summer holidays IKKA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am LAS BUBBLES Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 eat FREE daily with an adult spend MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend PAUSA CAFE @ BUNNELL Kids eat FREE with every £10 spend all day PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm PRETTO 2 kids eat for free with 1 paying adult PRETTO Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal SA BRASSerie PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1 Every Monday to Friday, 5 - 7pm TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult TESCO Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend TOU FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free until 6th September (via App) THE BLUE GEEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVEL LODGE 2 Kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app WHITBREAD INNS 2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day weekdays in school holidays ZIGZI Kids eat free via app during school holidays
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