

Monday 5th October 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! Its a shorter week at St. Mary's with school closed on Friday for our Annual Conference. However, it is just as jam-packed as usual! This week, we focus on the season of the harvest and celebration with one another in church. Let's get started!



Up and Coming

- Monday 5th October**
Harvest Celebration in Church - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 7th October**
Parents Afternoon and Evening - 1:30pm - 7:00pm
- Thursday 8th October**
Year 2 Trip to Eureka!
- Thursday 8th October**
Cross Country at Bamford Academy for Years 2, 3 and 4 (4 - 5pm)
- Friday 9th October**
Watergrove Trust Conference - School is Closed

 <h2>Menus Week 1</h2>			
	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 (V) 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	Chilli Beef Con carne served with Whole grain Rice & Pitta	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 28th September 2026

Reception – 98.9% (1st)

Year 1 – 97%

Year 2 – 97.3% (3rd)

Year 3 – 95.2%

Year 4 – 97.8% (2nd)

Year 5 – 96.7%

Year 6 – 94.7%

This
Week:
96.8%

School
Target:
97%



ClassDojo Winners

Reception – Sonnie

1 – Raine

2 – Dion

3 – Jack

4 – Harvey

5 – Samuel

6 – At Crucial Crew!



St. Mary's Sport

Thank you to everyone for supporting our two Boules events last week. Our young people outdid themselves, with our Year 4 team securing first place!

This week, we will be represented by young people from Year 2, 3 and 4 at Bamford Academy for a cross country run with our collaborative schools.



Harvest Celebration

On Monday 5th October at 2:30pm, we invite you into church to celebrate the Harvest season once again. We were blown away, as always, by the number of donations we received on Friday to present to Rochdale Foodbank. Every little helps and we value our community so much for their generosity.



Year 6 at Crucial Crew

On Friday, Year 6 visited the annual Crucial Crew event in Milnrow. Together, they met with different services in the borough, including the British Transport Police, Greater Manchester Victims' Services and our Rochdale Nursing Team. It is always an insightful and engaging session and our Year 6s were brilliantly mature and curious.



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Reception Parent Lunch

Parents are welcome to come and have lunch with their child on Monday 12th October from 11.30am. – 12.00pm. The cost is £3.65 per adult. Please complete the meal choice form and make payment on Arbor by Monday 5th October. It's always wonderful to welcome caregivers into school to share a meal and a chat. If you can make it, we'd love to see you!

Are you able to offer a little time to support school? Do you have a special skill you could offer us? Our PTA are at the heart of St. Mary's and support the school throughout the year to raise money and offer insight. If you have time, we would love to hear from you; please contact the school office on 01706 648125 for more information or speak with a member of staff.

Story Time at the Town Hall

First Monday of every month starting
5th October 2026 | 11am-12noon



A partnership between Rochdale Town Hall & Rochdale Library Service to celebrate the National Year of Reading

Looking for an activity for your pre-schooler on those wet & wild winter months? We've got just the thing, come along to Story Time. Interactive story sessions designed especially for pre-school children and their grandparents (or other grown-ups). Snuggles, nestle down and see what's in the story sack this month.

For more information
email hello@rochdaletownhall.co.uk or rochdaletownhall.co.uk



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This Week in Worship

Last week, Jan taught us all about God's unending love for us and how we must give all we can to show that love in return, thinking about doing the right thing and showing humility. In Key Stage Worship, Mrs. Brown told us the story of Ruth and Naomi. Ruth shows us how to be a dependable friend, never leaving Naomi during difficult times.

Upcoming school open evenings

- Edgar Wood Academy, Wednesday 16 September, 5-8pm
- Matthew Moss High School, Thursday 17 September, 5-8pm
- St Anne's CE Academy, Thursday 17 September, 5.30-8pm
- Kingsway Park High School, Thursday 24 September, 5-7pm
- Oulder Hill Leadership Academy, Thursday 24 September, 4-7pm
- St. Cuthbert's RC High School, Thursday 24 September, 4.30-7.30pm
- Wardle Academy, Thursday 24 September, 4.30-7.30pm
- Falinge Park High School, Thursday 24 September, 5-7.30pm
- Newhouse Academy, Thursday 24 September, 5.30-8pm
- Holy Family RC and CE College, Thursday 1 October, 4.30-7.30pm
- Hollingworth Academy, Wednesday 7 October, 5.30-7.30pm
- Dixons Middleton Academy, Thursday 8 October, 5-8pm

Optimistic October 2026

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY																							
1. We're down there though you can look forward to this month!	2. Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult task)	3. Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4. Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5. Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6. Don't overreact to bad things you are facing	7. Look for the good in people around you today	8. Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9. Share an important goal with someone you trust	10. Find time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11. Take time to do a small step towards a positive change you want to see in your life	12. Avoid Morning yourself or others. Kind a helpful way forward	13. Look out for positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	14. Ask for help to overcome an obstacle or a difficult situation	15. Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	16. Think yourself for achieving the things you offer love for greatest	17. Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	18. Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	19. Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20. Get joy in looking at tasks you've put off for some time	21. Draw a hopeful picture or vision with a friend or colleague	22. Recognize that you have a choice about what to grateful	23. Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	24. You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	25. Find a new perspective on something you face	26. Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	27. Ask yourself will this still matter a year from now?	28. Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	29. Identify three things that give you hope for the future	30. Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month

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October at St. Mary's



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2026**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Bikeability Begins for 1 week Year 3, 4 and 5 Boules at St. Mary's (4 - 5pm) 	29th	30th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming Year 6 Boules at St. Mary's (4 - 5pm) 	1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Meeting at Million Pavillion - 9 - 10am Census Day - American BBQ Lunch Black History Month Begins 	2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Crucial Crew Event Harvest Donations Welcome
5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest Worship in Church (2:30pm) 	6th	7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming Parents Afternoon and Evening (1:30 - 7:00pm) 	8th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Trip to Eureka Cross Country at Bamford Academy for Years 2, 3 and 4 (4 - 5pm) 	9th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust Conference - School is Closed
12th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Parent Lunch (11:30 - 12pm) 	13th	14th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming Year 5 London Trip 	15th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 London Trip 	16th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEND Coffee Morning (9:15am) Year 5 London Trip
19th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R.E Day - Diwali Lunch 	20th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust Netball Event for Upper Key Stage 2 (Details TBC) 	21st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming St. Mary's Open Event (5 - 6:30pm) 	22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Disco (TBC) 	23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Mary's Closes for Half-Term
26th Half Term	27th Half Term	28th Half Term	29th Half Term	30th Half Term