

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

Our Statement To Live By next week is "We are special". Please talk to your child about this.

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and to this, the first newsletter of this school year. We would like to especially welcome any new children and families. We hope you will be very happy here at St. Mary's – we are a very friendly school with an open door policy. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher briefly at the door, however if you need more than a quick chat, please make an appointment to talk in private. Every class has their own email address where you can contact your child's teacher directly or ring the office to make an appointment. **Please make sure yours and your child's details are all up to date including contact numbers and any medical/allergy information etc.**

Applications to our school and Nursery

The online application process to apply for Reception places for September 2027 will open on 14th September and closes on 15th January 2026. We will hold 2 Open Evenings for parents to come and have a look around our school on **8th October and 4th November from 4.00pm to 5.30pm** no booking required. Parents can also come on these dates to look at our Nursery. We will also have two sessions during the school day for parents to come and see our school and Nursery on **29th September and 12th October between 1.30-2.30pm**. As these are during the school day, parents will need to contact the school to book a place. We still have a few places in our Nursery if you know of anyone who wants to apply. Just tell them to pop into the office for an application form.

Year 5 trip to Hollingworth Lake

Year 5 had a great trip to Hollingworth Lake this week to enjoy various water sports. This was rescheduled from the summer when we are in a heatwave and it was too hot! They had a great day and were an absolute credit to our school with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks Mrs Collins and the Year 5 staff for organising.

Punctuality is so important!

The school day starts officially **starts prompt at 8.45am**. Learning time starts as soon as the doors open. Even 5 minutes late can affect your child's learning and settling in time. Please make sure your child is here prompt and that they are collected prompt at 3.15pm (3.10pm in Early Years)

Term-Time Holidays and fixed penalty notices – Important Reminder

Please be aware that holidays during term time are **not authorised** and should be arranged during school holidays. Under Rochdale Local Authority and STOCAT procedures, taking a child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days (10 half day sessions) **within a 10-week school period can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. This means that an unauthorised holiday for 4 days plus another day unauthorised days absence in a 10 week period will lead to a fixed penalty notice.**

Fines are issued per parent, per child:

- First occasion: £80, rising to £160 if not paid within 28 days.
- Second occasion within 3 years: £160.
- Third occasion within 3 years: the case may be taken directly to the Magistrates' Court, where a fine of up to £2,500 can be issued.

Please note that this does not just apply to holidays in term time. **ANY unauthorised absence counts towards this** eg not providing clear reasons or evidence for absence due to illness or appointments. If your child is very late for school, this is marked as an unauthorised absence too.

Every school day matters and regular attendance is vital to children's learning and progress.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We always thoroughly enjoy the Macmillan Coffee Morning every year. However, as it clashes with our Year 5 residential to Robinwood, we will hold our coffee morning the week after on Friday 2nd October. More details to follow.

Head boy and girl weekly message

Welcome back everybody, we are looking forward to being your Head Boy & Head Girl this year. We hope you have had an amazing Summer holidays. Well done to year 5 for getting class of the week, we hope you enjoyed your Hollingworth lake trip.

Have a great weekend!

George & Alana



11th September 2026

DIARY DATES

Get involved with the FPTA!

Our FPTA events are a fun way to get involved in school life, meet other parents and carers, and be part of our wonderful school community. We're always looking for a few extra helping hands, whether you can spare an hour, help with an event, or get involved behind the scenes. Please contact the office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 2nd October - Time TBC



MASS TIMES

Parish of Pope St John XXIII - Parish Priest: Fr Robert Lasia
6 September 2026 - Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time

St. Mary's of the Annunciation
Presbytery: 40 Featherstall Road,
Littleborough, OL15 8DW
T: 01706 378261
Email: Stmary.littleborough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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Rochdale, OL12 0HE
T: 01706 644412
Email: saintpatrickrochdale@hotmail.com

Website: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk

Services to Sunday 13th September

Monday 7th September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 8th September	10.00am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 9th September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 10th September	-	No Mass
Friday 11th September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 12th September	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confessions Baptism Kobichimdi Nnamani
Sunday 13th September	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

Class Champion awards

Nursery - All Nursery

Reception - All Reception

Year 1 - Jacob

Year 2 - Teagan

Year 3 - Nieve

Year 4 - Jacob

Year 5 - Oliver A

Year 6 - Emelia

Winning House : St David's

Class of the week: Year 5

