

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement To Live By

Our Statement To Live By next week is "I can say how I feel". Please talk to your child about this.

FPTA—help urgently needed this year!

Our FPTA raised enough money last year to continue subsidising our school trips. We hope this can continue this year. However, to continue the great work they do, we need parents and friends to offer to help. Helen has now left as her youngest child left in Year 6 in the summer. A massive thank you to Helen for her years of support. Natalie has very kindly offered to continue to lead this year but she can't do it all on her own. We are always appealing for anybody to join us to help in any way that they can. Please come and join us—it is lots of fun, very informal and very friendly! Just contact our office if you can help our FPTA this year. Thank you in advance!

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

Robinwood Residential trip

Next week, our Year 6 children will be off on their residential trip to Robinwood. We are so excited for them and are sure they will have a fantastic time having new adventures and experiences and of course making great memories. Thanks again to our staff for organising and running this trip.

Church news

The whole school came together this week for the first mass of the new school year and were absolutely wonderful. Well done everyone. Next Wednesday Year 4 will lead the first class mass of this year. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us here at 10.00am at church.

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 STOCCAT 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

We hope everyone has settled into their new class and all our new nursery and reception starters are enjoying St Mary's. We would like to say a big welcome to our new Gift Team.

Year 6 are all very excited for the Robinwood residential next week.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Your Head Boy & Head Girl



18th 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
20 September 2026 - Twenty Fifth 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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Presbytery: 2 Watts Street,
Rochdale, OL12 0HE
T: 01706 644412
Email: saintpatrickrochdale@hotmail.com

Website: stmarysandstpatricks.org.uk

Services to Sunday 27th September

Monday 21st September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 22nd September	10.00am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 23rd September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 24th September	1.30pm	Full school mass Alice Ingham, all parishioners welcome
Friday 25th September	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Saturday 26th September	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confessions Baptism Theodore John Lee
Sunday 27th September	9.30am 11.15am	Mass St Patrick's Mass St Mary's

AWARDS

Class Champion awards

Nursery - Mabel

Reception - Alyssia

Year 1 - Jaxon

Year 2 - Oliver & Grayson

Year 3 - Billy

Year 4 - Arya

Year 5 - Alfie

Year 6 - Olivia B

Winning House : St Patrick's

Class of the week: Yr 1

