

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Merry Christmas

School will close on Friday 20th December at 3.15pm and will be open again on **Tuesday 7th January prompt at 8.45am.**

Christmas at St. Mary's

It has been the usual busy and hectic lead up to Christmas but as always has been a really fun time in school! Every class had a class party and a visit from Santa himself to provide a gift for every child. We also spotted evidence that he and his elves had sneaked into school on Thursday night and left a sack of toys for each class to share in school. We have also had some very naughty elves in school this Advent but luckily our children are so well behaved and we think have helped the naughty elves become good! We all enjoyed watching the panto, and of course the highlight had to be our children's nativity plays and Year 3 and 4 ended the term beautifully today with their carol service. Well done to everyone.

We would like to wish all our families a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a very happy new year!

FPTA—Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to run the fair last week and of course to everyone who came and spent their money. The fair and raffle raised a massive £1500

The FPTA were even kind enough to send Santa some money towards all the individual and class treats he provided for our children this week! Thanks FPTA!

Goodbye Mrs Killoran

Mrs Killoran has now left St. Mary's after 24 years here and 30 years as a teacher. The whole school came together on Wednesday to say a special thank you and goodbye to her. We wish her every happiness and success in her new adventures. Good bye and good luck Larisa!

Support over the festive period

We appreciate that the Christmas period can be a stressful time for many people. Gemma Smith, our School Based Family Support Worker will check the school mobile number at intervals during the holidays. If you would like a chat, or any support or advice, please leave a message for her on 07849398741 and she will try to get back to you. Please note that this is not an emergency contact as Gemma is also on her school holidays.

If you have a serious safeguarding concern about any child, please contact Rochdale children's Social care on **0300 303 0440 Office hours**

0300 303 8875 Out of office hours E-mail ehash@rochdale.gov.uk

Homework and reading

Can we please remind parents of the expectation regarding homework and reading at home. A wide range of studies show that children who have always read regularly in school and beyond, are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, and even better paying jobs and happier lives! Above all, we want our children to become fluent readers and to enjoy reading!

If you are having any difficulties with our new online reading system, or any concerns regarding homework, please talk to your child's teacher. We have invested a huge amount of money this year on a brand new reading scheme. Just a reminder that any lost reading lost books will need to be replaced at a cost of £5.00

Church News

The whole school came together for mass on Wednesday and were fabulous as always. Father has asked me to invite any of our families to come along to mass this Christmas—whether you are regular church goers or have never been you are very welcome! Please see the mass times above

Head Boy and Girl message

Wow what a busy half term we have had. From nativities to the school fair we have all been sooooo busy but have enjoyed it all! Please enjoy the Christmas break and spending time with your family and friends. Aww you in 2025!



20TH DECEMBER 2024

DIARY DATES

Please note the following mass times for Christmas:

Sat 21st December -

10-10.30 Confessions at St Mary's
12pm Mass at St Patrick's

Sun 22nd December -

9:30am Mass at St Patrick's
11.15 am Fourth Sunday in Advent
PEACE Mass at St Patrick's with

Tue 24th December -

6pm St Patrick's
8pm St Mary's

Wed 25th December -

9:30am St Patrick's
11:15am St Mary's

Thur 26th December -

12pm - St Patrick's

Fri 27th - Mon 30th December -

Normal mass times

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Nursery - Erin
Reception - Miley
Year 1 - Charlie
Year 2 - Ella
Year 3 - Rory
Year 4 - Emelia
Year 5 - Lena
Year 6 - Poppy

Winning House this week and for this half term:

St David's

