

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

No Statement To Live By

There will be no Statement To Live By until Christmas as we focus our time on Advent and preparing for Christmas, and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the true meaning of Christmas.

Merry Christmas everyone—the last newsletter before Christmas!

This will be the last newsletter before we break up for Christmas. School closes next Friday, 19th December at 3.15pm. It has been a busy but productive half term with a lovely lead up to Christmas. Next week every class will have their parties and a visit from Santa himself to provide a gift for every child (thanks to the FPTA). We all enjoyed watching the panto in school last week, and of course the highlight had to be our children's nativity plays. Year 3 and 4 will end the term with their carol service on 19/12 at 2pm, everyone is very welcome to come. Well done to everyone. Everyone at St. Mary's would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and peaceful new year, 2026.

Year 6 Choir and carol singing

Our Year 6 choir will be singing at Four seasons Nursing Home next week as well as at the Parish Christmas party. Also some of our GIFT team will be joining Mrs Ruane at a special carol service with all the St Teresa of Calcutta Academy trust schools next week at St. Gabriels High School, Bury.

Christmas dates for your diary!

Each class will have a Christmas party and we hope there may even be a special visitor to our EYFS and Y1/2 parties!

16th December Year 3/4 parties

17th December whole school Christmas Dinner - deadline for orders 12/12 via school grid (those children not having a party that day can wear Christmas jumpers)

17th December EYFS and Y1/2 parties

18th December Y5/6 parties

Friday 19th December Year 3/4 Carols around the tree at **2.00pm all welcome to attend** then school closes for Christmas at 3.15pm

The Christmas Fair—thankyou!

The Christmas Fair was held this afternoon and was a great success. A massive thankyou to everyone who helped for many weeks behind the scenes preparing for the day and to those parents/friends who came and helped today in any way. Your contribution is so valued and helps us raise much needed funds to be spent on your children. We will update you as soon as we can on what we raised.

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 can chat through any worries any parents may have before we break up for Christmas and point you in the right direction for any support needed. If you have any concerns regarding a child's safety during the Christmas Holidays, please contact Rochdale Social Care on **0300 303 8886 for Adult Social Care** (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:45pm) or **0300 303 0440 for Children's Social Care** (same hours); for emergencies outside these hours, use the **Emergency Duty Team at 0300 303 8875**, or email adult.care@rochdale.gov.uk for adult services

Attendance

We are very aware that there are a whole range of different seasonal bugs and viruses going around at the moment. We ask parents to use common sense here and keep their child off school if they are clearly ill and not well enough to be here. We do however ask that parents also use common sense and send their child into school if they only have a slight cough/cold or feel a little under the weather. We will always contact parents if we feel their child needs to go home.

Church news

There will be a whole school mass to finish the term next Wednesday 17th December at 10.00am. Any-one is welcome to come and join us. Father would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone to join him and the parish for the Christmas masses. Please see Mass Times.

Christmas Masses

	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day
St Patricks	6pm	9.30am	
St Mary's	8pm	11.15am	12.00pm



12TH DECEMBER 2025

DIARY DATES

December

Christmas Lunch - 17/12 -

Carols around the tree Yr3 & 4 19/12 2pm



MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 14 December		
Monday 15 December	10am	Mass at St Marys
Tuesday 16 December	10 am	Full school mass at St Patrick's all parishioners very welcome
Wednesday 17 December	10 am	Full school mass at St Mary's all parishioners very welcome
Thursday 18 December	10.30 am	Full school mass Alice Ingham all parishioners very welcome
Friday 19 December	10 am	St Marys
Saturday 20 December	10-10.30 am	Confessions at St Mary's
	12.00 pm	Mass at St Patricks Baptism Diana & Ciara Gomes
Sunday 21 December <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	9.30 am	Mass at St Patrick's
	11.15 am	Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

Class Champion

Nursery - Joshua
Reception - Jacob
Year 1 - Grayson
Year 2 - Reece
Year 3 - Isaac
Year 4 - Zackary
Year 5 - Alfie
Year 6 - Adriaan

Winning House this week
St Patricks

