

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Recruitment of a new Headteacher

The advert is now live for the replacement for Mrs Ruane, and interviews will be in September. Please pray that we can recruit a suitable new headteacher. The post is being advertised on the STOCCAT website or anyone can contact the school office for more information.

Goodbye and thank you—goodbye Miss Haseldin and Mrs Kelly

School closes for the summer holidays today. **We reopen on Wednesday 2nd September at the normal time of 8.45am.** From all the staff at St. Mary's we would like to wish everyone a happy and if possible, restful summer! We have something very special here at St. Mary's – wonderful children, staff and parents. Thanks to our parents for all you do and for being so supportive. It benefits everyone when we work as a team for our children. We couldn't do it without you. A huge thankyou to all our staff who work tirelessly to give our children the very best education. We look forward to starting all over again in September with new classes and new children joining us. We say goodbye today to Miss Haseldin who moves to work in AI technology for Rochdale Council. How exciting! We also say goodbye to Mrs Kelly who is retiring to spend more time with her family. Thankyou for all you have done for our children and staff and we wish you both every happiness

Goodbye Year 6 and sats results

Our Year 6 children leave us today. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements here at St. Mary's. They have all achieved fantastic SATS scores this year, well above the national averages. Well done Year 6 - we are so proud of you, but are even more proud of the wonderful young adults you are becoming! Of course a massive thankyou to all our staff who have helped these children over the years on their St. Mary's journey. Goodbye and good luck Year 6 and don't forget us and what you learnt here at St. Mary's. Go ahead and continue to make us proud!

Goodbye Miss Moore

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we say goodbye to our wonderful Deputy Head, Miss Moore, as she retires (early!) after many years of dedicated service in our school and throughout Catholic education. Her kindness, wisdom, unwavering support, and genuine care for every child and member of our community have made a lasting difference. We thank her for her years of commitment, friendship, and leadership, and wish her every happiness, good health, and God's richest blessings as they she begins this new chapter in her life. Goodbye and good luck Miss Moore. We will never forget you!

Uniform—Trainers, headlice, hairstyles for Sep?

Please remember that when the children return, they should have sensible haircuts. Maybe let them have their more extreme hairstyles over the summer holidays so they are grown out by September! The summer holidays are a good time to get children ears pierced so they can fully heal and be removed for PE lessons. Only small plain stud earrings are allowed.

Amendment to school uniform in response to school council/pupil voice!

The school council put forward a great idea to Mrs Ruane and she agreed!! So from September, children can wear plain black trainers to school instead of school shoes, if they wish to. The children argued that these are more comfortable, it saves time having to change into trainers for playtimes, and above all can be cheaper than having trainers and as well as school shoes. If they wish to wear trainers they **MUST** be **plain and black**. See the message sent out with images of what is and isn't allowed! Please note this is optional and children can still wear the usual sensible school shoes if preferred.

Head Boy/Girls, GIFT Team and School Council

Well done to George, Bodhi, Alana and Charley who were voted as our new Head Boy/Girl and Deputies. Thankyou to Josh, Paddy, Mary and Erin who have done an outstanding job as this years Head Boy/Girl and Deputies. We have also appointed a new GIFT team for September. A big thank you to this years fabulous GIFT Team and our School Council, who have worked so hard as ambassadors/role models for our school this year.

Message from Pam Kelleher—new Chair of Governors

As we reach the end of this school year, I would like to thank our pupils, families, staff, and fellow governors for your support, kindness, and dedication. It is both an honour and a humbling responsibility to take on the role of Chair of Governors following the sad loss of our much-loved and long-serving Chair, Tony Cragg, whose commitment to our school will never be forgotten. Please continue to pray for Tony's family. I wish you all a peaceful, restful summer, and look forward to continuing to serve our wonderful school community in the year ahead.



17TH JULY 2026

Safeguarding information

Our School based family support worker, Gemma Smith, will be working at times during the summer holidays. She will be checking in on any families she is currently supporting and can make time for any families who may want a chat or some support. This is not an emergency service but you can leave her a message on 07849398741 and she will get back to you when she is available.

If you have a serious safeguarding concern then please contact Rochdale Social care on 03003030440 or if you think a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999

MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 26 July

Monday 20th July	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 21st July	10.00am	Mass at St Patrick's
Wednesday 22nd July	10.00am	Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 23rd July	-	No Mass
Friday 24th July	10.00am 12.00pm	Mass at St Mary's St Patrick's- Funeral Service Francis Kershaw
Saturday 25th July	10.00-10.30am 12.00pm	Confessions St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confessions
Sunday 26th July	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

Headteacher awards
Nursery - Joshua
Reception - Oscar
Year 1 - Aria - Grace
Year 2 - Eva
Year 3 - Isabella
Year 4 - Charlie
Year 5 - Alana
Year 6 - Nel

Winning House this year:
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