

Attack in Manchester

I am sure you will have all have read about the terrible events which took place at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue yesterday. Over the coming days and months we will remember those who sadly lost their lives in our prayers. We also pray for their family and friends and hope one day they can again find peace. Communications from GMP suggest that this attack was isolated and there is no ongoing threat – but as always, we remain vigilant.

Don't Miss Out...

It may seem very early, but each year we have children who miss out on their first choice school because they miss the deadlines for applying for school places.

For children in Year 6 – the application window for high schools opens in early September and closes on the 31st October. More information will follow shortly.

For children in Nursery – The window for applications to Primary school opens in November and closes on the 15th January 2026. This year we had close to 70 applications for our 30 places. **If your child attends St. Mary's Nursery – this does not automatically entitle you to a place in our Reception class. You must still apply via Tameside.**

4th Oct	Cross country (Saturday)
8th Oct	Y5/6 girls' football
11th Oct	Cross Country (Saturday)
14th Oct	Year 5/6 tag rugby
16th Oct	Individual school photos
17th Oct	Strung, Sung, Supper – school / parish event. School Hall
18th Oct	Cross Country (Saturday)
21st Oct	Year 5/6 tag rugby
24th Oct	End of Autumn 1
3rd Nov	Start of Autumn 2

Parish News

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link here: [Newsletters](#)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to those who attended / donated towards our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £246.50 which will all go towards valuable work supporting those with cancer.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to: Joseph, Thomas, Taya and Jayden who have all celebrated birthdays this week.

I hope you all had a wonderful day.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us, please ask and at least one of us will be available. All of our staff are safeguard trained, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.

Themed Dinner

Yesterday we held our first themed lunch – A Day At The Movies!. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm in the hall at lunchtime, with 172 children having a school lunch. We will be having a second themed lunch in November to celebrate fireworks and bonfire night. The poster is attached below. The kitchen team are working hard to ensure as many children as possible have a nutritious lunch. Soon we will be inviting parents in for a taster session where you can sample some of the meals and see what is on offer!

Attendance.

All research shows that there is a direct correlation between attendance at school and high attainment. If your child is not at school, you may be limiting their life choices later in life. At St. Mary's we have an expectation that all children should be in school everyday. We do however understand that sometimes, such as illness, there are unavoidable reasons why your child may need to be off school. We have a 5% tolerance in our attendance. Therefore, if your child's attendance drops below 95% you may be contacted by school or asked to attend an attendance meeting.

	F2	99.5%	
Year 1	98%	Year 2	99%
Year 3	97%	Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%	Year 6	97%

Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 5 who have the highest attendance this week with an amazing 100%. Well done

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' event last Monday. It was lovely to see so many of you calling in to see your child's new classroom and teacher. We will follow up with parents' evening next half term where teachers will be able to give you more detailed feedback on how your child is getting on with their progress. If you have any questions for your child's teacher, please contact them on Class Dojo or make an appointment to have a meeting.

Don't miss out...

...on a school place for your child



Primary School

If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- ★ During October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.
- ★ If your child attends a school nursery they are NOT guaranteed a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.
- ★ You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2026**.
- ★ Any application received after 15th January 2026 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



High School

If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should apply for a High School place through the Local Authority where you live.
- ★ Extra district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own Local Authority.
- ★ You must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2025**.
- ★ Any application received after 31st October 2025 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.

Fireworks & Bonfire Night

5TH NOVEMBER 2025

MAINS

BONFIRE BANGER

VEGGIE BONFIRE BANGER (VG)

HOT BAKED POTATO BAR WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS (GF)

INCLUDING BANGING BBQ CHICKEN AND WINTER WARMER QUORN KORMA (V)

SIDES

WHIZZ-BANG WEDGES

SPARKLER SWEETCORN

FIREWORK SLAW

GUY FAWKES SALAD BAR

KINDLING KETCHUP

DESSERT

ROCKET LOLLY (VG) (GF)

CHOCOLATE CATHERINE WHEEL (V)

FRESH FRUIT

