

# St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

*'I came to give life. Life in all its fullness'*

*John 10:10*

This half term our Christian value that we have been exploring is:

**Respect**

### Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Alfie

Year 1: Ayman

Year 2: Sam

Year 3: Sami

Year 4: Caitlin

Year 5: Anna

Year 6: Trystan

### Mathematicians of the week

Reception: Zakariya

Year 1: Emaan

Year 2: Arthur

Year 3: Ihsaan

Year 4: Ayaan A

Year 5: Amber

Year 6: Christopher

### School places available

At the current time we have a small number of pupil places available in some classes across school. If you are aware of any families who wish to join St Mary's Primary School, they can call the school office on 01706 216407 and I will be happy to take them on a tour of the school.

### Attendance – Whole school target 96%

**Weekly whole school attendance: 93%**

Year group	Attendance
1	96.2%
4	95.7%
2	92.3%
6	91.8%
3	91.4%
Reception	90.4%
5	89.3%

**Best timekeeping: 4**

### Autumn term parents evening

Just a reminder that parents evening for the autumn term will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please return the letter that was sent home this week and a time will then be allocated with your child's class teacher.

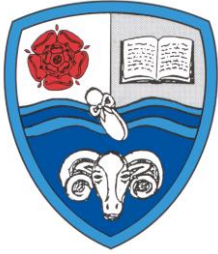
During the evening there will also be a parental survey to complete. Please can we encourage you to complete the survey so that we can continue to work in partnership and gather your views which are very important to us as a school. Thank you.

### Reception Intake 2024 Open Day 2

We will be holding a second open day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023** for parents who are interested in their child joining St Mary's CE Primary School in September 2024.

Please email or call the school office to arrange an appointment between 9:30am and 3pm:

**Tel - 01706 216407**



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**If you are unable to make this date we will be happy to arrange a date and time that is convenient for you to have a tour of the school.**

## **Year 2 and Year 3 football festival**

Congratulations to all of the pupils who participated in the inter school sports festival yesterday. The children were a credit to St Mary's Primary School and displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

## **Year 5 Survival Stars at Whitehough**

On Tuesday the pupils in Year 5 attended Whitehough Outdoor Centre as part of their 'Survival Stars' project. During the day they learnt how to build shelters and create fires and how to survive in the natural environment. Once more I would like to thank the children for representing St Mary's Primary School in a positive manner.

## **Lancashire school admissions**

### **Primary Schools Reception 2024**

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2024 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

**1 September 2023** - Apply from this date.

**15 January 2024** - National closing date for primary applications.

## **Secondary Schools 2024**

**1 September 2023** - Apply from this date.

**31 October 2023** - National closing date for secondary applications.

Applications for primary and secondary school places can be made online via the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

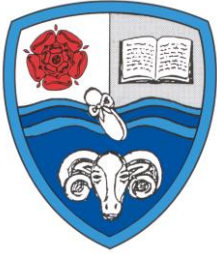
## **Car Parking around school reminder**

When picking up and dropping off your child, please can we politely remind all parents and family members to be considerate our neighbours. This includes not blocking driveways and parking in a way that can cause safety issues in surrounding area. Your co-operation and support related to this matter is greatly appreciated.

## **St Mary's school facility lettings**

St Mary's Primary School has a small range of facilities that are available to be rented out to local clubs in accordance with our school lettings policy.

If this is something that may of interest, please contact the school office on 01706 216407 and Mr Gurman will be happy to discuss this with you further.



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## **Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Appeal**

This year we will be participating in the Rossendale Penny Pinching Appeal to raise money for the hospice.

Once the boxes are full please could you drop them off at the following collection points as they are not to be returned to school this year. Thank you for your support:

**Asda**  
**Kay's Celebration Cakes**  
**The Veg Shop**  
**Credit Union**  
**Hospice Shop**

### **Key dates:**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 9:30am  
Harvest service at St Mary's Church**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – School breaks up for half term at 3:30pm**

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – UK Parliament Week**

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Anti-bullying Week**