

# St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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**Friday 8th November 2024**

*'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:

**PEACE**

### Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Olivia  
Year 1: Jadon  
Year 2: Summer  
Year 3: Aurora  
Year 4: Saffiya  
Year 5: Alex  
Year 6: Abigail

### Mathematicians of the week

Reception: Sara  
Year 1: Anaya  
Year 2: Aryaana  
Year 3: Aadam  
Year 4: Matthew  
Year 5: Lydia B  
Year 6: Lydia M

### Attendance

I would like to remind parents and carers the importance of your child attending school each day. There is strong evidence that high attendance helps pupils achieve their full potential. Days away from school interrupt the flow of their learning and mean they miss out on important knowledge. The more time missed from lessons, the harder it can be for a pupil to catch up. I have attached a link to a copy of the school attendance policy for your information:

<https://www.stmaryscep.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=707&type=pdf>

**Attendance – Whole school target 96%**

**Weekly whole school attendance: 93.3%**

Year group	Attendance
3	98.3%
5	96.6%
Reception	96%
6	93.8%
4	93.1%
1	90%
2	87.1%

**Best timekeeping: Year 2**

### Reception 2025 Open Day

We will be holding a further open day for families who are interested in applying for a Reception class place for September 2025.

**This will take place between 9:30am and 3pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

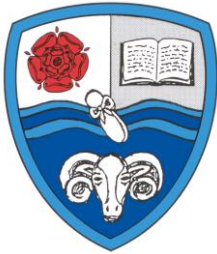
**If you would like to arrange a visit please call the school office on 01706 216407. If this date is not convenient we will be happy to arrange an alternative date.**

### 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.

### STEM Club

**Please be aware the STEM club is cancelled on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**



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## **PE Kits**

Over the last few weeks there have been an increasing number of children not bringing their PE kits to school. Please, can I remind everyone to make sure that your child has a PE kit in school, so that they can participate fully in their statutory requirement of 2 hours of PE a week.

At St. Mary's our PE kit consists of a plain (or badged) white t-shirt and either navy shorts or joggers. Children need to wear black plimsolls or dark trainers for PE.

## **Jewellery**

In order to comply with national health and safety guidance for PE lessons in schools, we do ask that all items of jewellery should be removed before P.E lessons, this includes earrings. Teachers are unable to remove earrings in line with the most recent health and safety guidance; please do ensure that they are removed before school, if your child is unable to remove them independently.

## **Lancashire school admissions Primary Schools Reception 2025**

Primary schools closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Please apply online at the following link:

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

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

St Mary's Primary School currently has 1 vacancy available for a parent governor. This week we have provided all parents with a copy of the information about what the role of a governor involves; and warmly welcome applications from all parents who are eligible and interested.

If you would like to discuss the role in more detail, please call the school office on 01706 216407 and Mr Gurman will be happy to discuss this further.

## **Autumn term 2 Breakfast and After school clubs**

**Breakfast sports clubs will commence week beginning the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and will end week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**Please can I remind parents to send the permission slips back to school as there are limited places available for each club.**

**Monday 8am to 8:50am:**

**Year 3 and 4 theatre/drama club**

**Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm:**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 fundamental skills**

**Tuesday 8am to 8:50am:**

**Year 1 and Year 2 invasion games club**

**Tuesday 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

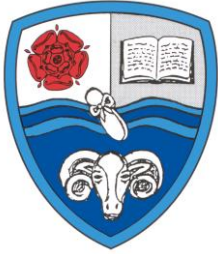
**Year 5 and 6 STEM club**

**Wednesday 8am to 8:50am:**

**Year 3 and 4 table tennis club**

**Friday 8am to 8:50am:**

**Year 5 and Year 6 gymnastics club**



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## Diary dates

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children In Need  
Non-uniform day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – PTFA Non-uniform  
day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service  
in church – 9:30am to 10:30am**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
December – Christmas Nativity concert –  
6pm to 7:30pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Christmas  
parties – 1:15pm to 3pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas  
disco – 5:30pm to 7pm**

**PTFA Christmas Fair – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December – 3:30pm to 5pm**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol concert at St  
Mary's Church – 9:30am to 10:30am**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School closes  
for the Christmas holiday at 3:30pm**

## 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.