

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 6th December 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: Maya

Year 1: Axel

Year 2: Khaleel

Year 3: Sam

Year 4: Leanna

Year 5: Zak

Year 6: Charlie

Readers of the week

Reception: Samuel

Year 1: Amelia

Year 2: Tamim

Year 3: Joni

Year 4: Hajrah

Year 5: Sienna

Year 6: Esa

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: 94.3%

Year group	Attendance
1	99.5%
6	98%
5	96%
4	95.3%
2	93.5%
3	92.6%
Reception	85.4%

Best timekeeping: Year 2

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.

PTFA Christmas Fair

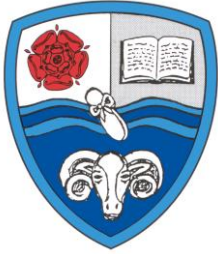
I am very pleased to announce that the PTFA Christmas Fair has raised £1016.29

I would like to thank all the PTFA members and volunteers who helped organise the event and come into school to help on the day.

Just a reminder that the PTFA will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets at the Christmas performances next week.

Christmas performances

Please could all of the children return to school at **5:30pm** on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December for the Christmas performances. Thank you.



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Christingle Service

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who contributed to the excellent Christingle Service that was held in St Mary's Church on Thursday morning.

I would also like to thank all of the parents, carers and family members who also attended. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

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.

School uniform reminders - Jewellery, Bands and Badges

In accordance with the agreed school uniform policy please can parents and carers ensure that children are not wearing jewellery such as bracelets, necklaces to school. This also includes badges and slap bands. Please be aware if they are being worn to school the pupil will be asked to remove them and a parent or carer will need to collect them from the school office. Thank you for your co-operation and compliance with the school uniform policy.

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.

PTFA updates

I would like to thank the PTFA for purchasing new Christmas trees for all of the classrooms as well as disco light and a bubble machine the KS1 and KS2 parties. This is greatly appreciated by all of the staff and pupils in school.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

This year we will be holding our annual Christmas lunch and jumper day on **Thursday 12th December 2024.**

Lancashire school admissions Primary Schools Reception 2025

Primary schools closing date: 15th 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/>

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 28th October 2024 and will end week beginning 16th 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:



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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

Diary dates

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th
December – Christmas Nativity concert –
6pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 12th December – Christmas
Jumper and Lunch Day.

Tuesday 17th December – Infant Christmas
parties – 1:15pm to 3pm

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Christmas
disco – 5:30pm to 7pm

Wed 18th December – Carol concert at St
Mary's Church – 9:30am to 10:30am

Wednesday 18th 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.