

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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'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

As this will be that last newsletter of the term I would like to wish all of the St Mary's school community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support this term.

School will close for the Christmas holidays at 3:30pm on Wednesday 18th December. We will reopen from 08:55am on Monday 6th January 2025.

Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Leah
Year 1: Emmy
Year 2: Ismaeel
Year 3: Aadam
Year 4: Bodhi
Year 5: Ayaan A
Year 6: Sameera

Writers of the week

Reception: Muhammad
Year 1: Ben
Year 2: Taibah
Year 3: Fatiha
Year 4: Josh K
Year 5: Elliott
Year 6: Iris

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: 94.4%

Year group	Attendance
1	97.6%
6	97%
3	94.2%
5	93.6%
4	93.6%
Reception	93.5%
2	92.1%

Best timekeeping: Year 5

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.

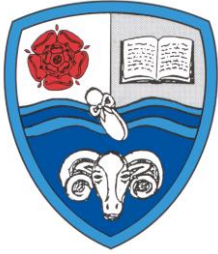
Nativity and Christmas Performances

Well done to all the pupils and staff for an excellent Nativity and Christmas performances this week. They were all brilliant. Thank you to also to the parents, carers and family members and PTFA who also supported these events.

Christmas parties and disco

KS1 Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 17th December in the afternoon. Children can attend school in their party clothes.

KS2 Christmas Disco – Tuesday 17th December in the school hall from 5:30pm to 7pm.



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Christmas Carol Service

We will be holding our annual Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church in Rawtenstall on Wednesday 18th December at 9:30am.

All parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us for the service.

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.

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.

Spring Term 1 Breakfast and After school clubs

Breakfast sports clubs will commence week beginning 6th January 2025 and will end week beginning 10th February 2025.

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

Tuesday 8am to 8:5am:

Year 1 and Year 2 FUNdamental games

Wednesday 8am to 8:50am:

Year 3 and 4 Tri-golf club

Friday 8am to 8:50am:

Year 5 and Year 6 Tri-golf club

Diary dates

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

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

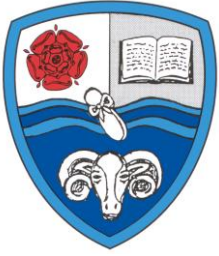
Wed 18th December – Carol concert at St Mary's Church – 9:30am to 10:30am

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.



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