

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 5th September 2025

'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: Amaar
Year 1: Muhammad
Year 2: Leo
Year 3: Eva
Year 4: Fatiha
Year 5: Leana
Year 6: Oliver

Readers of the week

Reception: Olive
Year 1: Morgan
Year 2: Hania
Year 3: Layla
Year 4: Lina
Year 5: Joshua K
Year 6: Robyn

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=833&type=pdf>

Attendance – Whole school target 96%

Whole school attendance – 99%

Paid Breakfast Club Price Increase

From September 2025 the paid breakfast club that starts at 8am will continue to be available for all parents on daily basis. I am writing to inform you that the price will **increase to £3 a day per pupil**.

School dinners price increase

We also wish to inform you that, in accordance with recommendations from Lancashire Catering Services, the daily charge for school meals will **increase from £2.70 to £2.90**. This revision is due to increased costs associated with food provision and staffing required to deliver the service.

School Uniform reminder for September 2025

As we start the new term in September, please remember that full school uniform is required.

Please note that trainers are not allowed.

Pupils are required to wear appropriate school shoes.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our school standards.

Parent information data collection

Please can parents inform the school office if any personal information school holds has changed over the summer holidays. This includes information such as addresses, parent contact details such as email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Primary School Admissions – September 2026

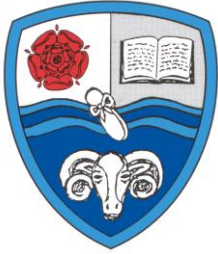
Primary school admissions for Reception 2026 are now available to be made via the following link:

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

St Mary's will be holding an open day from 9:30am to 3pm on Friday 10th October 2025.

If you would like to make an appointment please contact the school office:

Email: schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk



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National Early Adopters Breakfast Club Scheme

We are excited to invite all our pupils to join our **Free Breakfast Club**, running **every school day from 8:25am to 8:55am**.

This will continue to be available every day from Wednesday 3rd September 2025

No need to book — just come along and enjoy!

Thank you to all of the children who have accessed the free breakfast club provision so far – at the present time we are averaging at least 70 pupils each day!

A healthy breakfast sets the tone for a great day of learning, and we're here to make sure every child starts the day feeling energized, focused, and ready to thrive.

What's on offer?

A tasty and nutritious breakfast, served in a warm and welcoming environment — all at no cost to families!

Why join?

- ✓ Helps children settle into the school day
- ✓ Supports focus and concentration in lessons
- ✓ Gives children a chance to socialise in a relaxed setting
- ✓ Saves time on busy mornings!

Children will also be able to play games and music of their choice. This week we will be gathering the views of pupils to discuss how we can make the breakfast club even better for them each day.

Games that we currently have available include:

Colouring activities
Top Trumps card games
Word searches
A variety of board games
A variety of quizzes

Year 5 and 6 swimming classes

This term all of the boys in Year 5 and Year 6 will be attending swimming lessons at Marl Pits every Friday afternoon.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kits to school each week. Thank you for your support.

Extra-curricular clubs

During Autumn term 1 we will be offering the following extra-curricular clubs that will commence week beginning 8th September until week beginning 20th October 2025.

Tuesday – KS2 theatre and drama club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Wednesday – Year 1 and 2 dance club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Thursday – Year 5 and 6 gymnastics club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

School places available

St Mary's CE Primary School have a small number of places available in some classes across the school.

If you know of any families who may be interested in joining St Mary's CE Primary we will be more than happy to provide them with a tour of the school. These can be arranged by either phoning the school office on:

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or via email at:

schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk