

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 3rd October 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: Abdul
Year 1: Sarah
Year 2: Amara
Year 3: Ismaeel
Year 4: Joni
Year 5: Matthew
Year 6: Neeka

Writers of the week

Reception: Emaan
Year 1: Inaya
Year 2: Erica
Year 3: Anah
Year 4: Fatima
Year 5: Sami
Year 6: Connor

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>

Autumn Term Parents Evening

Parents evening for all pupils will take place on **Wednesday 15th October from 3:45pm**. Please return the booking slip to be allocated a time slot with the class teacher.

Attendance – Whole school target 96%

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Year group	Attendance
Year 3	99.5%
Reception	98.3%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 6	94.1%
Year 1	93%

Timekeeping – Year 2

Friends of St Mary's Primary School meeting

All parents are warmly invited to the next Friends of St Mary's meeting.

Please join us on Wednesday 8th October at 8:55am in the school staffroom.

It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, share ideas, and be part of fundraising projects for the school.

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.

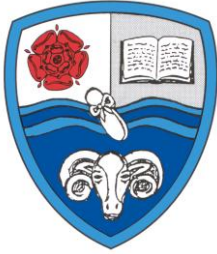
If you would like to make an appointment please contact the school office:

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

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School Photographs

This year all of the children will be having their school photographs taken on **Thursday 9th October.**



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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 during the school year.

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.

Monday – Year 5 and 6 football club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Tuesday – Year 4,5,6, Coding Club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

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

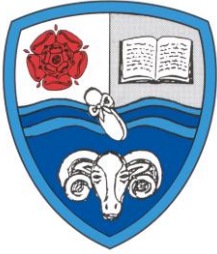
St Mary's CE Primary School have a small number of places available in some classes across the school.

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:

01706 216407

or via email at:

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Diary Dates

**School Photographs – Thursday 9th October
2025**

**Parents Evening – Wednesday 15th October
2025 – 3:45pm**

**Harvest Service St Mary's Church Rawtenstall –
Friday 17th October 2025 – 9:30am**

**Year 5 Survival Stars – Tuesday 21st October
2025**

**October half term – School finishes at 3:30pm
on Friday 24th October 2025**