

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 24th 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

I would like to say thank you to all of the children for an excellent start to the school year where they have all worked extremely hard and shown great respect to each other.

Just a reminder that we finish for half term at 3:30pm on Friday 24th October and return to school at 8:55am on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Cailum
Year 1: Mubasshira
Year 2: Anaya
Year 3: Tamim
Year 4: Joni
Year 5: Khadija
Year 6: Kyle

Writers of the week

Reception: Minah
Year 1: Maya
Year 2: Ben
Year 3: Reagan
Year 4: Eli
Year 5: Samuel V
Year 6: Lia

Thank you Mrs Spencer

This week we say a fond farewell to Mrs Spencer, who is leaving St Mary's after many years of dedicated service. Mrs Spencer has been a valued and much-loved member of our school community, and her warmth, care, and commitment have made a lasting impact on many children and families.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Mrs Spencer has contributed to St Mary's and the PTFA over the years. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you, Mrs Spencer, from all of us—staff, pupils, governors and parents alike.

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 – 97.4%

Year group	Attendance
2	100%
4	98.8%
3	98.5%
1	96.8%
Reception	96.6%
6	96.6%
5	95.1%

Timekeeping – Year 4

Reception 2026 Intake – Open Day 2

St Mary's Primary School will be holding a further open day for parents who are interested in their child joining St Mary's in September 2026.

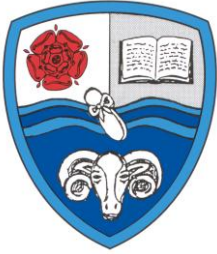
This will take place on Friday 7th November between 9:30am and 3pm.

Please contact the school office either by:

Tel: 01706 216407

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

Alternatively, we will also be more than happy to arrange an alternative day and time if this is more convenient for some parents.



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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/>

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 2 we will be offering the following extra-curricular clubs that will commence week beginning 3rd November until week beginning 8th December 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 3 and 4 dance club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Thursday – Year 1 and 2 gymnastics club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

School places available

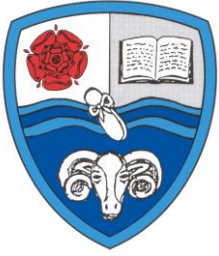
St Mary's CE Primary School have a small number of places available in some classes across the school.

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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