

# St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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**Friday 14th November 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:

**PEACE**

### Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Olive  
Year 1: Zayaan  
Year 2: Alfie  
Year 3: Lucas  
Year 4: Siena  
Year 5: Afnan  
Year 6: Ben

### Mathematicians of the week

Reception: Mohammed I  
Year 1: Evie  
Year 2: Amelia  
Year 3: Aryaana  
Year 4: Seb  
Year 5: Bodhi  
Year 6: Ameera

### 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%**

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Year group	Attendance
3	99.5%
Reception	99.3%
5	96.7%
2	94.6%
1	94.4%
6	93.6%
4	93.2%

### Timekeeping – Year 6

### We are proud to share some great news!

St Mary's Primary School has been recognised nationally as a **High Performer** for pupil attendance!

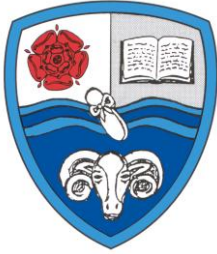
- ✓ **Excellent Attendance:** We're among the strongest schools in our group for overall attendance and reducing persistent absence.
- ✓ **Leading the Way:** Our name appears in the national similar schools report as an example of best practice.
- ✓ This achievement reflects the **commitment of our students, families, and staff** to making every day count. Thank you for your support in helping us reach this milestone!

**Tip for Parents:** Every day matters! Please continue encouraging your child to attend school regularly so we can maintain this fantastic progress

### 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/>



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## Reception Intake 2026 – Open Day

St Mary's CE Primary School will be holding a further open day for parents who are interested in applying for a Reception place at St Mary's for September 2026.

**This will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 10:30am and 3pm.**

If you would like to arrange a visit please contact the school office either by:

Email : [schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

Tel: 01706 216407

## 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.

## Year 3 and 4 girls inter-school football tournament finals

I would like to congratulate the Year 3 and 4 girls football team who competed in the inter-school finals this week.

I am very pleased to announce that they came second overall, this was an extremely close decision and was only decided by a goal difference of 1!

Thank you to Mrs Ashworth and all of the family members who attended the finals to support the team. It is greatly appreciated.

## 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!

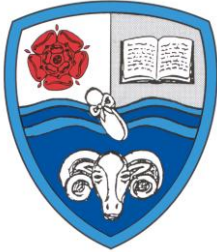
### **Why join?**

- ✓ 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**



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## Extra-curricular clubs

During Autumn term 2 we will be offering the following extra-curricular clubs that will commence week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November until week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Monday – Year 3 and 4 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:

[schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rawtenstall-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

## PTFA Christmas Fair

This year the PTFA Christmas Fair will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3:30pm in the school hall.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November it will be a non-uniform day where we kindly request donations are provided for the Christmas fair.

Details of the donations we will be requesting will follow shortly. Thank you for your support.

## Diary Dates

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Non uniform day – Donations for the PTFA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service in school – 9:15am  
All parents and family members are welcome to join us in school**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – School choir singing at Tesco in the afternoon

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Nativity/performance – 6pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Nativity/performance – 2pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas party – 1:30pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 disco – 3:30pm to 5pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Concert – 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes for the autumn term at 3:30pm