

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 28th 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: Ranayah
Year 1: Fawzan
Year 2: Amira
Year 3: Amelia
Year 4: Joni
Year 5: Jawid
Year 6: Hasim

Writers of the week

Reception: Evie
Year 1: Muhammed A
Year 2: Anaya
Year 3: Anastasia
Year 4: Aliya
Year 5: Saffiya
Year 6: Evie

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
2	99.5%
3	98.3%
5	95.4%
6	95.3%
Reception	95.1%
1	94.2%
4	91.3%

Timekeeping – Year 6

UK Parliament Week and Mayor Visit

This week each class has been participating in UK Parliament week and developing their understanding of democracy.

As part of this week we had a visit from the Mayor of Rossendale who gave a talk to the school about their role in the local area.

I would also like to say well done to the School Council who asked the mayor a range of excellent questions.

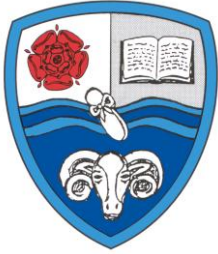
Year 5/6 mixed athletics inter-school sports competitions.

Well done to all of the children who represented and participated brilliantly at the Year 5 and 6 inter-school sports competition on Monday.

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 5th 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

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.

Friday Celebration Worship – Parents welcome

From Friday 28th November parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly Friday celebration worships from 9am to 9:30am.

This will take place in the school hall and can attend via the school office main doors.

We look forward to you joining us for our weekly celebrations.

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

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.

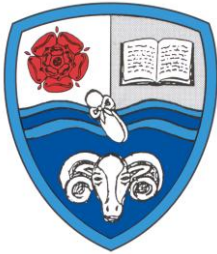
Monday – Year 3 and 4 football club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

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



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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

PTFA Christmas Fair

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd December – PTFA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm

Friday 5th December – Christingle Service in school – 9:15am

All parents and family members are welcome to join us in school

Friday 5th December – School choir singing at Tesco in the afternoon

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

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

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Lunch Day

Tuesday 16th December – KS1 Christmas party – 1:30pm

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 disco – 3:30pm to 5pm

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Carol Concert – 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall.

Thursday 18th December – School finishes for the autumn term at 3:30pm