

# St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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: Beckett  
Year 1: Grmawit  
Year 2: Jacob  
Year 3: Lucas  
Year 4: Lina  
Year 5: Inaaya  
Year 6: Ayan A

### Mathematicians of the week

Reception: Emaan  
Year 1: Austin  
Year 2: Lucas  
Year 3: Henley  
Year 4: Arthur  
Year 5: Raeed  
Year 6: Laaibah

### 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 – 93.1%

Year group	Attendance
4	100%
6	96.6%
2	95.1%
1	91.1%
3	91%
5	90%
Reception	90%

### **Timekeeping – Year 4**

### **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/>

### **PTFA Christmas Fair**

Thank you to the members of the PTFA who organised a brilliant Christmas Fair on Wednesday. I would also like to thank everybody who came and supported the event. **I am delighted to announce £1181.07 was raised!**

### **Christingle Service**

Well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who led our Christingle Service this morning. They presented the service brilliantly. I would also like to thank everybody who came to the service. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

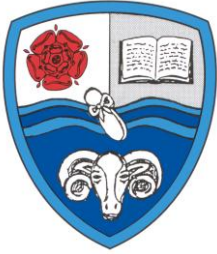
### **Year 5 and 6 swimming classes**

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



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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 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)

## Diary Dates

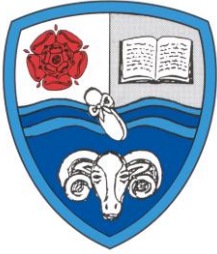
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Nativity/performance – 6pm

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



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

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

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