

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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'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:

LOVE

Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Teddy
Year 1: Samuel R
Year 2: Tawhid
Year 3: Layla
Year 4: Mabel
Year 5: Majid
Year 6: Ameera

Writers of the week

Reception: Cailum
Year 1: Muhammad A
Year 2: Zakariya
Year 3: Eva
Year 4: Lina
Year 5: Amelia
Year 6: Harriet

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	100%
Reception	96.1%
1	96%
5	96%
6	95.3%
4	95%
2	94%

Timekeeping – Year 4

Year 5 and 6 swimming classes

This term all of the **girls** 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.

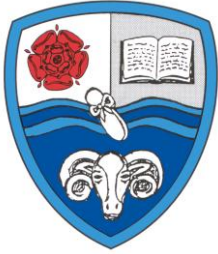
Friday Celebration Worship – Parents welcome

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 be attended via the school office main doors.

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

Year 3 and 4 mixed athletics tournament

Well done to all the children who participated in the Year 3 and 4 mixed athletics competition this week. They all competed to the best of their ability and represented St Marys brilliantly.



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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

Extra-curricular clubs

During Spring term 1 we will be offering the following extra-curricular clubs:

Monday – KS2 NFL Cub – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Tuesday – Year 3,4,5,6 Theatre and drama 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:

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Monday 2nd March to Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Year 6 Robinwood Residential Trip

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Spring term Parents Evening