

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 17th April 2026

'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:

FORGIVENESS

Ethos Award Winners

Reception: Elijah
Year 1: Harvey
Year 2: Hana
Year 3: Anaya
Year 4: Joni
Year 5: Ibrahim
Year 6: Ayan J

Mathematicians of the week

Reception: Cailum
Year 1: Yaqub
Year 2: Ivy
Year 3: Lucas
Year 4: Mabel
Year 5: Saffiyah
Year 6: Lydia J

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 – 96.2%

| Year group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| Year 6 | 98.1% |
| Year 3 | 98% |
| Year 1 | 97.5% |
| Year 2 | 96% |
| Reception | 94.3% |
| Year 5 | 94.3% |
| Year 4 | 94.1% |

Timekeeping – Year 4

Year 6 – KS2 SATS timetable

Monday 11th May 2026 – English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Reading Paper

Wednesday 13th May 2026 – Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday 14th May 2026 – Mathematics Paper 3

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 attend via the school office main doors. We look forward to you joining us for our weekly celebrations.

Pre-loved uniform donations

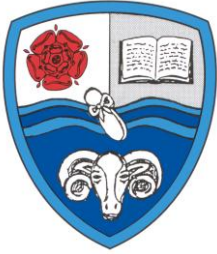
WANTED: Your Pre-Loved Uniforms!

St Mary's PTFA will be holding a pre-loved uniform event next term! If you have any uniform items that are still in good condition, donations would be gratefully received.

What we need: Logo sweatshirts, cardigans, and PE kits and pumps.

Please drop off your donations at the classroom or office.

Thank you for helping us support our school and each other!



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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

Year 2 Staffing Summer term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Hughes will be continuing as Acting Deputy Headteacher at another school from Monday 13th April 2026 until Friday 22nd May 2026.

During Mrs Hughes leadership secondment, Year 2 will continue to be well supported and taught by our experienced staff team. Mrs Riley will teach the class each Monday, and Mrs Thomas will teach Year 2 from Tuesday to Friday. Both teachers know the children well and will ensure continuity and high-quality learning throughout the term.

Kind regards

Mr N Gurman
Headteacher

Extra-curricular clubs

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

Monday – Year 1 and Year 2 multi-skills club– 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Tuesday – KS2 Theatre and drama club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Thursday – Year 3 and 4 dodgeball club – 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

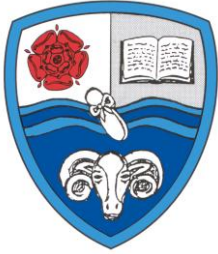
School places available

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



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 – 3:45pm to 6:30pm
Parents Evening – Reception to Year 5

Monday 20th April 2026 – Year 2 Blackpool Zoo trip

Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday Monday

Wednesday 6th May 2026 – Reception class Smithill farm trip

Monday 11th May 2026 – KS2 SATS commence

Thursday 13th May 2026 – Year4 Cuerden Valley trip

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 – Half term

Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Year 1 Eureka Trip

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 – Year 5 Turton Tower trip

Wednesday 24th June 2026 – Year 3 Bolton museum trip

Wednesday 1st July – 1:30pm to 3:30pm – Whole School Sports Day

Friday 10th July 2026 – End of year school reports provided to parents

Thursday 16th July 2026 – School closes for the summer term at 3:30pm