

St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 22nd May 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: Zayaan
Year 1: Amna
Year 2: Anaya
Year 3: Maahi
Year 4: Aliyya
Year 5: Samuel I
Year 6: Sienna

Writers of the week

Reception: Minah
Year 1: Hamza
Year 2: Daisy
Year 3: Reagan
Year 4: Siena
Year 5: Brandon
Year 6: Lia

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 – 92.6%

Year group	Attendance
3	98.1%
1	94.6%
6	93.8%
5	93.3%
2	90.5%
4	89%
Reception	86%

Timekeeping – Year 2

PTFA Treasure Hunt!

On **Wednesday 3rd June** the PTFA will be organising a treasure hunt from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on the school playground. Please see the poster attached to this week's newsletter for further details.

St Mary's Church Pentecost Make and Take

**pentecost
MAKE & TAKE**

Celebrating the church's birthday!

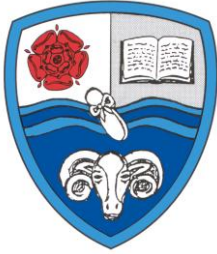
Crafts | Story | Refreshments

For
Preschool - Y6 Children

Saturday 23 May 2026
From 2pm to 4 pm

St Mary's Church
Rawtenstall
BB4 8SQ

FREE | NO NEED TO BOOK!



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Year 5 and 6 Cross Country inter-school competition

Well done to all of the pupils who participated in the annual Year 5 and 6 cross country event at Marl Pits. Every pupil gave a 100% effort. Congratulations to Laith who has also qualified for the final!

Year 2 summer term teaching arrangements

Mrs Hughes will be continuing as Acting Deputy Headteacher at another school from Monday 1st June 2026 until Monday 13th July 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.

Friday Celebration Worship – Parents welcome

All parents and family members are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly Friday celebration worships from 9am to 9:30am.

This will take place in the school hall and adults 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!

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!

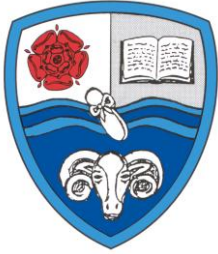
Why join?

- ✓ 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 Summer term 2 we will be offering the following the extra-curricular clubs:

Monday — 3:30pm to 4:15pm – Year 1 and 2 sports club

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

Thursday — Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball 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

Enrichment activities and key diary dates

Monday 1st June – School re-opens at 08:55am

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – PTFA Treasure Hunt

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

Wednesday 8th July – 3:30pm to 5pm – PTFA Summer Fair

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