

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:

RESPECT

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff as we begin an exciting new school year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. We are looking forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces into our school community and to the many opportunities, achievements and successes that this year will bring. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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>

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.

Children's Commissioner Pupil Survey

The Children's Commissioner has launched a survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. Your views will be taken to the Government, to help them make life better for children. If you would like to complete this survey with your child, please follow the link below;

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

St Mary's Breakfast Club 26-27

I would like to make all parents and carers aware that from September 2026 both breakfast clubs will be delivered from the **school hall**.

If you would like your child to attend from 8am the daily charge will remain at £3.50 payable via your Parent pay account.

St Mary's free breakfast club will run every school day from 8:25am to 8:55am. Please be aware if you drop your child off at the club before this time the charge of £3.50 will be need to be paid.

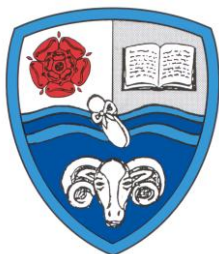
A healthy breakfast sets the tone for a great day of learning, and we're here to make sure every child starts the day feeling energized, focused, and ready to thrive.

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



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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

Welfare assistant vacancy

We are currently advertising for a welfare assistant commencing from October 2026.

If this is a role that may be of interest, please click on the link below to apply.

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=68351

Secondary School Admissions 2027

If you are applying for a secondary school place in September 2027 please click on the following link which provides information on the application process.

Please be aware the closing date for applications is **Saturday 31 October 2026.**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>

Primary School Admissions 2027

If you are applying for a primary school place in September 2027 please click on the following link which provides information on the application process.

Please be aware the closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027.**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/>

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