St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 2nd October 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:

RESPECT

Ethos Award winners

Reception - Mikaeel
Year 1 - Beckett
Year 2 – Yaqub
Year 3 - Hania
Year 4 – Umaiza
Year 5 - Mabel
Year 6 – Inaaya

Readers of the week

Reception - Aaniat
Year 1 - Zayaan
Year 2 - Samuel
Year 3 - Daisy
Year 4 - Farhaan
Year 5 - Seb
Year 6 – Joshua K

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

Year group	Attendance %
3	98.3%
2	97.5%
6	97.4%
4	97.1%
1	95%
5	94.2%
Reception	92.9%

Whole school attendance – 96.3%

Timekeeping – Year 2

Reception 2027 Open Day

St Mary's CE Primary School will be holding an open day for parents who are interested in applying for a Reception class place for September 2027.

This will take place on Friday 9th October between 09:30am and 3pm.

Appointments can be made by contacting the school office either by:

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

Tel: 01706 216407

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.

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Autumn term parents evening

Parents evening will take place on Wednesday 21st October from 3:45pm to 6:30pm.
Next week we will be sending out appointment letters for parents to sign up to a suitable time.

Harvest Service

Our annual Harvest Service will take place on **Friday 23rd October from 9:30am**. This will be held in St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. All parent/carers, family members and friends are very welcome to join us for the service.

Year 5 and 6 Girls football competition

Well done to Inaaya, Matilda, Lina, Maya, Joni, Mabel, Eva and Dilly for participating in the football completion on Monday, They all performed to a high standard and represented St Mary's with excellent sportsmanship.

Whole school singing performance

On Thursday 22nd October at 9am we will be holding our annual music morning in the school hall.

All parents and family members are welcome to join us for this event. We are asking for a donation of £2 to assist the school in raising funds towards our participation in the 'Lets Go Sing' this year. Thank you for your support.

St Mary's Breakfast Club 2026-27

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 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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Enrichment clubs Autumn term 1

Monday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 5 and 6 football

Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 3 and 4 dance club

Thursday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 1 and 2 dodgeball club

Thursday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 5 STEM club

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