St Mary's CE Primary School Rawtenstall

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Friday 6th November 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:

PEACE

Ethos award winners

Reception: Eva
Year 1: Beau
Year 2: Muaaz
Year 3: Amelia
Year 4: Henley
Year 5: Maya
Year 6: Sami

Reader of the week

Reception: Hud
Year 1: Cailum
Year 2: Teddy
Year 3: Emmy
Year 4: Alisha
Year 5: Aurora
Year 6: Josh V

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 %
2	98.9%
3	96%
6	95.7%
5	94.8%
4	94.1%
1	92.3%
Reception	90%

Whole school attendance – 94.8%

Timekeeping – Year 1

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.

Kellogg's x Tesco Breakfast Club Grants

St Mary's has the chance to receive a £500 breakfast club grant from Kellogg's and Tesco. To help us secure this valuable funding, we are asking parents, carers and members of our community to complete the nomination form below. Every nomination helps increase our chances of success. Thank you for your support.

https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/jBxHCWgXVi0Wv8s6fkZsoiuwM?domain=kelloggs.co.uk

Key Stage Fun with Phonics Parent Workshop

Lancashire Adult Learning will be delivering a phonics parent workshop on Tuesday 17th and 24th November at St Mary's Primary School. If you would be interested in attending these sessions please register using the link below.

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=70976

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❤ SPOTACULAR NEWS! ❤

We are proud to be supporting BBC Children in Need this year to help raise life-changing funds for children and young people across the UK! 🐻✨

📅 When: Friday 13th November

👕 What: Non-uniform day! Come dressed in your brightest spots, yellow clothes, or your favourite Pudsey gear.

💰 **Donation: We suggest a donation of £1 (or whatever you can spare).**

Let's come together to make a massive difference

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 4th December between 09:30am and 2pm.

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

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

Tel: 01706 216407

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 2

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

Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 5 and 6 dance club

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

Thursday 3:30pm – 4:15pm – Year 6 STEM club

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

Diary dates

Friday 13th November – Children in Need non-uniform day.

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 23rd November – UK Parliament week

Tuesday 1st December – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church – 9:30am

Tuesday 8th December – Nativity and Christmas performances – 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 9th December – PTFA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm

Monday 14th December – KS1 Christmas parties in school

Monday 14th December – KS2 Christmas disco – 3:30pm to 5pm

Thursday 17th December – School closes for Christmas holiday at 3:30pm