



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



30th January 2026

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Amphill Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. PO33 1LJ 01983 562000 [www.stmaryspri.co.uk](http://www.stmaryspri.co.uk)

## Celebration of the word

This week, we have learned about the gospel of Matthew 4:12-23, that details the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee following John the Baptist's imprisonment. Moving to Capernaum, Jesus fulfills prophecy, proclaims the kingdom of heaven, calls his first four disciples—Peter, Andrew, James, and John—and begins a ministry of preaching and healing throughout the region

Dear families,

This week we have been focusing on developing our oracy skills across the school. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language, listening skills and communication in a range of contexts and for different purposes. Oracy is foundational to literacy and learning across the curriculum and supports pupils' confidence, wellbeing and future life opportunities. We want our children to be confident speakers and each week we celebrate this through a weekly whole school debate. I have included more information about this so please discuss this with your children and continue debating at home!

Just a reminder for our KS2 families that we still have tickets left for our theatre trip in March. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to see a live show for the BFG at a significantly reduced cost. If you haven't already done so, please make payment for this trip via compass (under clubs). This will be open until next Friday, after this time I will be sent back to the theatre for re-selling.

Don't forget, we use an online app called boom reader to record reading at home. We use this to monitor and track children's reading and we ask that parents log any reading that has been completed at home. The more children read, the easier all other learning becomes and we love celebrating regular reading with free books!

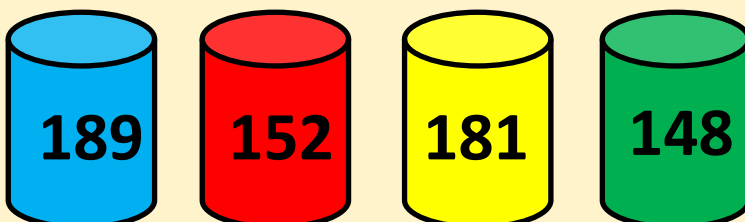
On Thursday 12th February, we will be holding a very special fitness day with skipping workshops happening across the school. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a skipping rope after school on this day to carry on with this fun exercise. All children will be required to wear their PE kits for this day.

Have a brilliant weekend

Mrs Broome

## House Point Totals

Well done to **St Mary's house** who were the winning house this week!



## Our School Lottery

Support our school and  
buy your chance to win  
here -

[https://  
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/  
lottery/school/st-marys-  
catholic-primary-school.](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school)

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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## SPRING 1 2026

MONDAY

YEAR TWO

TUESDAY

YEAR ONE &  
FOUR

WEDNESDAY

YEAR THREE &  
FIVE

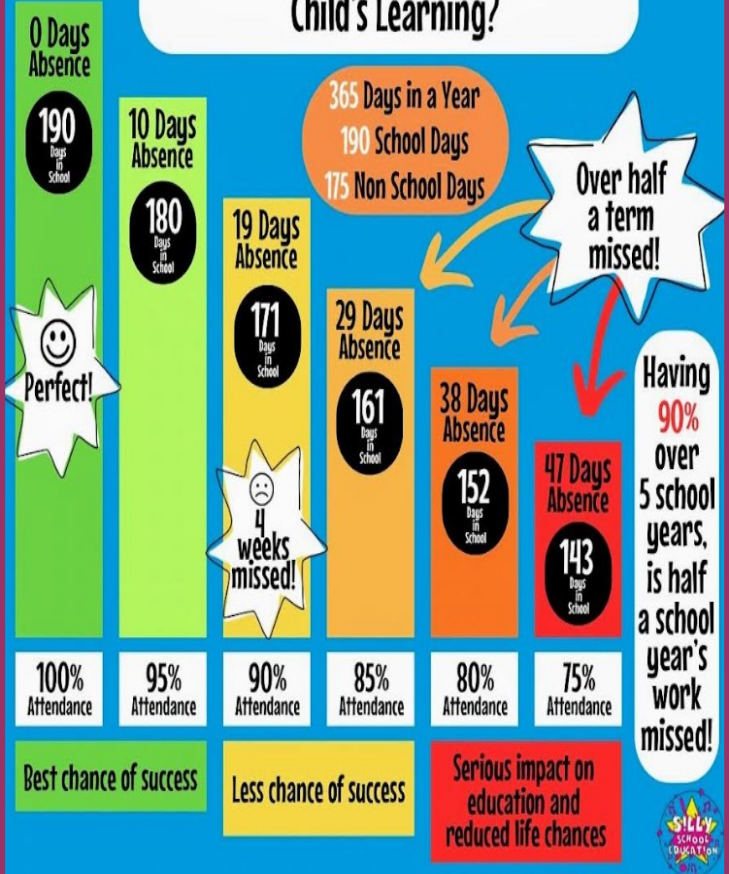
THURSDAY

EYFS &  
YEAR 6

FRIDAY

EYFS

## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



# Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **90.62%**

Unfortunately our system is down so there isn't any available data this week.

EYFS = **83.6%** 4 lates

Year 1 = **87.5%** 4 lates

Year 2 = **90.91%** 6 lates

Year 3 = **94.44%** 5 lates

Year 4 = **93.6%** 6 lates

Year 5 = **75.97%** 5 lates

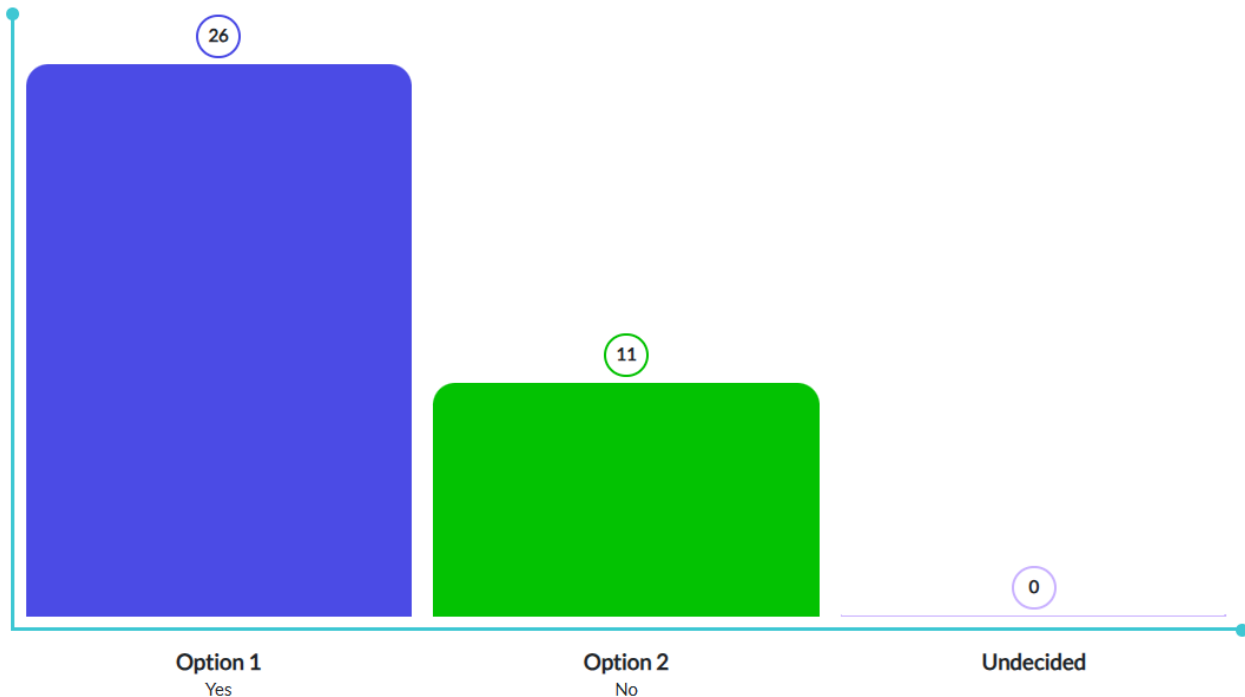
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We know that there are a lot of germs at the minute but we need to try and ensure this attendance and lateness improves!



# Our weekly debate

? Is it a good idea for the summer holidays to last for seven weeks?



Our weekly debate is an inclusive, modern approach to pupil voice that allows every child from age 4 and up to participate in democratic decision-making, rather than just a few elected representatives. We use digital tools to run fast, weekly, pupil-led class meetings, empowering students to directly influence school policies, clubs, and improvements.

## Key Aspects of our weekly debate:

- **100% Involvement:** Unlike traditional councils with one representative per class, our weekly debate ensures every student has the opportunity to discuss and vote on issues during regular class meetings.
- **Student-Led & Digital:** Meetings are led by pupils who use a digital platform to discuss questions and submit votes, creating an efficient, "paperless" and engaging process.
- **Action-Oriented:** The focus is on tangible outcomes. Student votes lead to real changes, such as new clubs, playground, equipment, or menu changes.
- **Skills Development:** Students build critical life skills, including leadership, democracy, oracy, debate, and accountability.

This approach ensures that student voice is not just heard, but actively acted upon, making the school a better place, while teaching children how to be responsible citizens.



Skipping Workshops

Dear Parents,

**Skipping Workshops held on Thursday 12th February 2026.**

I am delighted to inform you that we have invited Skipping Workshops to work with our school, teaching different skipping skills to every class.

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 3000 schools and are the longest most experienced company in the UK.

To help children & parents interested in encouraging skipping we have a series of brief videos that illustrate various skills & challenges <http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/videos/>

Their aim is to introduce modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground and into the PE curriculum.

The same high quality 'speed ropes' as used by the international team, will be available to buy or order using the form below for £6. The ropes are British made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are £7. Adult ropes are also available for taller children and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at £7 each, 4m 'family ropes' at £9 each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for £16.

Ropes will be on sale after school. Card and cash payments accepted.

**PRE ORDERS: Please put the correct cash in an envelope with your child's name, class and rope order on the front and hand it to your teacher.**

Ropes can also be purchased through our website [www.skipping-workshops.co.uk](http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Head teacher**

Name of Child:.....Class:.....

- ..... x children's speed rope £6
- ..... x children's SOLAR speed rope £7
- .....x adult rope £7
- .....x 4m family rope £9
- .....x Double Dutch ropes £16



GO ALL IN to reading  
with the **IW STORY FESTIVAL**

**DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
**Thurs 19 to Sat 21 February 2026**

Tickets are already on sale for the IW Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport.

Go to [iwstoryfestival.com](http://iwstoryfestival.com) or visit the Quay Arts Box Office in person to be part of the NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026.

Meet favourite authors like **KIERAN LARWOOD**, **EMMA CARROLL**, **PHILIP REEVE**, **LUCY STRANGE** and **JOSEPH ELLIOTT**. Buy books at the **MEDINA BOOKS** stall and read your way into a world of new adventures.

Be inspired, make time, get comfortable and Go All In...

**Not only authors but also story tellers, artists dancers and actors:**

Draw along with **Rob Biddulph** or **Jules Marriner**

Learn new moves with the **Shree Dance Academy**

Listen to tales of sea monsters and mermaids with **Holly Medland**

Laugh at the antics of the **Astrosaur**s with **Steve Cole**

Write your own poems with **Adam Gaterell**, **Kathryn Rossati** or **Lottie Begg**

Catch a Book Witch with **Coppice Theatre** or

meet the Pugs of the Frozen North with **The Foundry Group**.

Pick up a programme from Quay Arts, any library and many other locations, or scan here:



IF YOU **LIVE IT**, **READ IT**.

**GO ALL IN**



**THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE SHARING A STORY**

**[iwstoryfestival.com](http://iwstoryfestival.com)**

# FOSMA NEED YOU



We need your help to keep **FOSMA** a success, whether you can attend regular meetings, help plan an event, share ideas, spare us a few hours at an event or simply have a skill you can offer us, we would like to welcome you all.

Our aim, with your help, is to raise money through various events & activities for the fun things that the school may not have a budget for. Each & every penny we raise goes straight back into your child's school to benefit in some way.

The school belongs to your children & as their parents & carers we can do so much to enrich their school experience.

For further information, please chat to any of our members, or email:

**[fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk](mailto:fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk)**



**HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**





[BoomReader](#) is a digital reading record app that replaces paper diaries for tracking daily reading, allowing parents to instantly log books, notes, and progress on mobile devices. It enables, easy, instant, and secure sharing of reading progress with teachers, helps motivate children with virtual, rewards ("gems"), and eliminates lost or damaged paper diaries.

### Key Information for Parents

**How to Access:** Download the free [BoomReader Parents app](#) on iOS or [Android](#), or visit [boomreader.co.uk/parents](http://boomreader.co.uk/parents).

- **Getting Started:** Use the login details, including a school code/PIN, provided by your child's teacher to link your account.
- **Logging Reading:** Use the "+ log" button to record book titles, pages read, and add comments.
- **Benefits:**
- **Real-time tracking:** Teachers can see logs immediately.
- **Convenience:** Log on any device, anywhere.
- **Fun for children:** They earn gems for reading to build avatars.
- **Consistency:** Helps build a daily reading habit.
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**Support:** If you have trouble logging in, contact your child's class teacher for assistance

# Spring 1 after school clubs

<b>St Mary's Catholic Primary School</b> <b>After School Clubs – Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February</b> <b>All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated</b>	
<p><b>Your child will NOT be offered a place until payment in full has been received, together with a consent form, which contains important contact information for the club leader. All clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.</b></p>	
Monday	<p><b>Skateboarding</b> (KS2)            Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C  <b>Minimum 8. Starting 12th January (5 sessions). £24. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p> <p><b>Homework Club</b> (Yrs 2 - 6)            Run by school staff            Free to attend  <b>To book please go to your compass portal</b></p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p><b>Indoor cricket Club</b> (Years 1-6)            Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 7th January (5 sessions) £24.00</b>  <b>To book: <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/218">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/218</a></b></p> <p><b>Art Club</b> (Years 2-6)            Run by Portraits with Fleur  <b>Starting 7th January (6 sessions) £33.00. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p>
Thursday	<p><b>Football Club</b> (Years 1-6)            Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 8th January (5 sessions) £24.00</b>  <b>To book: <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/219">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/219</a></b></p>
Friday	<p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm  <b>Starting 9th January (6 sessions). £30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/152">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/152</a></b></p> <p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years 4-6) <b>4:00pm-5:00pm</b>  <b>Starting 9th January (6 sessions). £30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/156">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/156</a></b></p>

# Diary Dates 25-26

**NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED**

**Tuesday 12th February—Skipping workshops**

**Wednesday 25th February—Whole school Mass**

**Wednesday 18th March—Creative workshops**

**WB Monday 23rd March—Mission week**

**Wednesday 25th March—Rock Kidz**

**Thursday 26th March—KS2 Theatre trip**

**Wednesday 6th May—Whole school mass**

**WB Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week**

**WB Monday 1st June—Year 4 multiplication check**

**WB Monday 8th June—Phonics check week**

**Monday 22nd June—School closed—INSET day**

**Wednesday 22nd July—Whole school mass**

**We are having an issue with children being picked up late from school. Just a reminder that we have a school run after school club that runs until 5pm everyday.**

**If parents are consistently late to pick up their children, the children will be sent to this after school club located at our pre-school and parents will be charged for this time.**

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals?

To apply online please go to:

[www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2](http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2)

## **Medical Appointments & Leave of Absence Requests**

If your child has a hospital/dental appointment, please ensure you have notified the school office of the time and date and handed in a copy of the medical letter or appointment card.

Leave of absence request forms for holidays/funerals etc. are available upon request at the school office.



*We are a cashless school and only accept payments through Compass. Please contact the office if you need to set this up. Please use this service to pay for:*

*School dinners*

*After school clubs*

*Trips and visits*

## **Free parking!**

*Free parking permits are available from the school office for the local canoe lake car park.*

*We urge all parents that need to drive to and from school to use this service as parking around the school site is limited and our local residents still require access to their property at all times.*

# Families of Faith

† February †

## Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for this new day,  
For our family, our friends, and all  
the love around us.  
Thank you for the saints we  
remember this month,  
Who teach us to pray, be brave,  
and care for others.  
Help us to be kind, share our gifts,  
And shine your light wherever we  
go.  
Amen

## Saints to Inspire



### 14 February - St Cyril

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius helped teach the Slavic people about God and made the first Slavic alphabet called Glagolitic. They also translated the Bible so people could read it in their own language. Today, St. Cyril is remembered for helping people learn to read and for creating the Cyrillic alphabet.



### 10 February - St Scholastica

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, devoted her life to God and led a community of women. She is remembered for her deep faith and prayer, including a famous story where God sent a storm so she could spend more time with her brother.

## Good News from the Gospel



### Family Faith in Action

The feast of **Candlemas** is celebrated on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of February**. This day celebrates when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:22-40). Here are some ideas to do at home:

- Children could decorate candles with symbols of light (stars, suns, hearts).
- Light candles and talk about Jesus as "the Light of the World."
- Say a simple prayer: "Jesus, help us to bring your light to others."

### Week 1 - Matthew 5:1-12

We listen to the Beatitudes. How can you be a peacemaker?  
How can you promote peace at home or at school?

### Week 2 - Matthew 5:13-16

We think about how salt brings out the best things. What good deeds can you do today? How can you bring light to the world?

### Week 3 - Matthew 5: 17-37

Teaches us about following laws and commandments. What would you like to say sorry for? How can you show you are sorry?

### Week 4 - Matthew 4: 1-11

We have begun Lent and hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert. What are you giving up for Lent?

### National Inventors' Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Research an inventor. Find out more about what they created



### National Random Acts of Kindness Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Offer words of encouragement or make a donation to a local cause

### National Love Your Pet Day 28<sup>th</sup> February

Our relationship with our pets are part of our call to Stewardship. Genesis 1:25



# School dinner menu

**AUTUMN/WINTER  
2025 MENU**

**WEEK 1**

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	<b>OPTION 3</b>	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</b>						
<b>DELI</b>	<b>OPTION 4</b>	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>						
<b>DESSERT</b>		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱



**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings 🍷🍷



**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.



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Schools

WALL 10.2024

**AUTUMN/WINTER  
2025 MENU**

**WEEK 2**

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Battered Fish with Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱🍷	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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<b>DESSERT</b>		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack 🌱🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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	<b>OPTION 2</b>	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Spanish Vegetable Rice 🍷 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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Menu 18.2024

## Are you entitled to free school meals?

If you receive any of the following, you can claim free school meals and the school can access additional funding too!

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Support under part 5 of the immigration and asylum Act 1999
- Universal credit (with an annual net income of no more than £7,400)
- Child tax credit, provided the parent is not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190.
- Where a parent is entitled to working tax credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for working tax credit)

Registering for free school meals could raise an extra £1320 to fund valuable support like extra resources, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This is why it is so important to sign up!

We have forms to complete to make this happen, so please come and fill one in!

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School Uniform

### For all pupils:

Navy polo shirt with logo

Navy round neck sweatshirt

Navy cardigan

(Jumpers and Cardigans may be worn without a logo if wished. However, if you wish to you can purchase them from Kids and Co. with a logo or take the item bought elsewhere to Kids and Co. who for a small fee will add the school logo.)

Warm navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (not shiny or branded ones)

These items may be worn in warm weather but you always need to bring in the tracksuit bottoms so we can access the woods easily

Grey knee length skirt

Grey knee length pinafore

Grey shorts

Blue and white checked dress

White or grey socks / tights

Black shoes – the shoes need to be robust so that when the children are outside at lunch or break time as well as when outside learning their feet are supported. Ballet style shoes or ill-fitting shoes do not provide this support and should not be worn.

The shoes must be plain black with no decoration. They may be trainer styled shoes.

### PE Kit

School PE Logo top

Navy shorts/skorts

Plain black trainers (Please provide non-laced ones until your child is able to tie their own laces)

Navy tracksuit bottoms

Navy sweatshirt/hoody

### Hair

The children should wear their hair simply. This means no extreme haircuts including sculpting or shaved designs. No colour in hair. Hair bands and clips should be plain and small.

One small pair of earrings may be worn – if the child is not able to take them out they will be covered in tape during PE

**Temporary tattoos, make up, other jewellery, nail varnish and festival bands should not be worn at school.**

All uniform may be purchased from Kids and Co in Ryde - <https://www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk/>

Finally, please name all items. If you use pen to name the items, you will know that you need to write the name again several times throughout the year as it does wash out.



# School Development Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 29th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2025

# Community News

**Little Rockets Gymnastics Funday Adventure**  
Join Us at Cowes or Sandown!

Let's Get Moving!

**COWES**  
Sea Cadets, Whitegates, Artic Road,  
Cowes, PO30 5QT.

Dates: 8th April (Wed), 27th May (Wed),  
28th May (Thu), 12th August (Wed),  
19th August (Wed), 26th August (Wed),  
28th October (Wed), 30th December (Wed).

**SANDOWN**  
Fairway Sports Hall, The Fairway,  
Sandown, PO36 9EE.

Dates: 9th April (Thu), 13th August (Thu),  
27th August (Thu), 29th December (Tue).

**10am - 3pm**

★ Dress in comfortable gym clothes (leotard, shorts, t-shirt, joggers).  
- Book online at <https://little-rockets.classforkids.io>

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**FREE WEEK OF BASKETBALL**  
Every session we provide is *Completely Free*  
Just turn up and play

**OUR SESSIONS** **JANUARY**  
19th - 25th

**Primary School Ages**  
Tues @ Medina Leisure Centre 5:30-7:30pm

**Secondary School Ages**  
Weds @ Christ the King College  
U14 & Beginners 6:30-8pm  
14-18 7:30-9:30pm  
Thur @ West Wight Sport Centre  
11-18 5-6:30pm

**Adults**  
Tues @ Fairway/Bay CE Sport Centre 8-10pm  
Thur @ Fairway/Bay CE Sport Centre 7-10pm

**Womens**  
Tues @ Medina Leisure Centre 6:30-7:30pm  
Thur @ Fairway/Bay CE Sport Centre 7-8pm

For more info, check out:  
[www.iowbasketball.club](http://www.iowbasketball.club)  
[info@iowbasketball.club](mailto:info@iowbasketball.club)

**LADIES BASKETBALL SESSIONS**  
16+

**TUESDAY EVENINGS** **MEDINA LEISURE CENTRE NEWPORT**  
6.30PM-7.30PM

**THURSDAY EVENINGS** **FAIRWAY BAY CE SPORTS CENTRE SANDOWN**  
6.30PM-7.30PM

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

# Community News



**ALL TICKETS £5.50**

APOLLO THEATRE, NEWPORT

18th & 20th FEBRUARY

11am & 2:30pm

Tickets available from:

<https://booking.apollo-theatre.org.uk/>



QUAY ARTS CENTRE, NEWPORT

19th FEBRUARY

3pm

Tickets available from:

<https://www.iwstoryfestival.com/booking>

# Community News

**PSSC**  
Premier School Sport Coaching

## Half-Term SPORTS CAMP

16&17 FEBRUARY

AT DOVER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES



FOR AGES 5-11



**FOOTBALL**



**BASKETBALL**



**CRICKET**

**Cost: £FREE**

(if on income related Free School meals)  
Funded by the Department of Education  
- LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

OR

**£15 per day**

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February -**

Gym, Dance, and Cheerleading

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February -**

Team Sports including Football,  
Basketball, and Handball

For more information:

Email Andy Day -  
psscld@gmail.com or  
phone/text 07970009509

**Booking is ESSENTIAL -**  
Sign up today via the QR  
code or via the link below

<https://eequ.org/book/pssc-haf-fun-sports-and-football-at-dover-park-with-premier-school-sports-coaching-limited-16253>

### Why Attend

- MULTI-SPORT TRAINING
- EXPERT COACHES
- DEDICATED RELAXATION AREA.
- SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE



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**Priory School**  
of Our Lady of Walsingham  
A Place Where Every Pupil Belongs



From their First Steps...



# OPEN DAY

Thursday 5 February  
09.30 - 12.00



...to their Future Success

**Scholarships Available**

01983 861222 | [mail@priorschool.org.uk](mailto:mail@priorschool.org.uk)

**Here for you,  
when you need us**



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★ CURTAIN CALL CREATIVE ★  
PRESENTS



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL  
**JR.**

BOOK  
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC & LYRICS  
TIM MINCHIN

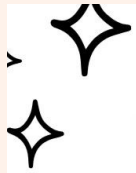
**TRINITY  
THEATRE**

**31ST JAN  
& 1ST FEB**

TICKETS ADULTS £15 CHILDREN £12

BOOK NOW AT: [curtaincallcreative.co.uk](http://curtaincallcreative.co.uk)

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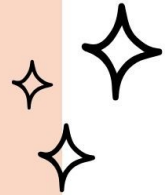


  
Isle of Wight  
Pottery

Starts Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan



## Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

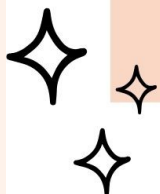


Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£108 for 6 weeks

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at:  
[www.isleofwightpottery.com](http://www.isleofwightpottery.com)



# Community News



**PARTY**  
*time!*



## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

EXCLUSIVE PARTY WEEKEND , MAX 50 CHILDREN

SATURDAY 10-12, 1-3PM AND 4-6PM £200

INCLUDED IN YOUR EXCLUSIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGE:-

BLACKCURRANT AND ORANGE SQUASH  
MUSIC

DIGITAL BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

ADDED EXTRAS

PARTY BAGS - £1 PER BAG

GLITTER TATTOOS - £25 PER HOUR

CAN BE PURCHASED ON CHECKOUT

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PARTIES

EMAIL [CLAIRE@ASPIRERYDE.ORG.UK](mailto:CLAIRE@ASPIRERYDE.ORG.UK)

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# Community News



**VALENTINE  
KIDS  
DISCO**

**SOFT PLAY  
ASPIRE  
&  
CAFE**

**1-11  
YEARS**

**£5  
PER  
CHILD**

**PHOTO ZONE**  
**PARTY GAMES**  
**SOFT PLAY**

**PRIZE FOR THE  
BEST  
FANCY DRESS**

**GLITTER  
TATTOOS**

**FEBRUARY 14TH  
SATURDAY | 3-5PM**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/FUDI](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/fudi)**  
**OR SCAN THE QR CODE**

**ASPIRE SOFT PLAY, DOVER STREET, RYDE**

The poster features a vibrant, colorful design with a pink and white background and a teal border. It includes a rainbow arching across the bottom, a central heart-shaped character with sunglasses, and a trail of red hearts. The text is bold and playful, with a QR code in the bottom right corner.

# Community News



## FEBRUARY *Food and Fun*

10am-2pm last entry 11am  
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday  
17/18/19th February

★ FREE Aspire Soft Play Session ★

This is a free activity for children in Reception to Year 6 who are entitled to free school meals.

👤 Parents/carers must stay with their child/children for the whole session.

📱 To book your FREE place, please scan the QR code or visit:

[eequ.org/book/aspire-soft-play-food-and-fun-with-aspire-15872](https://eequ.org/book/aspire-soft-play-food-and-fun-with-aspire-15872)

★ Places are limited, so booking is essential!



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TRINITY BUILDING  
RYDE  
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## Toileting Workshop

We are here for every step of your child's journey, especially when they are learning new skills such as using the toilet or potty. This workshop contains tips and guidance as your child begins to navigate this important part of their development.



- ❖ 2-hour sessions
- ❖ Face-to-face and online sessions available from:  
24/02/2026 – 27/02/2026
- ❖ For parents of children aged from 12 months

★ We are delighted to have Sunni from ERIC (The Bowel and Bladder Charity) delivering these sessions.



To book a free place on any available workshop, use the link or QR code.

[Isle of Wight Family Centres Events - 18 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to accommodate children at the face-to-face sessions.

