



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



6th November 2025

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Celebration of the word

This week, we will learn about Matthew 5:1-12a, known as the **Beatitudes**, is a foundational passage from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that outlines the path to true happiness and the character of those who belong to the Kingdom of Heaven. It presents a radical, counter-cultural vision of blessedness that is realized through humility, mercy, and a deep reliance on God, rather than worldly success.

Dear families,

The first week back has been amazing! Not only have the children come back settled and ready to learn, we have also has some fantastic activities happening across the school.

On Tuesday, Year 5 spent the day in London and visiting some brilliant museums and immersing themselves in the culture and History to make their classroom learning come alive. The children had a brilliant time and I am sure they created memories that they will cherish.

On Wednesday we were visited by Richard de Carpentier, who talked to the children about the importance of physical exercise and how determination and hard work can lead to success. The children loved seeing his awards and medals too!

Today we had the Creative team in, showing children the awe and wonder of parkour! We started the day with a whole school assembly then following this with a full scale workshop for each class. The children have learned all about the safety needed to perform such dramatic skills and how practice and determination is key.

Thank you to those parents that have worked with us to make our mornings more learning centered by pre-booking children's lunches via compass. This really does make the classrooms and office run more efficiently each day so please continue to do this everyday.

Moving forward, more and more of our activities will be added to compass so the app is crucial to stay up to date with everything.

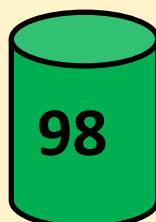
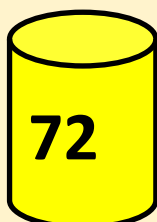
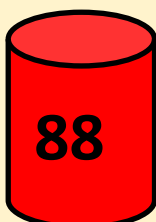
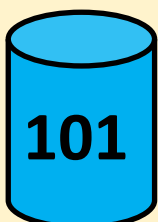
Just a reminder to book parents evening slots if you have not already competed this. When you open the compass app, at the top there should be a box that says conferencing. If you click on this it should take you to the booking page.

Have a wonderful 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 -

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

AUTUMN 1 2025

MONDAY

YEAR TWO

TUESDAY

YEAR THREE & EYFS

WEDNESDAY

YEAR ONE & FIVE

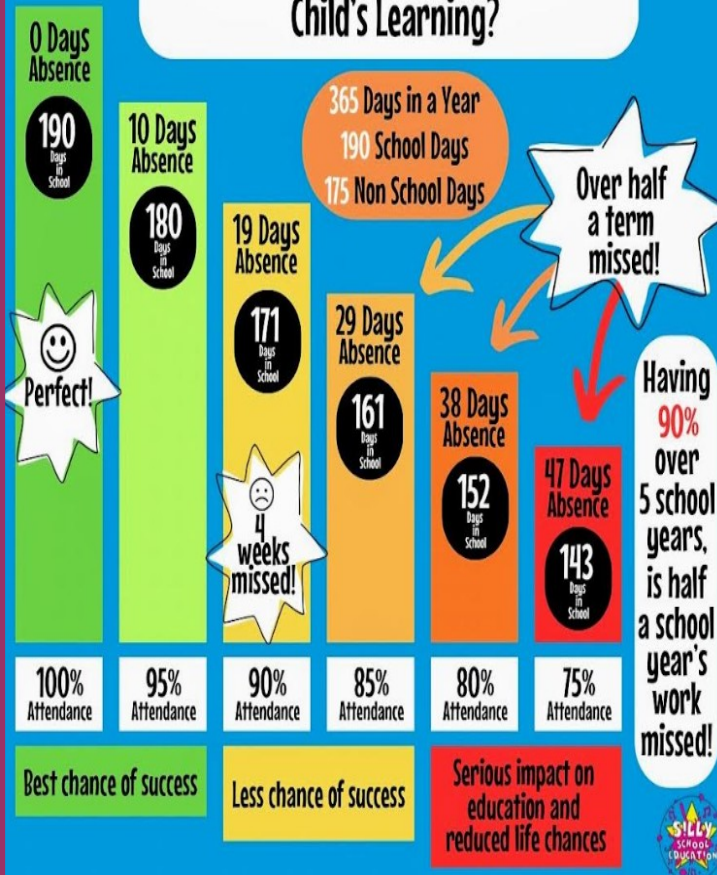
THURSDAY

YEAR FOUR & SIX

FRIDAY

EYFS & YEAR ONE

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **90.6%**

EYFS = 97% & **2 lates**

Year 1 = **77%** & **4 lates**

Year 2 = **82.5%** & **6 lates**

Year 3 = **90.4%** & **4 lates**

Year 4 = **99.2%** & **4 lates**

Year 5 = **96.5%** & **1 late**

Year 6 = **98.8%** & **2 lates**

Well done **Year 6!** Great work!



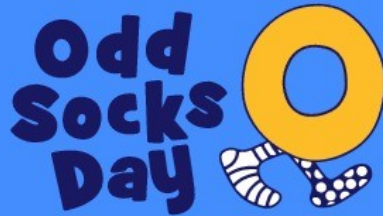


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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

**Any of your teachers or Mrs Broome
or Mrs Skelley**

**#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#PowerForGood**



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



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We will be taking part in world diabetes day and turning St Mary's Blue! Please wear blue mufti clothes and make a small donation for this important charity.

Diary Dates 25-26

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Friday 14th November—Go Blue day in aid of Diabetes

Friday 21st November—School photograph day

Wednesday 3rd December—whole school mass—parents invited

Monday 8th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance (PM)

Tuesday 9th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance (AM)

Wednesday 10th December—KS2 singing at the church.

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

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

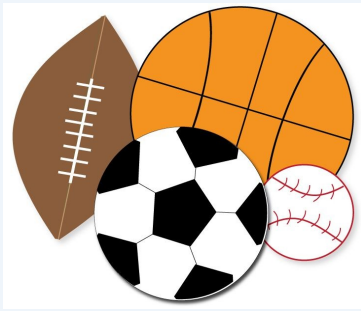
After school clubs

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.



Exciting Sports news!



England Rugby Star Visits St Mary's!

We had a very special visitor at St Mary's on Wednesday — England Rugby star Richard de Carpentier, who came to share his career journey and experiences as a professional rugby player.

Our Year 6 and EYFS pupils were especially lucky to get a close look at (and even hold!) Richard's winning medals.

A huge thank you to Richard for taking the time to visit us and inspire our children with his stories, determination, and love for the game.



Message from our Pre-school:

This week we have been in to the Forest bug hunting . We found slugs , woodlice and worms

Reception came down and we all sang songs to each other

We have been hiding and making dens . Some of us even turned in to Dinosaurs!

This week we have been looking at the number 5.

We are all very tired but Mrs Hitchcock is looking forward to next half term as we have lots of fun things planned



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
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	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
	OPTION 2	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 🌱
	OPTION 3	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 🌱🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	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 🌱
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		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

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**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
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	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
	OPTION 2	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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DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack 🌱🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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	OPTION 2	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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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



Family Assist
Solent



Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

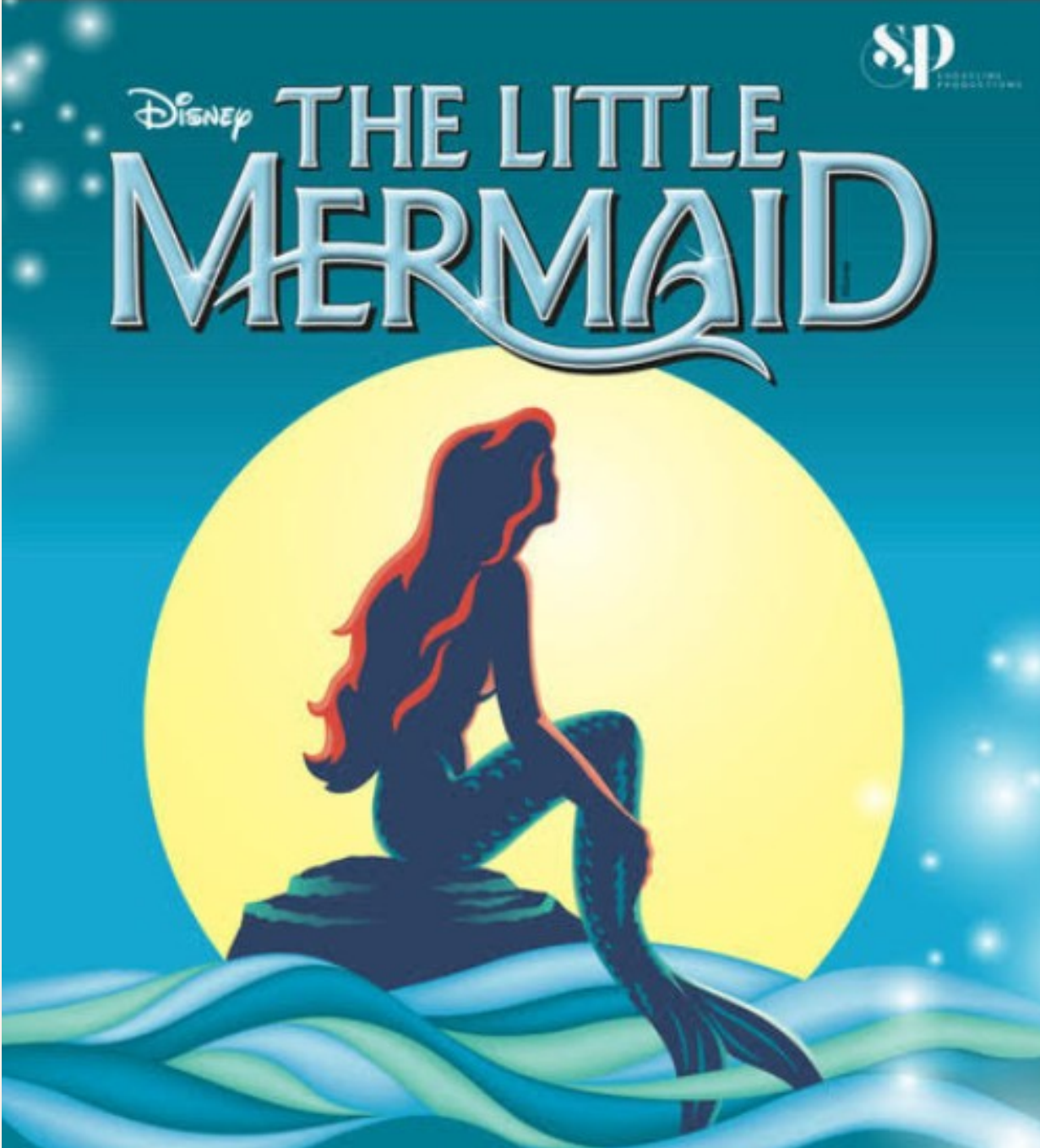
Please see Family Assist for additional support information.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on **0300 123 5224**



Community News



The poster features a central illustration of Ariel, the mermaid, sitting on a rock and looking out at the sea. She has long, flowing red hair and a blue mermaid tail. The background is a deep blue with a large, bright yellow sun or moon behind her. The water is depicted with stylized, wavy lines in shades of blue and green. The overall aesthetic is classic and whimsical.

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by ALAN MENKEN **Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER** **Book by DOUG WRIGHT**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

13 - 16 NOV 2025 SHANKLIN THEATRE

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

Community News

Christmas Drive-in Cinema 2025

Robin Hill Country Park

Friday 12 December

The Muppet Christmas
Carol | 6:30pm

Die Hard | 9pm

Saturday 13 December

Elf | Midday

Home Alone | 3pm

Love Actually | 7pm

Sunday 14 December

The Polar Express | Midday

How The Grinch Stole
Christmas | 3pm

The Holiday | 7pm

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FREE GIRLS CRICKET TRAINING SUNDAYS

Starting Sunday 9th November

**AT
THE BAY SPORTS HALL
3-4PM (U11 GIRLS)
4-5PM (U13/U15 GIRLS)**



**IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME ALONG TO THESE SESSIONS
PLEASE CONTACT KIM 07368937817**

Community News

LIGHT UP IOW YOUTH THEATRE



BEGINNERS CLASS RYDE

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- DRAMA GAMES
- IMPROVISATION AND CHARACTER WORK
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LOTS OF CREATIVE FUN

IDEAL FOR ANYONE WANTING
TO TRY DRAMA OR
DEVELOP THEIR DRAMA SKILLS



Starting Tuesday
11th November
Weekly 6pm-7pm
Ages: 6+
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£6 per class



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a free trial

Email: donna@lightupdrama.org.uk for more information