



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



11th September 2025

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Celebration of the word

Jesus explains that, like a snake Moses lifted up in the desert, He must also be "lifted up" on a cross so people can believe in Him and live forever. God sent Jesus to save the world, not to judge or condemn it, because He loved the world so much. **John 3:13-17**

Dear families,

What a busy week! Lots of learning has taken place and there is a real buzz around school with children excited to share their progress and success. Please speak to your children about their learning and what they are proud of.

This week year three and four started a very exciting project with the Diocesan choir. Each week, the children will work on their musical and performance skills and hopeful we will be able to share their efforts with you late on in the year.

Next week, I need your help! We have been discussing with children the importance of having screen free time to improve mental health and wellbeing and to improve social interactions with others. I am asking for parents when they are on school site to put their phones away and ask children to talk more! We need a whole community effort to make sure this happens.

Just a reminder that for PE earrings should be removed or taped up prior to children coming into school. Long hair should also be tied up.

We are excited to share that we will be working with the Mental health support team again this year. We have organized workshops for children throughout the year and we want to organize some parents workshops too! We will be holding a parent meet and greet with the team on Monday 6th October at 8.45am and hope lots of you can join us.

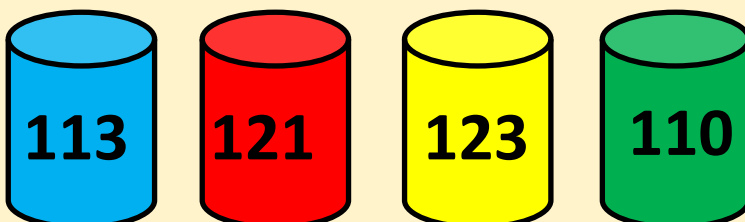
Next Friday is our Harvest Mass and as always parents are welcome to join us. This will start at 9.15am.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St David'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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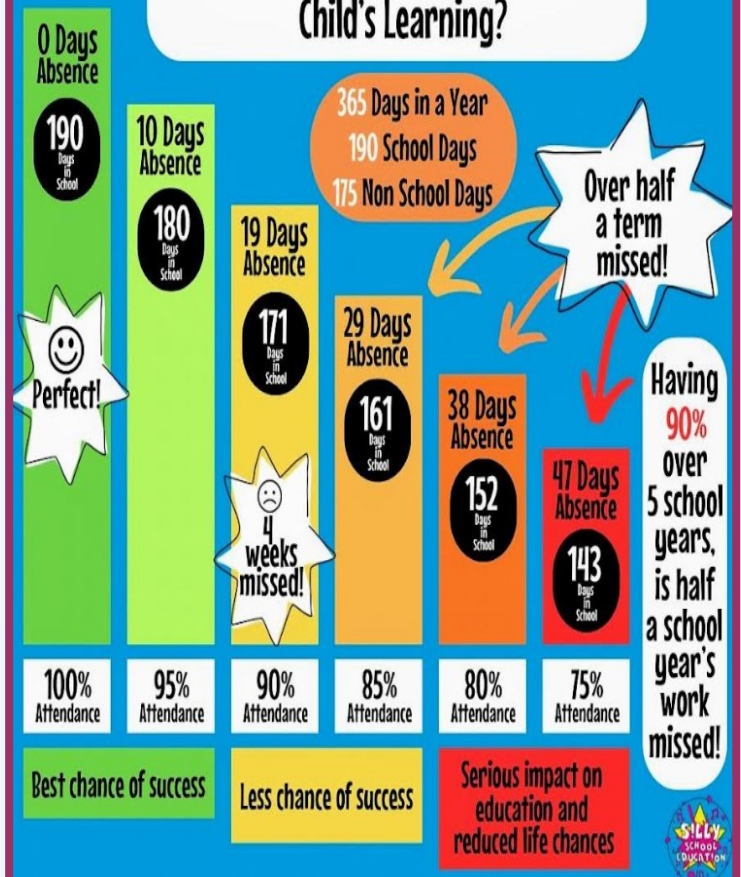
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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 **91.9%**

EYFS = 98.4% & 4 lates

Year 1 = 85% & 3 lates

Year 2 = 78.2% & 3 lates

Year 3 = 88.2% & 3 lates

Year 4 = 93.4% & 4 lates

Year 5 = 89.2% & 6 lates

Year 6 = 98.8% & 1 late

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





WELCOME TO OUR



PHONE-FREE



SCHOOL!



At St Mary's, we believe in:



Talking and playing
with friends



Focusing on
learning



Using imagination
and creativity

Enjoying the
world around us



“More smiles, less screens!”



Parents, please leave your phones
at home whilst on school site.



Together, we make our school a happier, healthier space!

Diary Dates 25-26

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Friday 12th September—Year 6 parents meeting @8.30am

Friday 26th September @ 8.45—Harvest Liturgy and parent cafe—all parents welcome. Donations of dry/ tinned food needed for Aspire.

Monday 29th September - Development day - School closed

Monday 6th October—8.45am—Mental health support team coffee morning -all parents welcome

Friday 10th October—Go Yellow day—Mufti day for the Hospice.

Monday 20th October - Half term starts

**Monday 3rd November - Back to school
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.

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.

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

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

Chartwells
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
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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HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🌱	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread 🍷 🌱	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	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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DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake 🌱	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly 🌱

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Chartwells Schools

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

MUSIC LESSONS FOR KIDS AND FUN

Help Your Child With:
Confidence
Concentration
Self Discipline
Better School Grades



Want to play the Trumpet or learn the Trombone,
French Horn, Euphonium, Clarinet, Flute?

- Instrument provided, lessons **only £1 a Week!!**
- **Sundays 9:30am - 11am at Nine Acres Primary School**
- **Call Now** to book your 4 **FREE** Lessons



We have a dedicated Brass Music Instructor
Gareth Balch
Dedicated Woodwind and Percussion instructors



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EMAIL - MEDINAMARCHINGBAND@GMAIL.COM

Community News

Christ the King College

Year 6 OPEN EVENING

Thu 18th September 2025 5.30pm - 7.30pm



 Carisbrooke College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Monday 29 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Please join us for

- a short presentation, repeated at 5.15, 6.00 and 6.45 pm
- tours of the school
- opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- Subject demonstrations

Please visit our website for more details: www.carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk



 Medina College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Meet our students, talk to our staff, tour the school and see our curriculum in action!

Tuesday 23 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

www.medina.iow.sch.uk



 Lift Ryde

Lift Ryde Open Evening

October 8th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Parent Presentations 4:30pm and 5:30pm

