



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



11th September 2025

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Celebration of the word

Luke 14:25-33. Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Dear families,

We have had a brilliant start to the Autumn term and are really excited for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone for being in school and on time, this really does allow all children to ensure they are ready for learning each day. I am also impressed with how smart everyone looks in their uniform and the pride they have in being part of St Mary's.

Year 5 started this year with a bang with three days of sailing and learning some new skills. Well done to everyone that took part in these action packed days.

I would like to welcome all of our new families this year, not just in our reception class but across the school. We still have a few spaces left in some year groups so please keep spreading the word on how wonderful St Mary's is and that we offer a high quality education for all.

I would also like to welcome some new staff members too. Mrs Ranson has joined us to lead PE lessons and to improve our overall sports and exercise offer at St Mary's. Miss Newman has also joined us in Year 2 with Mrs Moore whilst Miss Rose is on maternity cover. I am sure you will get to know our new members and make them feel welcome.

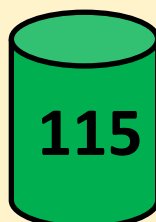
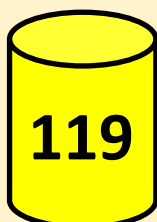
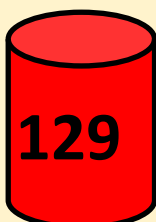
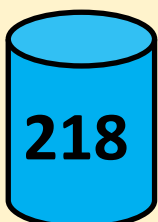
Thank you for being patient whilst we swap over to our new system with Compass. We are nearly there with the initial set up and I promise you it will all be worth it once everything is completed. Having all information in one place will make everything easier in the future. If you have managed to download the app and log in successfully, please can you make sure you have completed all of the personal information about your child so we have this logged in our system. If you are still having issues, please let us know.

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 -

[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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Other School News

Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 20 July 2025)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	18 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
	06 November 2025	6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 31 st October 2025	Year 6 Open Month
	3 November 2025 – 8 December 2025	6 th Form Open Month
Island Free School	11 October 2025	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	23 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	8 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening
	19 November 2025	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	4 October 2025 7 February 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	2 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	13 November 2025	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	23 September 2025	4.30-6.30pm Open Evening
	15 November 2025	10-2pm Open Day
	10 January 2026	10-2pm Open Day
	7 March 2026	Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

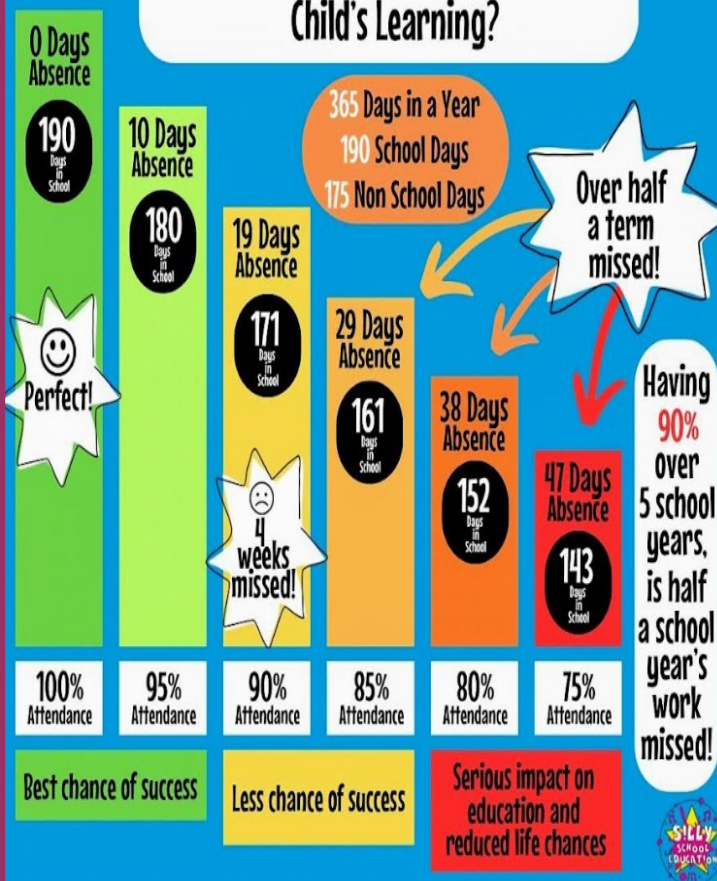
- Please note St George's School is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.

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 **94%**

EYFS = 100% & **2 lates**

Year 1 = 90% & **8 lates**

Year 2 = **80.2%** & **8 lates**

Year 3 = **89%** & **6 lates**

Year 4 = 91% & **6 lates**

Year 5 = 97% & **7 lates**

Year 6 = 100% & **2 lates**

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



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

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.

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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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School dinner menu

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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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

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

