



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



21st July 2025

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Dear families,

It is so wonderful that we are celebrating the end of the year and all that we have achieved together. Lots of trips and visits, Rock kidz, wellbeing day, picnics, fundraising and OFSTED to name a few of our positive activities. None of these would have been possible without our wonderful staff and children and your support. St Mary's is a truly fantastic place to be!

Yesterday we had our leavers mass with Father Steven. It was wonderful to share this special moment as a whole school and celebrate this academic year together.

Tomorrow is our final day with our year six children and I am really looking forward to the leavers assembly. We hope that year 6 parents can join us for this special event.

After school tomorrow, FOSMA will be selling ice creams and lollies at the front of the school for 50p. They have also requested that if anyone wants to donate second hand uniform so that we have a second hand sale, where people can grab a bargain ready for September. Any donations can be dropped off in the office first thing tomorrow.

I have added to this newsletter the new PE days for September for all year groups. Please make sure you know what day your child needs to wear PE to school.

The development days have also been scheduled and included in this newsletter so you know when the school will be closed next academic year.

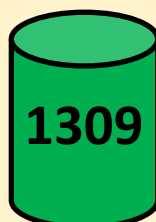
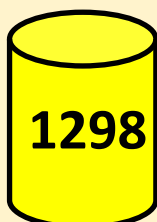
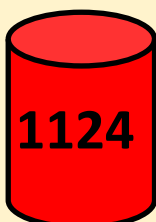
Please take time to look at all of the brilliant summer holiday activities that are on offer that can keep your little ones entertained a little or no cost. Don't forget, the library have a brilliant reading challenge to keep their minds busy too.

Have a brilliant summer holidays.

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

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



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

AUTUMN 1 2025

MONDAY

YEAR TWO

TUESDAY

YEAR THREE & EYFS

WEDNESDAY

YEAR FOUR & FIVE

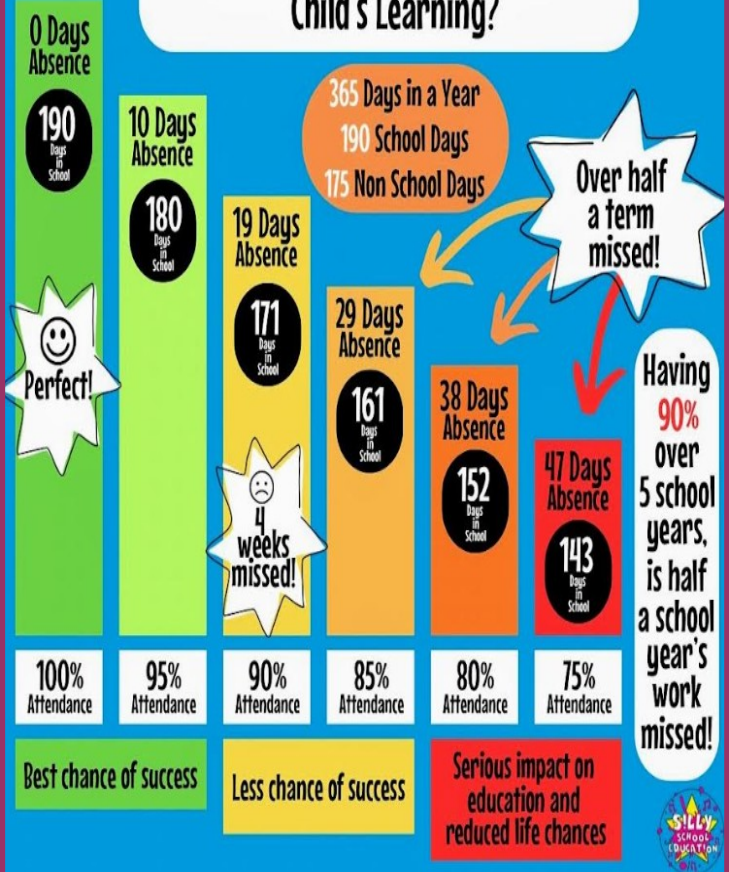
THURSDAY

YEAR ONE & 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 **93.5%**

EYFS = **88%** & **4** lates

Year 1 = **93%** & **7** lates

Year 2 = **90%** & **6** lates

Year 3 = **97%** & **4** lates

Year 4 = **95%** & **4** lates

Year 5 = **97%** & **1** late

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

Well done **Year 5!** Great work!



Diary Dates 25-26

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Monday 1st September 2025—School closed development day

Tuesday 2nd September 2025—School closed—development day

Wednesday 3rd September 2025—All children back at school

October half term—20th October—31st October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025—children back to school.

Friday 19th December 2025—Last day of Autumn term

Christmas holidays—22nd December—4th January 2026

Monday 5th January 2026—School closed—development day

Friday 13th February 2026—last day of term

February half term holiday—14th—22nd February 2026

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.

A goodbye...



Goodbye from Mrs Beiser, Miss Atkins and Miss Cotton



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to St Mary's Preschool and Primary school at the end of the summer term and all moving on to new ventures.

We have all worked at St Mary's Preschool for many years and have enjoyed every minute of working with all the children and families that have attended St Mary's.

Thank you to all the families that have made our time at St Mary's so special.

We all wish everyone the best in the future and will miss you all very much.

School dinners!

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 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

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5 hours of fun
EVERY day!

10am - 3pm

Inclusive
football for ALL
abilities!

Only £15 a day

Special Discounts!

5 days only £67!

Sibling Discount
available!

Have questions or
would like more
information?

Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com

07594 389531

**SANDOWN
SOCCER**

Children are welcome to come for one day or
for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the
week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school
year, dates and your name to 07594 389531

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f Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

Week 1: 28th July - 1st August

Week 2: 4th - 8th August

Week 3: 11th - 15th August



10AM - 3PM

Mini-Soccer
camp for children. Aiming to
provide a **fun** and **enjoyable**
environment whilst **developing**
and **improving** players
footballing ability!

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

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Dear Parents and Carers of St Mary's Catholic Primary School,

We're delighted to share that **Light UP Youth Theatre**, a leading Hampshire-based performing arts charity, is expanding to the **Isle of Wight this September** — and we're kicking things off with **two exciting themed workshops this August** for young people aged 7–16.

Led by experienced theatre practitioner **Donna Steele**, our new Light UP Isle of Wight branch will offer inclusive, high-quality drama classes designed to boost confidence, creativity, and collaboration in young people of all abilities.

SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOPS



"Marvellous Mischief: A Dahl-ightful Drama Day"

For Ages: 7–11

Date: Tuesday 19th August

Time: 10:00am–4:00pm

Show Back: 3:30pm

Location: The Department, Ryde

Details: A magical day of drama where characters from across Roald Dahl's stories collide in a wildly imaginative mash-up. Students will explore devising, improvisation and physical theatre — all culminating in a performance for families.

"Isle of Fright: Drama from the Dark Side of the Island"

For Ages: 12–16

Date: Tuesday 26th August

Time: 10:00am–4:00pm

Show Back: 3:30pm

Location: The Department, Ryde

Details: Inspired by the Isle of Wight's own spine-tingling folklore, this day invites students to explore haunting local myths through storytelling, movement, and devised theatre, ending in a powerful parent performance.



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Early Bird Rate: £25 for the day if booked by 31/7

Full Price: £30 (if booked after 31/7)

Sibling Rate: £25 (if adding on a second child booking)

Spaces are limited and early booking is advised.

Bookings can be made at: <https://www.lightupdrama.org.uk/iow-2025-summer-workshops>

☐ **COMING THIS AUTUMN — WEEKLY CLASSES LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 2025**

Our full programme of **weekly youth theatre classes** will begin in Ryde this September for ages 7–16, offering a supportive space for students to explore drama, develop skills and create exciting performances.

Families who attend our August workshops will receive a **priority booking window and exclusive discount** for September term classes.

We look forward to meeting lots of prospective students over the summer in our introductory workshops and please don't hesitate to get in contact if you have any further questions.

Warm regards,
Donna

Donna Steele

Franchise Manager – Light UP Isle of Wight

☐ Donna@lightupdrama.org.uk

☐ www.lightupdrama.org.uk/iow-2025-summer-workshops

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Two-hour course in a playground environment

bikeability

ROAD SAFETY

CYCLE TRAINING

FOR AGES 8 TO 11

PRICE INCLUDES
£10
per rider
CERTIFICATE AND BADGE

- Bikeability level one
- Tuesday 5 August 2025
- 10am to 12 noon OR
- 12.30pm to 2.30pm
- Bring a bike, helmet and the ability to ride
- Leisure Medina, Fairlee Road, Newport, PO30 2EW

Where will it take you?

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Reserve a place via

✉ sports.unit@low.gov.uk



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RLTCC Summer Holiday and Food Programme



August Programme Dates:
Week 1: Monday 11th - Friday 15th
Week 2: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

SPORTING AND
NUTRITIONAL
ACTIVITIES,
ACCOMPANIED WITH
A HOT MEAL

10:30AM - 2:30PM

15
Funded Spaces Per
Day

Places are limited.

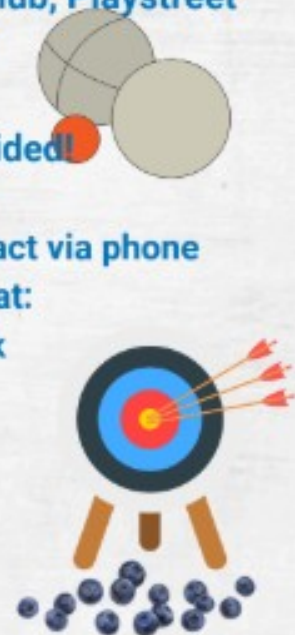
To book a place and find out more please scan the QR code below.

Ages 8yrs -
12yrs

Venue: Ryde Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Playstreet Lane, Ryde, PO33 3LJ

Rackets and Equipment Provided!

If you have any questions, please contact via phone (07909681007) or email us at: emma@beachhouseiow.uk



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All ages welcome

Tuesday 5th August
10-11.30am
Newport Family Hub
PO30 2AX
01983 529 208
Joined by smoke free Island

Monday 11th August
10-11.30am
West Wight Family Centre
PO40 9XH
01983 529 208
Joined by Blair from Youth Trust

AUGUST 2025



SUMMER POP IN AND PLAY SESSIONS

Come and join us for fun activities and an opportunity to speak to our Barnardos team

Thursday 14th August
10-11.30am
Ryde Family Hub
PO33 2JF
01983 617 617
Joined by smoke free Island



Monday 18th August
10-11.30am
Ventnor Family Centre
PO36 9EQ
01983 408 718
Joined by Sarah from
Department for Work
and Pensions

Painting

Books

Tuesday 26th August
10-11.30am
Cowes Family Centre
PO31 7ET
01983 529 208
Joined by smoke free Island

Playdough

Water play

BARNARDOS

Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



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WHAT WE OFFER



For more information please visit

www.iowfamilycentres.org.uk or scan the QR code:



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Summer FREE EVENTS

every Wednesday in August:
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Eastern Gardens 11am - 3pm

Join us for some fun, FREE activities!
There will be something different going on every week;
expect something new everytime!

Live Music

Face Painting

Garden Games

Carnival Fun

Craft Sessions

Bike Coding



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Summer Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Dover Park Primary School

Dover Street, Ryde PO33 2BN

Booking is Essential please use this link

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

Or use this QR Code



Monday 4th & 18 August
Tuesday 5th & 19th August
Wednesday 6th & 20th August
Thursday 7th & 21st August
Friday 8th & 22nd August

Cost: £FREE

(if on income related Free School meals) – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

Funded by the Department of Education
OR
£15 per day

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

The activity days are for children at primary school to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training.

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink

Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.

Suncream, hat or warm clothing for outside activities



For more information

Email Andy Day – pssc ltd@gmail.com or
phone/text 07970009509

R E A D I N G

Help your child discover the joy of reading this summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge** in Isle of Wight Libraries is a FREE fun-packed way to keep children reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow!

Why Join?

- It's FREE! Available in all island libraries
- Earn a medal and certificate and other fun rewards
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read over the summer, which can really help with reading motivation and enjoyment. Any type of book counts!
- The main challenge is for children aged 4 and over, but there's a mini-challenge for little ones, too.
- Libraries have loads of things for grown-ups, too, so come as a family and enjoy the library together.



The challenge starts on Saturday 5 July.
Visit your local library to get started.

Help your children start their reading adventure today!

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THE WIGHT STROLLERS
Fundraising

THE WIGHT STROLLERS
SUMMER
FUN DAY

ROOKLEY VILLAGE HALL & SPORTS FIELD

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

11AM - 4PM

ARENA - DOG SHOW - KIDS ACTIVITIES - FREE PARKING

GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT.....ADULTS £2 - KIDS FREE

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NEW FOR SUMMER 2025!
CARNIVAL SQUAD

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Adults, children, families, dancers and non dancers, you are all invited to join the new and exciting ALL STARS DANCE STARS inclusive carnival performance squad 2025!

Join us on parade at carnivals, festivals, gigs and more!

FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE NOW
[Bookwhen.com/allstarsdancestars](https://bookwhen.com/allstarsdancestars)



BOOK NOW
Limited spaces available

For more information call Kelly on **07968828137**



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Art Classes



**6 WEEK COURSES AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

AIMED AT 9 – 16 YEARS

Lunch Included in the Café at Monkton Arts

A Public Exhibition At the End Of The 6 Weeks

Groups of no more than 10

Experienced Art Leader In Childcare & Art Therapy

UPCYCLED — FRIDAYS

(25th July, 1st Aug, 8th Aug, 15th Aug, 22nd Aug, 29th Aug)

Each week we will work in the Acons Gallery at Monkton Arts to Upcycle a different waste material into a product or installation

CREATE DAY — SATURDAYS

(26th July, 2nd Aug, 9th Aug, 16th Aug, 23rd Aug, 30th Aug)

Each week we will work on a different art skill or craft to produce a final piece or product for the exhibition

INSPIRE ME — TUESDAYS

(29th July, 5th Aug, 12th Aug, 19th Aug, 26th Aug, 2nd Sep)

A 6 week course inspired by the artists in the studios at Monkton Arts. Focusing on a different medium and individual style. We will then use this inspiration to produce a final piece for public exhibition in the final show.

LUNCH AND MATERIALS INCLUDED

MA
MONKTONARTS



£35 A DAY, OR

£180 (£30 A DAY) FOR A

6 WEEK COURSE, OR

£495 (£27.50 A DAY) FOR 3 X

6 WEEKS COURSES

11AM — 3.30PM

LUNCH AND MATERIALS INCLUDED



11 EAST STREET, RYDE PO33 1JP BOOK BY EMAILING MONKTONARTS@GMAIL.COM OR CALL: 07490486356

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Drop-in Sessions For parents of Early years children with emerging



SEND

Please scan the QR code for
more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop
in session, designed to provide support, advice,
and a chance to connect with other parents and
carers.

We often have Occupational Therapists and Speech and
Language Therapists available to offer specialist advice.

10th September- Newport Family Centre

17th October- Sandown Family Centre

7th November- Ryde Family Centre

9th December- Newport Family Centre

9.30am - 10.30am or

10.30am - 11.30am



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NATUREZONES



Wise Owl
Summer Holiday Club
8yr - 14 yrs

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

Dates:

**August: Thur 7th, Fri 8th,
Wed 13th, Thur 14th, Wed 20th,
Thur 21st, Thurs 28th.**
HAF free, non-HAF £20



Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



SUMMER OF SEWING! KID'S PROGRAMME



- 20 AUG** MAKE A PURSE 10:00-12:00 £15
- 20 AUG** MAKE A TOTE BAG 13:00-15:00 £18
- 27 AUG** MAKE A PHONE CASE 10:00-12:00 £15
- 27 AUG** INTRO TO THE SEWING MACHINE 13:00-15:00 £15
- 30 AUG** FAMILY SEWING WORKSHOP 13:30-15:00 FREE

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SUMMER OF SEWING! KID'S PROGRAMME



- 30 JUL** FASHION DESIGN WORKSHOP 14:00-15:30 £10
- 06 AUG** INTRO TO THE SEWING MACHINE 10:00-12:00 £15
- 06 AUG** MAKE YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK IN FABRIC 13:00-15:00 £10
- 13 AUG** MAKE A CUSHION 10.00-12.00 £18
- 13 AUG** FLOWER PRINTING 13.00-14.00 £15

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Follow MHST on Facebook for
upcoming workshops and support



mental
health
support
TEAM

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RYDE MEAD TENNIS CLUB,
CHURCH LANE, PO33 2NB

CHILDRENS* TENNIS LESSONS

THURSDAYS @ 1545 & 1645

SATURDAYS @ 0900 & 1000

Ages 5-9 & 9-14
Booking essential

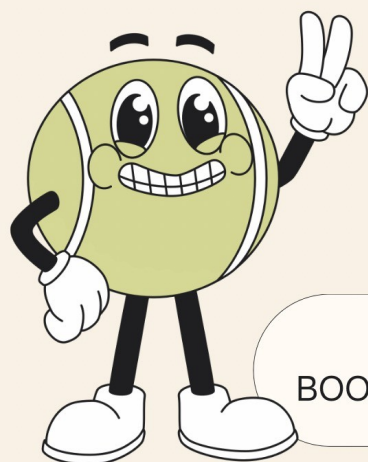
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ISLAND TENNIS COACHING



TODDLERS! LET'S PLAY TENNIS



MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS
0930

AGES 2-5
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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School of Performing Arts

CLASSES

CLASSES AVAILABLE FROM 18 MONTHS - ADULTS

- TAP
- YOGA
- MUSIC
- DRAMA
- STREET
- BALLET
- SINGING
- MODERN
- ACROBATICS
- PARENT & ME



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