



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



22nd May 2025

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Celebration of the word

Jesus' prayer is that we know the name of God as our holy and righteous Father. Our worship this week helps children to understand that our faith unites us as one body and one spirit by the one hope by which we are all called

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. **John 17:26**

Dear families,

I cannot believe that we have completed another action packed half term!

A huge thank you to the FOSMA team for organizing last weeks sponsored bounce. We have raised a large sum of money (over £800) that will be spent directly on supporting and enhancing children's learning at St Mary's.

This week Year six enjoyed their visit to Westridge Golf center to learn a new skill. It was fantastic to see the children really embrace this activity and support each other.

Tomorrow is our very special celebrating difference day. Please be as different as you want to be, anything goes.....crazy hair, bright clothes or keeping everything the same if you love your uniform and look! All we ask is for a donation to keep adding to the funds to support learning. Events like these mean so much to the children and mean that we can continue to support other events and trips throughout the year.

Year 1 and 2 have been very busy practicing for their big sing this week and are sounding amazing! This is all in preparation for the big sing event at Carisbrooke castle in June, where the St Mary's children will be the youngest competitors!

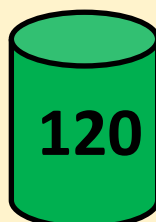
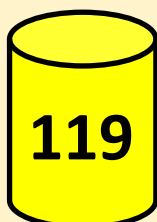
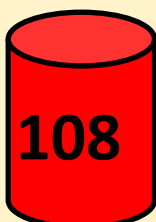
Don't forget, next week is half term and school will be closed. Children will return to school on Monday 2nd June. Please continue to read with your children over half term as this really helps them to continue to practice, especially our Year 1 children who will be carrying out the phonics screening check after half term.

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)

LIVE LOVE BELIEVE

Other School News

Please can you send in any outstanding sponsored bounce money in a named envelope.

Many thanks

Supporting your child to manage anxiety.

SESSION THREE FOR PARENTS

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
The MHST is offering parent-led sessions to provide you with skills to help support your child with their anxiety.

What we will be covering:

- What is worry?
- The two types of worry
- Techniques to manage worry more effectively
- Calming and grounding techniques
- Closing reflections



Location: St Mary's Primary School
Date: Wednesday 4th June 2025
Time: 2:00-3:00pm

If you are interested in this workshop,
please speak to your school's
Designated Mental Health Lead, Mrs
Broome.

**mental
health
support**
TEAM

There is a new government focus on school attendance and are enforcing new rules for children who are absent or that have holidays during term time. This is in place from September 2024. We will be monitoring attendance and lateness everyday and will contact families where we are concerned.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

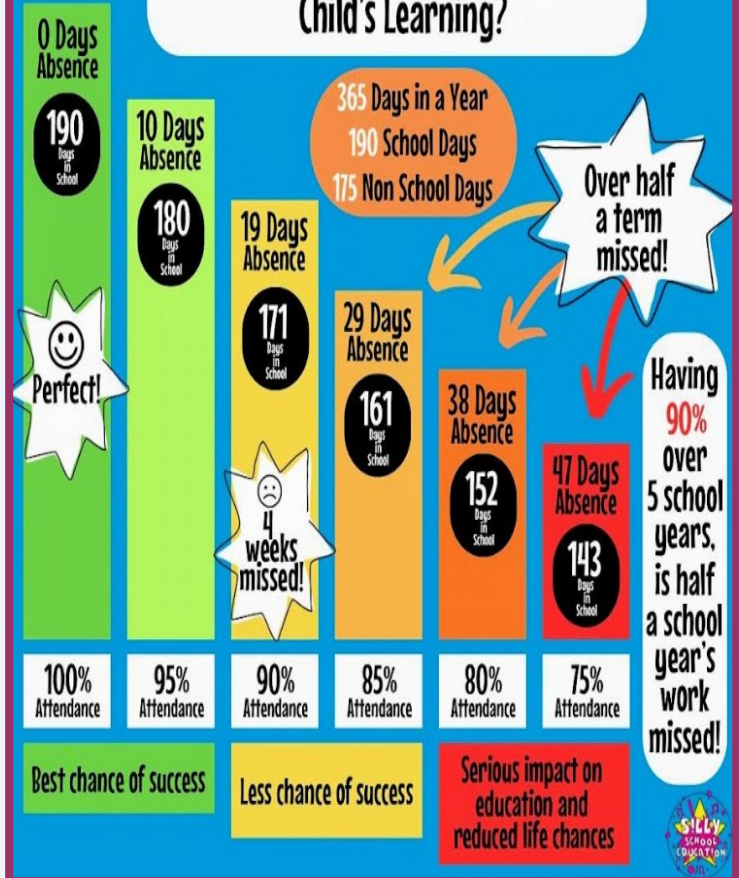
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SUMMER TWO

MONDAY	YEAR SIX & WOODLAND ROOM
TUESDAY	YEAR FOUR
WEDNESDAY	EYFS & YEAR THREE
THURSDAY	YEAR FIVE & YEAR TWO
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 = **95%** & **6** lates

Year 1 = **97%** & **6** lates

Year 2 = **96%** & **4** lates

Year 3 = **91%** & **4** lates

Year 4 = **89%** & **5** lates

Year 5 = **96%** & **5** lates

Year 6 = **98%** & **10** lates!!!!



Well done **Year 6!** Great work—but work on those lates!



Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half term—
school closed

Monday 2nd June—Sea safe day for Years 5 & 6

11th—13th June—Year 6 residential

Sunday 6th July—St Mary's Mass @ the church—11am

Tuesday 8th July—whole school transition day

Tuesday 8th July—Teddy bears picnic—New EYFS
parents (3.30—4.30pm)

Monday 14th July—Reports out to parents

Tuesday 15th July—EYFS/KS1 sports day (1.30—
2.30pm)

Wednesday 16th July—KS2 sports day (1.30-3pm)

Thursday 17th July—New parents visiting EYFS (3.30—
4.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd July—Whole school mass @ 9.15am

Friday 25th July—last day of term and Year 6 leavers
assembly.

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.

Scopay by  TUCASI
Online Payments

We are a cashless school and
only accept payments through
Scopay. Please contact the
office if you need to set this
up.

Please use this service to pay
for:

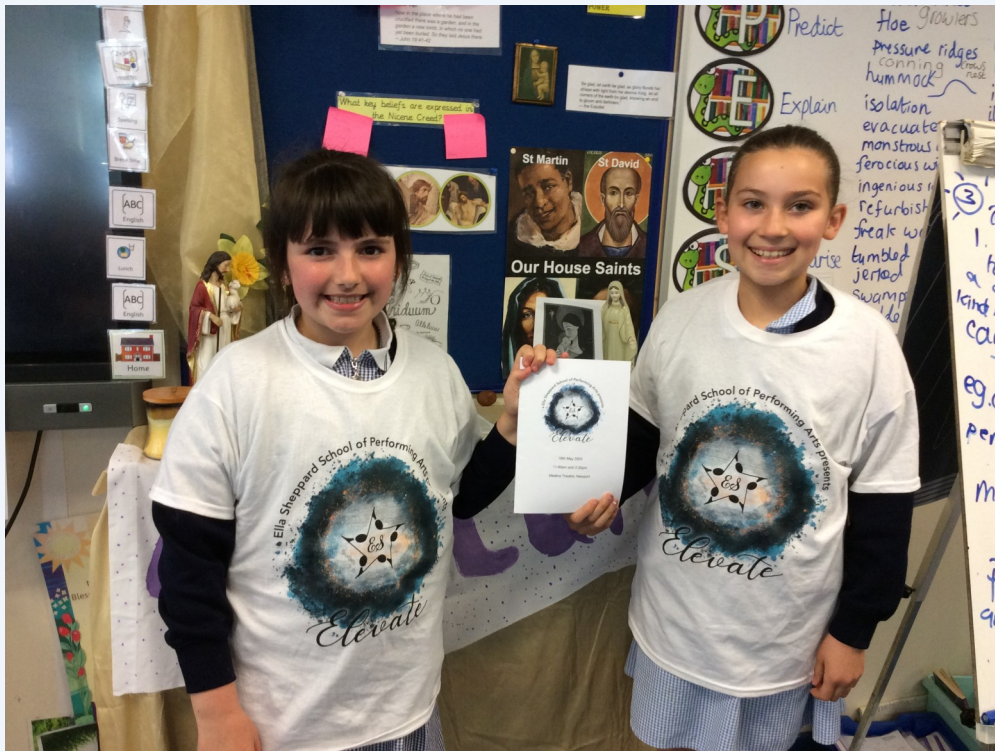
School dinners
After school clubs
Trips and visits

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 celebration



Review: 'Elevate' – A Stunning Showcase of Talent at Medina Theatre

On Sunday 18th May, the Medina Theatre came alive with energy, creativity, and talent as students from the Ella Sheppard School of Performing Arts took to the stage for their spectacular show, Elevate. Featuring a diverse program of ballet, tap, modern, acrobatics, street, yoga, singing, and drama, the performance truly celebrated the versatility and hard work of students from across the island.

Each piece was delivered with passion and professionalism, showcasing not only technical skill but also the joy and dedication that goes into every rehearsal. From graceful ballet to high-energy street routines, heartfelt drama to powerful vocal performances, the audience was treated to a vibrant and uplifting evening of entertainment.

We are incredibly proud of every student for their outstanding work both on and off stage – Elevate was a shining example of what can be achieved with commitment, teamwork, and a love for the performing arts.

Huge congratulations to the St Mary's primary school students who joined us on the weekend, we are very proud of them!

SUMMER 2 CLUBS 2025

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
 After School Clubs – Monday 2nd June– Friday 18th July 2025 (no clubs last week of term)
 All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated

Your child will NOT be offered a place until payment in full has been received, together consent form, which contains important contact information for the club leader. All clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p>Art Club (Years 2-6) Run by Portraits with Fleur Starting 4th June (7 sessions) £38.50. To book please go to ScoPay</p>
Thursday	<p>Football Club (Years 1-6) Run by LJR Coaching Minimum 5 children. Starting 4th June (7 sessions) £31.50 To book, please go to ScoPay</p>
Friday	<p>Skateboarding (KS2) Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C Starting 6th June (7 sessions). £42. To book please go to ScoPay</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Llama Drama (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm Starting 6th June (7 sessions). £35. To book https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/116</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Llama Drama (Years 4-6) 4:15pm-5:15pm Starting 6th June (7 sessions). £35. To book https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/118</p>

School dinner menu

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025,
08/09/2025, 29/09/2025



		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta 	BBQ Chicken Served with Rainbow Rice	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Battered Fish Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Broccoli and Leek Tart 	Macaroni Cheese 	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie 	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Banoffee Pie	Strawberry Ice Cream	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Chartwells
Schools

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! 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.

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025,
15/09/2025, 06/10/2025



		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette 	Cheese Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Cake 	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit 	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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Schools

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School dinner menu

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 3				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Chilli No Carne With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Flapjack	Peach and Ginger Pudding	Oatie Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Oily Fish
 Wholegrain
 Fruity!
 Nutritionist's Choice

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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 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Community News



Interested Playing Cricket ALL STARS AND DYNAMO CRICKET SESSIONS

AT

Ryde Cricket Club,

Harding Shute, (just after the Tesco Roundabout)

All Sessions are delivered by a DBS Checked and ECB qualified coaches.



ALL STARS CRICKET provides a fantastic first experience for **all** children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. Please book via this link or search Ryde Cricket Club All Stars on the ECB Website. <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/3619b432-d049-4b71-b66f-98ba2ec56bd0?venue=rydecc>

Day: Every Wednesday starting 7th May for 8 weeks finishing 25th June.

Time: 4.30pm – 5.15pm.

Venue: OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DYNAMOS CRICKET - provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars **Cricket** and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport! Please book via this link or search Ryde Cricket Club Dynamos on the ECB Website – Girls only course - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/6f94f3cd-40ff-4f4b-a43d-6215979ccfdc?venue=rydecc>
Mixed Course - <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/2e670769-dc25-4fc4-94da-cbe17b082eb2?venue=rydecc>

Day: Every Wednesday starting 7th May for 8 weeks finishing 25th June.

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Venue: OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



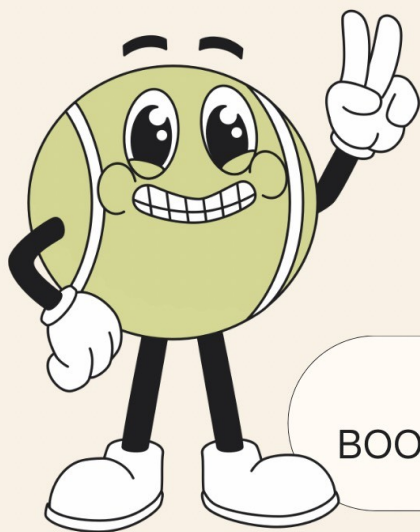
Junior Cricket Training -NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

We are looking for new players, **Boys and Girls teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups**. Training every Friday at Ryde Cricket Club. U11 and Girls (all age groups) 5.00-6.00pm and U13, U15 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Please contact Andy Day on 07970009509 or email andyday77@live.co.uk for more information or check our Facebook page.



TODDLERS! LET'S PLAY TENNIS



MONDAYS &
THURSDAYS
0930

AGES 2-5
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ISLANDTENNISCOACHING](https://bookwhen.com/islandtenniscoaching)

RYDE MEAD TENNIS CLUB,
CHURCH LANE, P033 2NB

CHILDRENS TENNIS LESSONS

THURSDAYS @ 1545 & 1645

SATURDAYS @ 0900 & 1000

Ages 5-9 & 9-14
Booking essential

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ISLANDTENNISCOACHING](https://bookwhen.com/islandtenniscoaching)



Community News



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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Community News



Naturezones

Wise Owl Holiday Club

8 - 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.

Half Term 29th May 10am - 1.30 pm

£5 (bring packed lunch)

Funded by Heritage Lottery

MUST BOOK - Limited places

Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



Community News

★ CURTAIN CALL CREATIVE ★
PRESENTS

nickelodeon.

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

YOUTH EDITION

MEDINA THEATRE

MAY 26th at 4pm
27th at 6:30pm

TICKETS - ADULTS £17.50 - CHILDREN £15.50
includes theatre booking fee

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