



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



9th May 2025

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Celebration of the word

This week we continue to celebrate that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through a role play about a wayward sheep, children will think about whose voice they choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish..." **John 10:27-28**

Dear families,

It has been a very busy week at school with lots of exciting learning taking place.

Next week is SATs week for year six and they have all worked incredibly hard in the run up to these government assessments. Parents in year six, please make sure you have a relaxing and positive weekend so that the children are ready for Monday morning.

I sadly need to remind families that the carpark is for staff use only. We continue to have parents that drive in and out at the beginning and end of day, which causes an increase risk to children entering and leaving the site. Please come and collect a free parking ticket for the boating lake carpark and share a lovely walk with your children before and after school. Tickets can be collected from the office for you to display in your car.

I apologise for the confusion of the school photographs. For some reason there were two dates in the diary for this. Photographs will take place on 19th May.

Next week (Wednesday afternoon) we welcome back the mental health support team who will be running workshops for parents who have children with anxiety. All are welcome to attend from 2pm.

Next Friday is our sponsored bounce and you should have received a sponsor form. Please raise as much as you can. Every penny of this goes straight back into the school pot so we can continue to offer extra things to our children to enhance their learning and experiences.

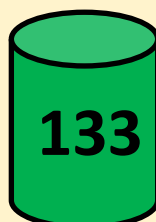
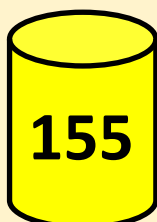
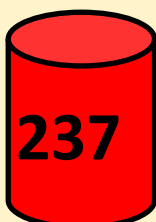
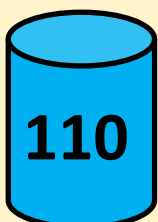
As the sun continues to shine, can you make sure that you apply sun cream before children come to school and that your child has a sun hat and a water bottle in school at all times. If you feel your child needs to reapply sun cream during the day, they need to be able to do this themselves, with their own sun cream that has been labelled with their name. We will support children with this but we will not apply the sun cream for children.

Have a brilliant weekend,

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St Josephine'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

FOSMA has organised a sponsored bounce to take place on Friday 16th May! This will involve children taking part in a bouncing session on mini trampolines to raise money for the school. Sponsor forms have been sent home so please raise as much as you can.

Supporting your child to manage anxiety.

SESSION ONE 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:

- How children learn to think/feel
- Avoidance & maintenance in anxiety
- Reassurance - Helping or hindering?
- Being curious about my child's anxiety
- How to map out your child's anxiety



Location: St Mary's Primary School
Date: Wednesday 14th May 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.

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SESSION TWO 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:

- Independence
- Rewards
- Step-by-Step Approach
- Predictions vs Outcomes
- Unplanned experiments



Location: St Mary's Primary School
Date: Wednesday 21st May 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

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

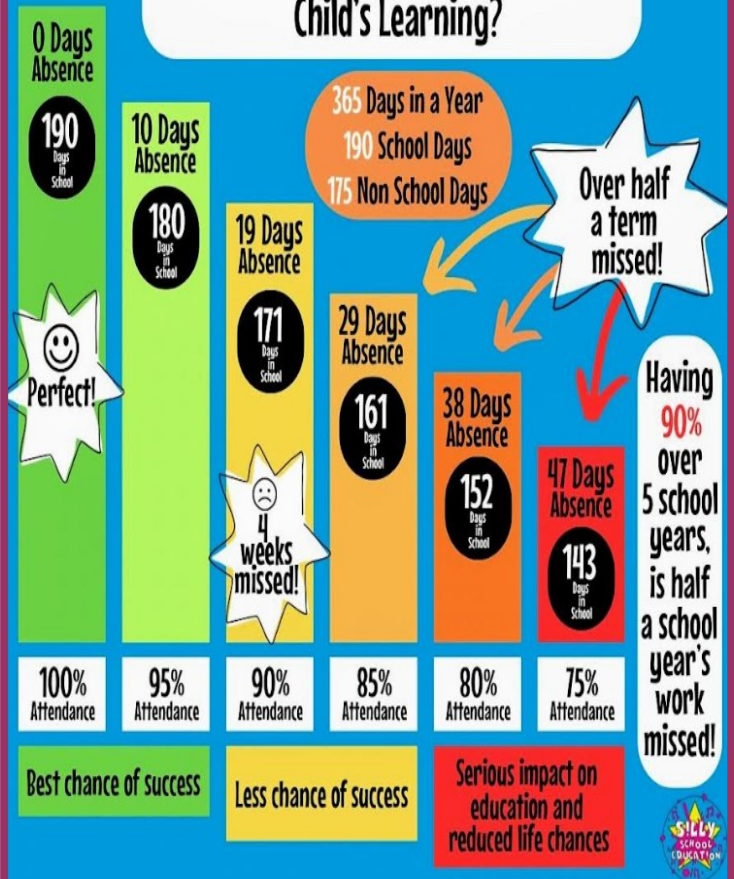
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SUMMER ONE

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 **94%**

EYFS = **94%** & **1 late**

Year 1 = **96%** & **0 lates**

Year 2 = **94%** & **3 lates**

Year 3 = **93%** & **1 late**

Year 4 = **94%** & **2 lates**

Year 5 = **97%** & **0 lates**

Year 6 = **98%** & **1 late**

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



Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

WB Monday 12th May—Year 6 SATs week

Friday 16th May—Sponsored whole school bounce

Monday 19th May—Whole school photo

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.

SUMMER CLUBS 2 2025

After School Clubs – Tuesday 22nd April– Friday 23rd May 2025
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	<p>Spanish Club (KS2) Starting 28th April (3 sessions),£12 To book, please go to ScoPay</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Homework Club (KS2) Starting 28th April (3 sessions) £6. To book, please go to ScoPay</p>
Tuesday	<p>Cricket Club (Years 1–6) Run by LJR Coaching Minimum 5 children. starting 22nd April (5 sessions) £22.50 To book, please go to ScoPay</p>
Wednesday	<p>Tennis Club (Years 1-6) Run by LJR Coaching Minimum 5 children. Starting 23rd April (5 sessions) £22.50 To book, please go to ScoPay</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Art Club (Years 2-6) Run by Portraits with Fleur Starting 23rd April (5 sessions) £25. To book please go to ScoPay</p>
Thursday	<p>Football Club (Years 1-6) Run by LJR Coaching Minimum 5 children. Starting 24th April 5 sessions) £22.50 To book please go to ScoPay</p>
Friday	<p>Skateboarding (KS2) Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C Starting 25th April (5 sessions). £30. To book please go to ScoPay</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Llama Drama (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm Starting 25th April (5 sessions). £25. To book https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/101</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Llama Drama (Years 4-6) 4:15pm-5:15pm Starting 25th April (5 sessions). £25. To book https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/92</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

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With a choice of toppings

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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