



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



25th April 2025

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## Celebration of the word

This week we are celebrating our ongoing friendship with the risen Jesus. Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, children will learn that they can trust Jesus to provide for their needs – because He loves them!

Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." **John 21:5-6**

Dear families,

It is so lovely that the sun is shining and we can finally enjoy extended learning outside!

Year three are really enjoying their swimming lessons and are focusing on balance and developing their gross motor skills whilst having great fun!

Year five continue with their sailing sessions this week, where their focus is on learning about water safety and improving their team work and communication skills.

Year six are working hard on ensuring they are ready for the upcoming SATs, which will begin on 12th May. These are vital for the children to experience to ensure they are ready for secondary school and to show off all of their hard work this year. Please make sure that children continue to practice what they have already learned at home. This will alleviate any last minute nerves.

We held another session for EYFS parents this morning, where we discussed the transition to Year one and the importance of reading during this summer term. If you couldn't make the sessions but would like some more information, please let Mrs Knight know.

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.

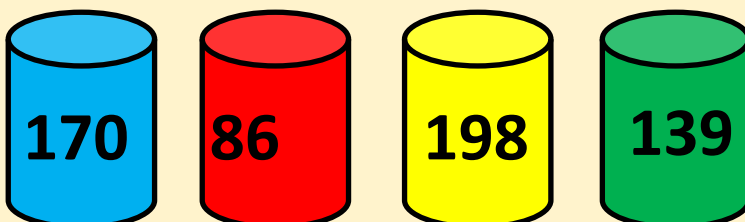
Don't forget that next Monday is a bank holiday and school will be closed. We will open again on Tuesday 6th May. Gates will open at 8.20am.

Have a brilliant long 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 -

[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 will be sent home soon!

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Supporting your child to manage anxiety.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

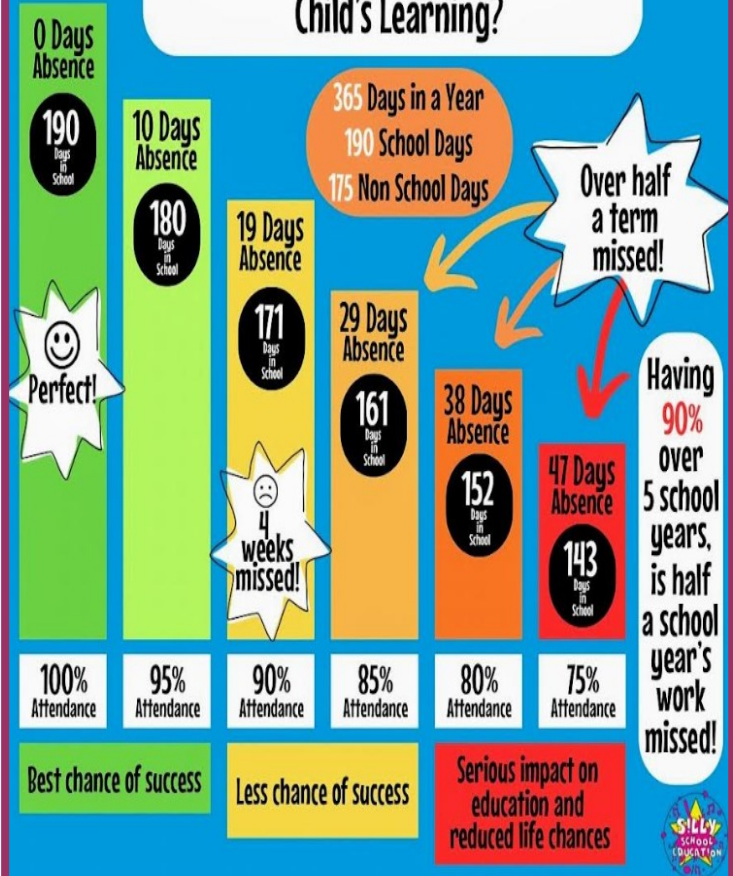
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

# 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 **94.6%**

EYFS = **93%** & **1 late**

Year 1 = **97%** & **0 lates**

Year 2 = **95%** & **2 lates**

Year 3 = **90%** & **1 late**

Year 4 = **94%** & **1 late**

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

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

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



# Diary Dates 24-25

**NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED**

Friday 2nd May—Mufti day cakes for Randonnee

Tuesday 6th May—Class photos

Wednesday 7th May—Whole School Mass @9.15am

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

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

Wednesday 23rd July—Whole school mass @ 9.15am

Friday 25th July—last day of term

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

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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