



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



4th April 2025

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Celebration of the word

Inspired by Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, this week's Celebration of the Word invites children to consider the Jubilee theme of 'Care for Creation' through exploration of the truth that Jesus came to re-store creation.

He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out...

John 11:43

Dear families,

As we head towards the Easter holidays, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have learned this half term and how excited they were to share this with you during parents evenings. We love to celebrate progress and achievements with our families and continue to strengthen that important community bond so that our children get the best education possible. Thank you to those families that attended the meetings with teachers and for supporting us with continuing to help children learn at home.

This week, staff received some brilliant training, all about understanding dyscalculia to ensure barriers to learning are removed. Did you know that on average, 2 children in each class could be dyscalculic? But that with practical strategies, they can find maths easier. By continuing to develop staff knowledge and skills, we can ensure children grow to love maths and gain the skills to solve problems effectively.

We were also very lucky this week to have Stories in the Dust theatre group join us for an amazing live performance for the whole school, followed by some workshops. It really was an awe and wonder moment to watch live performers that made stories come alive!

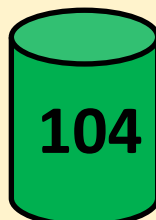
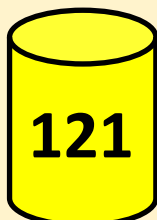
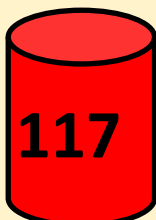
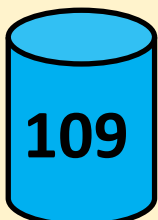
We have so many exciting events happening in the Summer term, so please continue to read this newsletter and our facebook page for information about what is still to come.

Have a wonderful Easter break!

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/
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LIVE LOVE BELIEVE

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...

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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

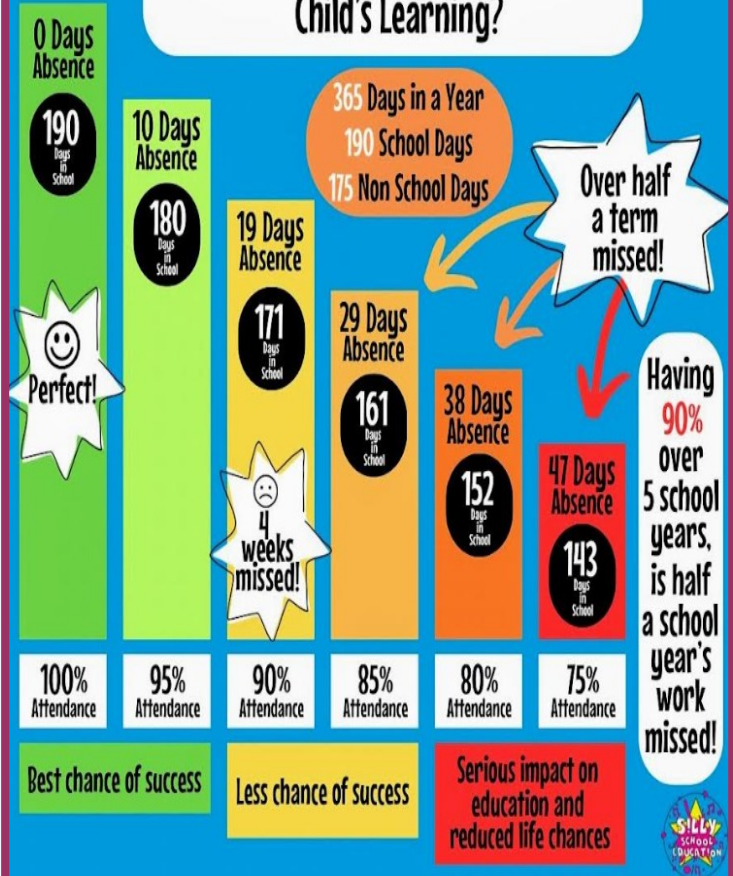
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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 **91%**

EYFS = 92% & 9 lates

Year 1 = 89% & 5 lates

Year 2 = 96% & 16 lates!!!

Year 3 = 91% & 6 lates

Year 4 = 91% & 2 lates

Year 5 = 92% & 2 lates

Year 6 = 96% & 4 lates

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



Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Tuesday 22nd April—Year 3 Swimming Starts

24th and 25th April—Year 4 residential

Thursday 1st May—Sailing Yr 5 visit

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

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

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