



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



15th January 2026

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## Celebration of the word

This week, we learned about Matthew 3:13-17, Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist, a pivotal event marking the start of Jesus' public ministry, revealing the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), and signifying Jesus' identification with humanity to "fulfil all righteousness," with the Father's voice affirming Jesus as His beloved Son as the Spirit descends like a dove. John initially resists, feeling he should be baptized by Jesus, but Jesus insists, stating it's necessary to fulfil God's will

Dear families,

Its been a very busy week at school again, with lots of learning taking place.

Apologies that we have not had capacity to keep the main office open. Mrs Kettle is now back with us so the office will be open and operating normally from today. New families should now receive their compass log in and be able to order dinners, pay for trips etc.

I would also like to welcome all of the new families that have joined us! We hope that your educational journey with us at St Mary's is a positive one and that you are enjoying being part of the St Mary's community.

We still have some spaces in some year groups so please keep spreading the word of how amazing our school is. The more children we have in our school, the more opportunities we can offer everyone.

A plea from our EYFS team, we are wanting to revamp our provision over half term and are looking for some donations in order to achieve this. If you have any spare or unwanted items at home that you would be happy to donate, we would be extremely grateful. In particular, we are looking for items such as:

Cutlery and utensils (tongs, wooden spoons, sieves, colanders)

- Plates, bowls, cups (China or metal preferred)
- Floor rugs
- Wicker baskets or storage baskets
- Other home role-play resources (aprons, old phones, computer keyboards)
- Empty notebooks or writing pads

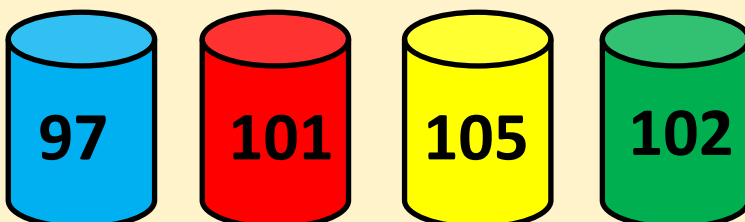
All donated items should be clean and in safe, usable condition.

Please don't feel any pressure to contribute — this is entirely optional — but any donations would be very much appreciated and will be put to great use by the children.

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)

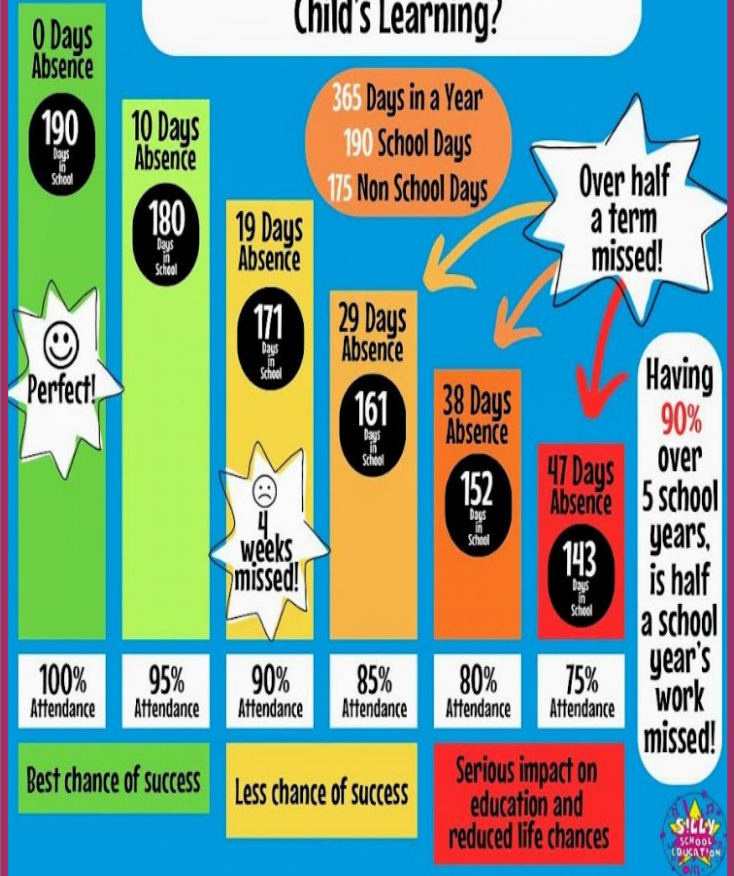
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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SPRING 1 2026

MONDAY	YEAR TWO
TUESDAY	YEAR ONE & FOUR
WEDNESDAY	YEAR THREE & FIVE
THURSDAY	EYFS & YEAR 6
FRIDAY	EYFS

## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



# Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **91.08%**

Unfortunately our system is down so there isn't any available data this week.

EYFS = **76.26%** 5 lates

Year 1 = **73.75%** 6 lates

Year 2 = **85.11%** 5 lates

Year 3 = **87.5%** 6 lates

Year 4 = **96.5%** 5 lates

Year 5 = **84%** 3 lates

Year 6 = **98.8%** 6 lates

Well done Year 6 Great work!



# Spring 1 after school clubs

<b>St Mary's Catholic Primary School</b> <b>After School Clubs – Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February</b> <b>All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated</b>	
<p><b>Your child will NOT be offered a place until payment in full has been received, together with a consent form, which contains important contact information for the club leader. All clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.</b></p>	
Monday	<p><b>Skateboarding</b> (KS2)            Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C  <b>Minimum 8. Starting 12th January (5 sessions). £24. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p> <p><b>Homework Club</b> (Yrs 2 - 6)            Run by school staff            Free to attend  <b>To book please go to your compass portal</b></p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p><b>Indoor cricket Club</b> (Years 1-6)            Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 7th January (5 sessions) £24.00</b>  <b>To book: <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/218">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/218</a></b></p> <p><b>Art Club</b> (Years 2-6)            Run by Portraits with Fleur  <b>Starting 7th January (6 sessions) £33.00. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p>
Thursday	<p><b>Football Club</b> (Years 1-6)            Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 8th January (5 sessions) £24.00</b>  <b>To book: <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/219">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/219</a></b></p>
Friday	<p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm  <b>Starting 9th January (6 sessions). £30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/152">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/152</a></b></p> <p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years 4-6) <b>4:00pm-5:00pm</b>  <b>Starting 9th January (6 sessions). £30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/156">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/156</a></b></p>

# Diary Dates 25-26

**NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED**

**Tuesday 12th February—Skipping workshops**

**Wednesday 25th February—Whole school Mass**

**Wednesday 18th March—Creative workshops**

**WB Monday 23rd March—Mission week**

**Wednesday 25th March—Rock Kidz**

**Thursday 26th March—KS2 Theatre trip**

**Wednesday 6th May—Whole school mass**

**WB Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week**

**WB Monday 1st June—Year 4 multiplication check**

**WB Monday 8th June—Phonics check week**

**Monday 22nd June—School closed—INSET day**

**Wednesday 22nd July—Whole school mass**

**We are having an issue with children being picked up late from school. Just a reminder that we have a school run after school club that runs until 5pm everyday.**

**If parents are consistently late to pick up their children, the children will be sent to this after school club located at our pre-school and parents will be charged for this time.**

## **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.



*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.*

# School dinner menu

**AUTUMN/WINTER  
2025 MENU**

**WEEK 1**

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	<b>OPTION 3</b>	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</b>						
<b>DELI</b>	<b>OPTION 4</b>	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱
	<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>					
<b>DESSERT</b>		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱



**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings 🍷🍷



**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 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.

**Chartwells**  
Schools

WALL 10.2024

**AUTUMN/WINTER  
2025 MENU**

**WEEK 2**

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Battered Fish with Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱🍷	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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<b>DESSERT</b>		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack 🌱🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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# School dinner menu

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 3				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🌱	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread 🍷 🌱	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Spanish Vegetable Rice 🍷 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake 🌱	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly 🌱

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Menu 18.2024

## 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

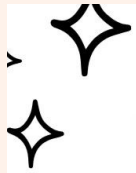
Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 29th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2025

# Community News

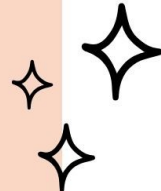


  
Isle of Wight  
Pottery

Starts Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan



## Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

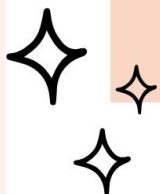


Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£108 for 6 weeks

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at:  
[www.isleofwightpottery.com](http://www.isleofwightpottery.com)



# Community News

FOSMA runs on the time and energy of parent and caregiver volunteers—and we could really use a few more helping hands! From pitching in at events to helping with fundraisers or behind-the-scenes planning, every bit of help goes a long way. Whether you have an hour here and there or want to get more involved, there's something for everyone. Volunteering is a fun way to meet other families, stay connected to the school, and make a real difference for our kids. We'd love to have you join us!

Interested or have questions?

We're also looking for new board members to help guide and run FOSMA. No prior experience is needed—just an interest in supporting the school and working with a great group of families. It's a rewarding way to have a bigger impact and help shape what FOSMA does throughout the year. We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to us anytime at [fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk](mailto:fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk) and we'll help you find a way to get involved that works for you.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of St Marys RC Primary Association (FOSMAIOW) with easy fundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosmaiw/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of St Marys RC Primary Association

(FOSMAIOW) at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of St Marys RC Primary Association (FOSMAIOW) will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

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