



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



14th February 2025

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Sometimes how we feel on the inside can show on the outside and through how we treat others. This week's celebration of the word explores how the way we act plays a part in bringing down or blessing others and inspires children to love our enemies as Jesus told us to.

...love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great.... **Luke 6:35**

Dear families,

I cannot believe we have nearly completed Spring 1! Its been a great start to the year with so much that has happened to enrich the children's learning, such as trips and visits to Historical places, community events such as the street food market and some amazing workshops taking place. Don't worry, there is still more to come! In Spring 2, we will be hosting Rock Kidz again, where the school becomes a venue for all children to work with a live rock band, as well as more trips and visits, including a trip to London! Thank you to everyone who supports us with these wonderful opportunities that allow our children to create a lifelong love of learning and a zest for exploring the world.

After half term, Mrs Hoey will be away from the office due to an operation. In her place will be Mrs Jan Templeton. Mrs Templeton has a vast array of school office experience but will need some time to adjust to the St Mary's office and get to know you all, so please be patient with her. Everything will continue to run as normal so please continue to let us know about absences, any updates about your children etc directly through the school office.

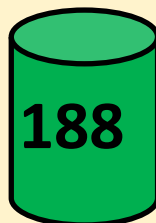
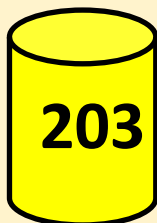
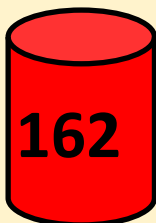
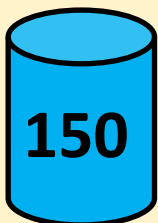
Don't forget, this Friday is our break the rules day! We want to raise as much money as possible to ensure we can continue to fund the large scale opportunities such as Rock Kidz events across the year and we cannot afford to do these things without your support.

I hope you have a wonderful half term. Don't forget to explore the world and continue to read whilst away from school and log this on boom reader.

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to St Martin'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

School news!

U9 Football

The U9 football team recently played Newchurch and despite taking the lead they could not hold on and lost in a scoreline that did not reflect the game. Myself and Mr Jon were so proud of how they played and how much they have improved as a team over the games they played recently.

U11 Girls

The U11 girls have played two fixtures and despite defeats in both games, many playing for the first time have shown improvement and we hope they continue to play! Special mention to Violeta who was super in goal, despite the chilly conditions!

Basketball

The year 6's visited Ryde for a Basketball Cluster Competition. In a number of games the team worked well and improved on



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

SPRING TWO

MONDAY	YEAR SIX & WOODLAND ROOM
TUESDAY	YEAR FOUR & YEAR TWO
WEDNESDAY	EYFS & YEAR THREE
THURSDAY	YEAR FIVE
FRIDAY	EYFS & YEAR ONE

Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **93%**

EYFS = 82% & 0 lates

Year 1 = **97%** & 3 lates

Year 2 = 94% & 8 lates

Year 3 = 95% & 6lates

Year 4 = 87% & 4lates

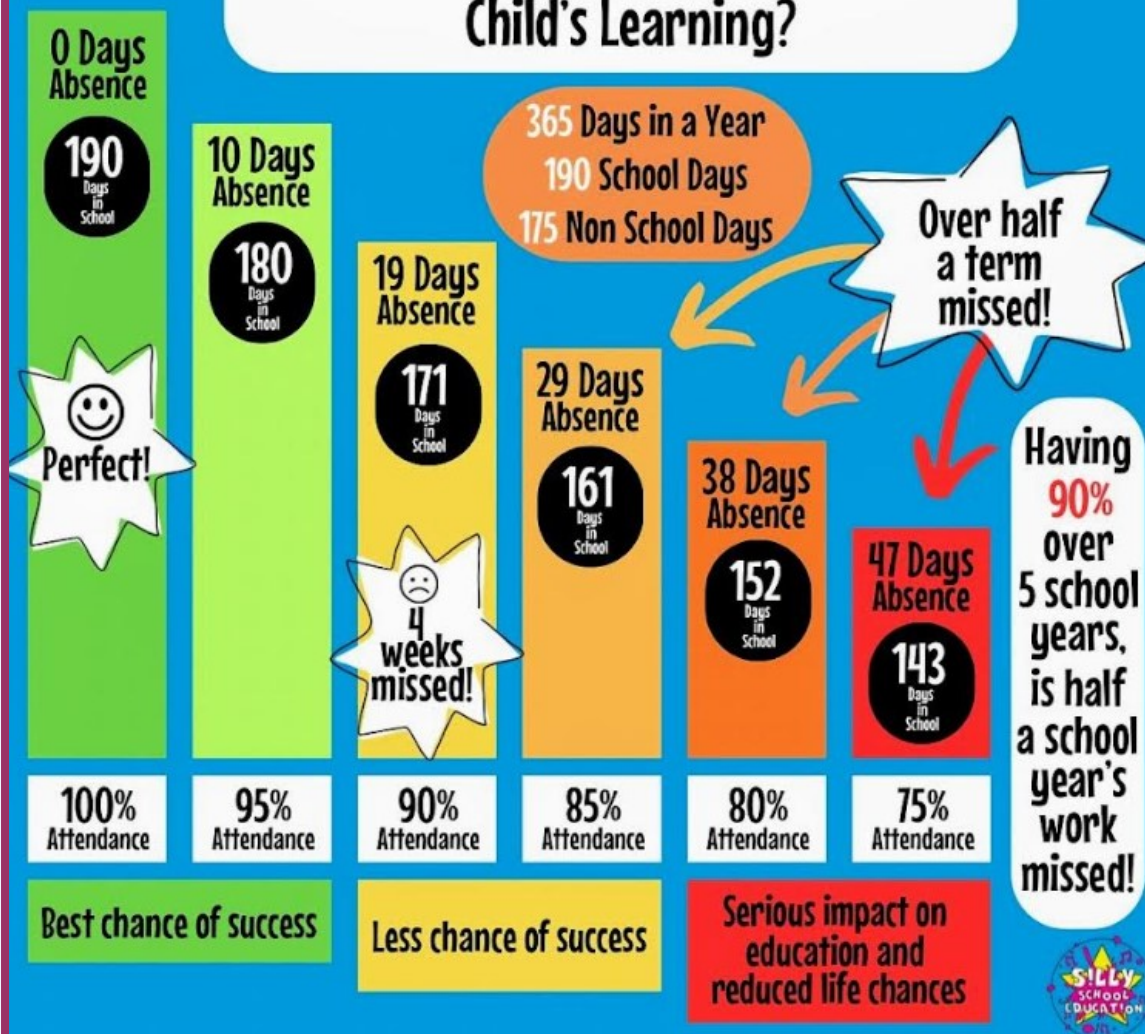
Year 5 = 90% & 3 lates

Year 6 = 97 % & 3 lates

Well done **Year 1!** Great work!



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Thursday 27th February—White tail eagle Yr 2

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—
Half term—school closed.

Thursday 6th March —Yr 5 Ryde Academy

Friday 7th March—World book day

Wednesday 12th March— Yr 3 British Museum

Thursday 27th March—School Mass 9.15am

Tuesday 25th March—Rock kids in school

Monday 1st April—Parents Evening

Tuesday 2nd April—Parents evening

Thursday 1st May—Sailing Yr 5

Friday 2nd May—Mufti day cakes for Randonnee

Tuesday 6th May—Class photos

Monday 19th May—Whole school photo

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

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 

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.

SPRING CLUBS 2 2025

Day	Club offered	Who can attend	Cost	No of children	Dates
Monday	Spanish	KS 2	£24	15	3pm 4.00pm 24 Feb 3 10 17 24 31 March
	Homework	KS 2	£12	12	3pm 4pm
Tuesday	Basketball Netball	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£33	30	3pm 4.30pm
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Yr 1–Yr 6	£33	30	3pm 4.30pm
	Art Club	KS 2	£30	20	3pm 4pm 24 Feb
Thursday	Football	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£33	30	3pm 4.30pm 24 Feb
Friday	Skateboarding	KS2	£36	30	3pm 4 pm 24 Feb
	Llama Drama	KS 2	£30	20	3pm 4pm 28 Feb 7 14 21 28 March 4 April
	Forest School	Yr1-Yr 6	£27	20	3pm 4.00pm

<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/58>

Sports clubs are £4.50 an hour, no more half hour sessions.

Basketball/Netball - <https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/157>

Dodgeball - <https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/158>

Football - <https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/160>

Forest School - <https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/161>

School dinner menu

Chartwells Schools

WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain
Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

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WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Veggie Supreme Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Vegetable Fajita Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
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DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding

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WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette Served with Chips
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DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookie with Fruit	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

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Half Term at Waterstones

Kieran Larwood book signing - Thursday
20th February at 1pm

Kieran will be joining us to celebrate the release of his new book *Dungeon Runners: Sky Battles*, the latest instalment in his action packed adventure series for younger readers. We will have all of Kieran's titles available to purchase and have signed and personalised while stocks last .



Half Term Treasure Hunt For the Golden Scarab – All Week

Children and their parents can use the clues to locate the six scarabs scattered throughout the bookshop. Make a note of the symbols you find and when you've found them all, use the code to crack the hieroglyphics and find the hidden words to win a prize!



Come and join us every
Friday at 10am in the
children's section for
storytime and craft!
Free Entry



Story
Time and
Craft



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



HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

World Cup Days and Multisports day

Fully qualified staff
DBS checked
First aid trained

TO BOOK

SCAN ME



Date

World Cup Day - 18th Feb 25

Multisports Day - 19th Feb 25

World Cup Day - 21st Feb 25



Time

10AM - 2.45PM



Location

St Mary's Primary School, Ryde

£13 Per
Day



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Community News

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!
Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd February



Come and see me at Quay Arts in February!

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at **Quay Arts** during February half term from www.iwstoryfestival.com. It's a chance to meet performers and writers like **Maz Evans** (pictured on the left) creator of **Who Let the Gods Out**, who will be with us on Friday 21st Feb.

After wowing audiences at our **Stories in Schools** in June, poet **Paul Lyalls** returns for the main festival



There is so much to do at the IW Story Festival!



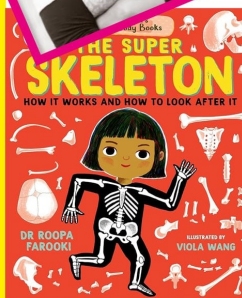
Find out how top **authors** like **M G Leonard**, **Naomi Ishiguro**, **Roopa Farooki** (left), and **Gareth Peter** **create** their books



Be **inspired** by **performances** including **Woodland Tales with Granddad** (pictured on right); **Brutal**, **Pinocchio** and **Asian Dance**



Imagine new characters in the **Secret Library** or with **the roll of dice**, and picture the stories created by storytellers **Steph Brittain**, **Holly Medland** and **Sue Bailey**



Puppet tales from Pickled Image

SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?

A: It's a good idea –they're selling fast! Go to: www.iwstoryfestival.com to buy yours now.

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! There are lots of **hands-on activities** for you to try, including the art of **paper folding**, **drawing dastardly cartoons**, **creating a book scene** and many others.



Pick up a programme from Quay Arts or any library

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

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.

February Half Term

Thursday 20th 10.30 - 1.30

£5, including lunch.

Funded by Heritage Lottery

MUST BOOK - Limited places

Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF "THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS (BENNETT)" IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICAL LTD. ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH LTD. WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICAL.CO.UK



THE HILARIOUS COMEDY PLAY!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

BY ALAN BENNETT

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY KENNETH GRAHAME

SHANKLIN THEATRE
6TH - 8TH MARCH
SHANKLINTHEATRE.COM