



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



31st January 2025

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RE: When Simeon and Anna saw baby Jesus in the Temple, in faith they recognised Him as the Messiah, the fulfilment of God's promise. Children will come to know that Jesus is the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.

For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. **Luke 2:30-32**

Dear families,

We started this week with some great workshops for KS2 that were led by the Mental Health Support Team. They discussed with the children the importance of sleep and what impacts quality sleep, including blue lights and caffeine in chocolate! Please talk to your children about their top tips.

I would like to remind families of our uniform policy. We have a very simple and comfortable uniform that we want all children to adhere to and we want to ensure that children feel part of the St Mary's family and take pride in wearing our uniform. We have noticed that some children are coming in with items that do not adhere to our uniform policy. Trainers are acceptable but these need to be black. Jumpers need to be non branded and plain navy. Hoodies are only allowed for year 6 and they need to be the school hoodies. If children have sensory needs that make uniform difficult, please make an appointment with Mrs Skelley to discuss this. An alternative uniform agreement will need to be discussed during this meeting. Thank you to those families that support our uniform policy each day.

I have been focused on attendance and lateness this week and how this has an impact on academic and social development. We track each child's attendance and lateness daily and contact parents when this needs improving. Just a reminder that children should be in school and sat in class from 8.30am. If children arrive between 8.30 and 8.45am, they will be marked as late. If children arrive after 8.45am, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

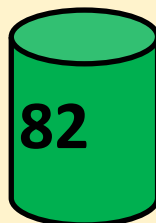
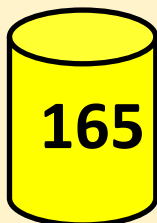
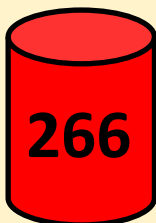
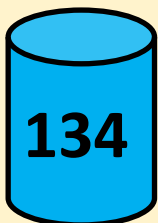
It was wonderful to see so many families at our street food market and to share some amazing cultural dishes! It is so great to celebrate differences within our community.

Have a wonderful 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

School news!

WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU
HAPPY

ALL IOW SCHOOLS MUFTI DAY
7TH FEB 2025

ARLO IS A 16 YEAR OLD FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT, DIAGNOSED WITH A GRADE 4 BRAIN TUMOUR. HIS POSITIVITY SERVES AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR ALL. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS CANCER JOURNEY, HE SIMPLY SAID,

"I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE SAD. I JUST WANT TO BE HAPPY IN THE HERE AND NOW, BECAUSE THAT'S ALL THERE IS."

HIS POSITIVITY THROUGHOUT THIS TIME HAS BEEN INSPIRING - SO LETS UNITE AND WEAR WHAT MAKES US HAPPY AND RAISE FUNDS TO HELP HIS TREATMENT.

Arlo's Family's JustGiving page

SUGGESTED DONATION MINIMUM £1

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

For one day only, the following rules can be broken:

- 1) wear school uniform
- 2) school shoes only
- 3) Healthy snacks only (no nuts still apply)
- 4) No crazy hair
- 5) No soft toys
- 6) No make up or temporary tattoos
- 7) No nail varnish

50p for each rule broken!

We are raising money to develop an outside wellbeing hut.

Friday 14th February 2025

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

SPRING ONE

YEAR SIX

MONDAY

EYFS & YEAR THREE

TUESDAY

YEAR TWO

WEDNESDAY

YEAR FOUR & FIVE

THURSDAY

EYFS & YEAR ONE

FRIDAY

Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **88%**

EYFS = 83% & 2 lates

Year 1 = 95% & 2 lates

Year 2 = 87% & 14 lates

Year 3 = 91% & 12 lates

Year 4 = 90% & 4 lates

Year 5 = **95%** & 12 lates

Year 6 = 80% & 3 lates

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

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

0 Days Absence

190 Days in School



100% Attendance

Best chance of success

10 Days Absence

180 Days in School

95% Attendance

19 Days Absence

171 Days in School



90% Attendance

Less chance of success

29 Days Absence

161 Days in School

85% Attendance

38 Days Absence

152 Days in School

80% Attendance

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

47 Days Absence

143 Days in School

75% Attendance

Having **90%** over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

365 Days in a Year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Sunday 2nd February—School mass @ church 11am

Friday 7th February—Mufti day

Tuesday 4th February —Yr 4 Wild heart Sanctuary visit to school

Wednesday 5th February—Yr 5 Osborne House

Tuesday 11th February—School Mass 9.15

Thursday 13th February— Yr 1 Bread making and Valentines Disco

Friday 14th February—Break the rules day

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

Thursday 6th March—Yr 5 Ryde Academy World book day

Wednesday 12th March— **Yr 3 British Museum**

Tuesday 25th March—Rock kids in school

Monday 1st April—Parents Evening

Tuesday 2nd April—Parents evening

Friday 2nd May—Mufti day cakes for Randonnee

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

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.

SPRING CLUBS 2025

| Day | Club offered | Who can attend | Cost | No of children | Dates |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|------|----------------|---|
| Monday | Spanish | KS 2 | £24 | 15 | 3pm 4.00pm |
| | Homework | KS 2 | £12 | 12 | 3pm 4pm |
| Tuesday | Fun sports | Yr 1 –Yr 6 | £33 | 30 | 3pm 4.30pm 06/01/2025 |
| Wednesday | Multiskills | Recp –Yr 6 | £33 | 30 | 3pm 4.30pm 06/01/2025 |
| | Art Club | KS 2 | £25 | 20 | 3pm 4pm 15/01/2025 |
| Thursday | Football | Yr 1 – Yr 6 | £33 | 30 | 3pm 4.30pm 06/01/2025 |
| Friday | Skateboarding | KS2 | £36 | 30 | 3pm 4 pm |
| | Llama Drama | KS 2 | £30 | 20 | 3pm 4pm Jan 10 17 24 31 Feb 7 14 |
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<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/58>

Sports clubs are £4.50 an hour or £5.50 for an hour and half.

. These are for the 1 hour sessions.

Tuesday 3pm - 4pm - Fun Club

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/145>

Wednesday 3pm - 4pm - Multi Skills

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/146>

Thursday 3pm - 4pm - Football

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/148>

These are for the 1.5 hour session.

Tuesday 3pm - 4.30pm - Fun Club

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/149>

Wednesday 3pm - 4.30pm - Multi Skills

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/150>

Thursday 3pm - 4.30pm - Football

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/151>

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

Chartwells Schools

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 |
| | JACKET POTATO 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 | 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 | 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 |
| | JACKET POTATO 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 | 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 | Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices | Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard | Oat Cookie with Fruit | Lemon Shortbread | Vanilla Ice Cream |

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LOVE IN THE STARS

14TH FEBRUARY
The Island Planetarium
Fort Victoria

5.30pm Show
7.30pm Show

Personalised Show
plus Printed Star Chart
& Fresh Red Rose

LOVE IN THE STARS

14TH FEBRUARY

FREE
PARKING

£20 PER COUPLE

Huxley27@gmail.com

Book
NOW!

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

ISLE OF WIGHT ATHLETICS CLUB

QUADKIDS AND SPORTSHALL

ATHLETICS



**Spring Term Quadkids at the Ray
Scovell Athletic Centre, Fairway,
Sandown**



**Come and join us every Monday term time for Sportshall Athletics at
The Bay CE School, Fairway, Sandown
Every Monday 5:00pm – 5:50pm**



**Qualified UKA Coaches for running,
jumping and throwing providing fun
filled training and events.**

**Yrs 3, 4 and 5 welcome
Membership £18 per year
Junior Club operates term time only
First taster session free - thereafter £2 per session**

for application details contact iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com

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!



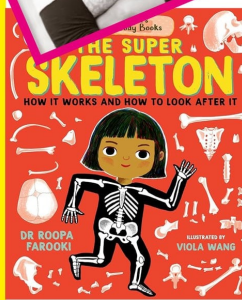
Find out how top **authors** like **M G Leonard**, **Naomi Ishiguro**, **Roopa Farooki** (left), and **Gareth Peter** **create** their books



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



The St Boniface Federation

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maggie Sanderson

Dear Parent / Guardian

27th January 2025

We have a vacancy for a parent governor, which we need to fill. The schools within St Boniface Federation have always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a parent governor.

We are currently looking for a volunteer who has:

- a desire to contribute to the development of the school and its community
- an interest in the performance of the school
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- a willingness to listen, ask questions and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to help make a difference

Whatever your level of knowledge, skills and experience - enthusiasm, interest and a desire to learn are the important factors.

Being a governor can give you:

- a chance to use and develop your own skills and experience
- the opportunity to work within a team
- experience in working in a strategic environment
- a sense of achievement

Training and support is available to help you through the time you serve as a school governor.

Governors will be required to be involved with and visit all three schools within the St Boniface Federation.

The governing board provides strategic direction and supports school improvement. Governors work as a team to oversee and hold the school to account for educational performance and financial probity.

We have half termly Full Governing Body meetings on a Monday evening from 6pm to 8pm and there are also various committees including Finance & Staffing, Curriculum, Pay and Admissions who generally meet during the day.

If you would like more information or an application form please contact the school office in any of the three schools within the St Boniface Federation.

Please return your application form to the school by 12 noon on Monday 10th February 2024.



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