



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



12th December 2024

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RE: This week, the final in our Advent series, children are learning to open their lives to Jesus through their words and actions, as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee. When we open our lives to Him, our actions are an example to others of love, kindness and generosity.

The crowds asked John, "What, then, shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." **Luke 3:10-11**

Dear families

It's been a very busy week at school with some fabulous nativity performances from EYFS and KS1 and we are looking forward to a brilliant carol service for KS2 this evening. Thank you to our families who have supported us this week and shared these amazing experiences with us. The staff have worked so hard to ensure the children feel confident and happy and they really have enjoyed this week.

Next week is school Christmas dinners and we hope to see as many of you as we can.

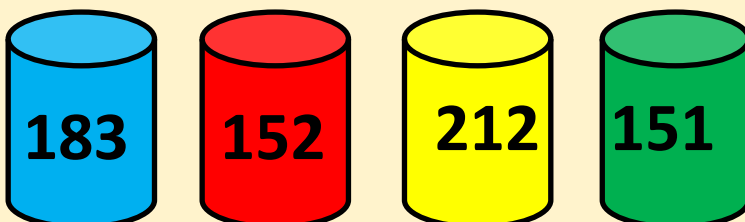
We have decided this year that we will not be taking part in the official Christmas Jumper day. This is because we do not want to put any added pressure on families to buy something that is expensive and that children will normally only wear for a short period of time. We do encourage something 'Christmassy' added to our usual school uniform for when the children have their Christmas dinner. This can be a Christmas jumper if you have one or it could be just some tinsel!

We hope you have a wonderful 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

School news!

Donations

Thank you for all your Raffle raised £170

Nativity and decoration raised £373

Carol concert raised £154

This will be used to purchase some much needed art and science equipment, along with our CAFOD STOCKING.

Nativity



LJR CLUBS

Have now finished for this term there will be no clubs next week.

Homework club has finished to.

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

AUTUMN TWO

MONDAY

YEAR SIX

TUESDAY

EYFS & YEAR THREE

WEDNESDAY

YEAR TWO

THURSDAY

YEAR FOUR & FIVE

FRIDAY

EYFS & YEAR ONE

Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **94%**

EYFS = 83% & 2 lates

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

Year 2 = 94% 6 lates

Year 3 = 98% 10 lates

Year 4 = 92% & 2 lates

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

Year 6 = 96% & 7 lates

Well done **Year 3!** 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

4 weeks missed!

90% Attendance

Less chance of success

29 Days Absence

161 Days in School

85% Attendance

38 Days Absence

152 Days in School

80% Attendance

47 Days Absence

143 Days in School

75% Attendance

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

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

Over half a term missed!

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



Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Tuesday 17th December—R 1 2 Xmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December—3 & 4 Xmas Diner

Thursday 19th December—5 & 6 Xmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December—Carols at Kite Hill

Friday 20th December—Last day of term

Monday 6th January—Spring 1 starts.

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

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  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 Jan10 17 24 31 Feb 7 14

<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 1.5 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>

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Wednesday 3pm - 4pm - Multi Skills

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

Thursday 3pm - 4pm - Football

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

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
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
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
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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WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR

Aspire

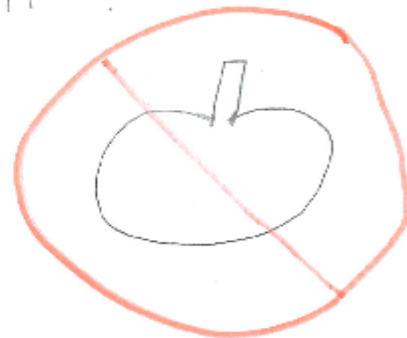
We are collecting:

- canned food
- canned fruit
- toys
- shoes
- cloths



We DON'T want:

- worn/damaged toys
- out of date food
- ripped shoes/cloths
- bear fruits for example:
apples + pears ect



There is a donations box in
the office. Thanks! Mini vines!

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

Friday 15th November 2024

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday, 23rd December -- 11am

St. Mary's Church, Ryde



A Service of Readings, Prayers, Poems, Carols
and a reflection on the characters associated
with the Nativity.

Do come along and celebrate
the Christmas story in words, mime,
song and meditation; and do please
bring a small animal figure to present
to the Christ child in the crib.



Everyone welcome, especially
our children with their families

Community News



CHRISTMAS BARN
14th, 15th, 19th, 21st,
22nd Dec'

Adult entry
£5 - includes
mulled apple
juice and mince
pie

**Gifts and
cards and
art
flapjacks**

19th - Mulled apple
juice, mince pies and
Carols

MORE INFO'
www.naturezones.org.uk
BLACKWATER

KIDZONE
Track down the 10 snowmen to
claim your chocolate
Make a tree decoration £5
Please book this activity on our website
before 8.30am of the day



LJR COACHING

LJR WORLD CUP TOURNAMENTS

SCAN ME



ENTITLED TO INCOME
RELATED FREE SCHOOL
MEALS - APPLY HERE:
[https://forms.gle/t6B51Dzufku
DCqjm6](https://forms.gle/t6B51DzufkuDCqjm6)

Fully qualified staff
DBS checked
First Aid trained

Reception -
Year 8

£13 a day

MONDAY 23RD DEC - 10AM - 2.45PM
FRIDAY 3RD JAN - 10AM - 2.45PM

 **ST MARYS SCHOOL, RYDE**

HAF
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

Community News

SPOTLIGHT IOW
PRESENTS

Sleeping Beauty

THE SPELLBINDING
FAMILY PANTOMIME

SHANKLIN THEATRE

DECEMBER
2pm: 21st-24th, 26th-28th, 30th & 31st
3pm: 28th 6pm: 21st-23rd, 27th, 28th & 30th

JANUARY
2pm: 1st

TICKETS Age 2-4 £17 | Under 16's £18 | Seniors £21 | Adults £24
Party Rates available | Discounts for blue light card holders

Relaxed performance December 29th at 11am
Adapted to create a welcoming and accessible environment for our customers with sensory needs and disabilities

Box Office 01983 868000 shanklintheatre.com