



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



15h November 2024

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RE: Change is a part of life. Sometimes this is welcome: trees bear fruit, children grow to adults. Other changes can be daunting. This week's worship focuses on the unchanging nature of God's word, which is the reason for our hope.

Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. **Mark 13:31**

Dear Families

There has been a real buzz about school this week! I have met with lots of our pupil subject ambassadors, who can confidently talk about their subject passionately and can share what they love about their subject and what brilliant learning is taking place. It is a real joy to hear how much they love learning!

We are still continuing to monitor attendance and lateness across the school and some parents will be receiving letters and asked to attend meetings to discuss absence. Thank you to those families that are trying really hard to ensure their children are in school on time each day.

You would have received letters this week about Christmas lunch for this year. We are doing this over three days so that we can have families join us for this wonderful time of the year. This will take place at the usual lunch time of 12 - 12.45pm. If you are able to join us, please complete the letter and return this to the office.

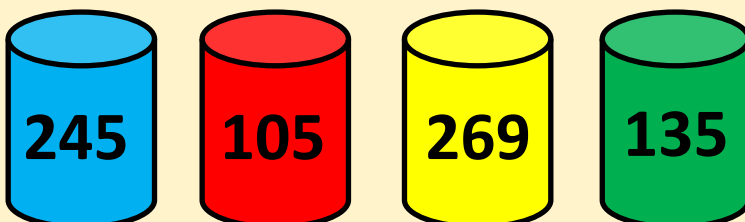
On a different note, we have had some incidents of online safety concerns this week, with children sending concerning messages to each other via whatsapp. Children should be 13 to use this app, which none of our children are. Please can you check and monitor your child's mobile phone use so that we can keep everyone safe.

Don't forget to complete the online safety acceptable use form for your child(ren). The link was sent out this week via dojo and we need this for every child.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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!

Dear families,

It has been brought to my attention that dogs on site are becoming a concern again.

Please can you ensure that you adhere to our no dogs on site rule, even if this is a small dog being carried, this can still make some children nervous.

If you are trying your dogs up outside of the school premises, please make sure they are secure and away from the main entrance to the school.

Many thanks

Mr Broome

School Christmas Dinner

Please return your Christmas dinner slips by the end on next week .

Adult meals must be paid in cash with orders.

Children's meal s can be paid on Scopay as usual.

Monday - Indoor Cricket Club

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/139>

This is the new link for Cricket club

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 **92%**

EYFS = 93% & 3 lates

Year 1 = 91% & 0 lates

Year 2 = 90% 4 lates

Year 3 = 83% 5 lates

Year 4 = 96% & 1 lates

Year 5 = **99%** & 9 lates

Year 6 = 96% & 1 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

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

Thursday 28th November—yr 3 Buster farm trip

Thursday 21st November—yr 6 Bikeability

2nd and 3rd December—parents evenings

Tuesday 10th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (PM)

Wednesday 11th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

Thursday 12th December—KS 2 Carol concert

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.

Autumn 2024 club list

Day	Club offered	Who can attend	Cost	No of children	Dates
Monday	Indoor Cricket	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
	Homework	KS 2	£12	12	3pm 4pm
Tuesday	Netball and Basketball	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
Wednesday	Indoor Athletics	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
	Art Club	KS 2	£35	20	3pm 4pm
Thursday	Football	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
Friday	Skateboarding	KS2	£42	30	3pm 4 pm
	Llama Drama	KS 2	£30	20	3pm 4pm Nov 8 15 22 2 9 Dec 6 13

<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/34>

Monday - Indoor Cricket

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/129>

Tuesday - Basketball/Netball

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/130>

Wednesday - Indoor Athletics

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/131>

Thursday - Football

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/133>

Clubs will run for 7 weeks- sports clubs
please book through LJR.

Homework, Art, and Skateboarding will

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

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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
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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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
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					
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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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Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Think Pharmacy First

You can now take your child to your local pharmacy to get treatment for these five common conditions:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

By going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate).

Get your child on the road to recovery and back to school sooner with support from your local community pharmacy.

Visit our [Pharmacy First web page](#) to find out more.



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

Community News

New Carnival Presents

Merry & Bright Festival of Light

Lantern
Parade
6-7pm

Fri 6th Dec 5-8pm
RYDE TOWN

FREE

Entertainment
Music
Performance
Illuminations
Craft Market
Digital Graffiti
Games
Craft Activities



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STEP INTO CHARACTER: JOIN SUPERNOVAS DRAMA GROUP THIS TERM!

Exciting opportunity in the Ryde area!

This term, our Llama Drama group, Supernovas (for ages 8-12), will be diving into the exciting world of Characterisation!

We'll be working on developing a range of characters inspired by stories, games, and real life. Each session will include drama games, role-play, and in-depth character work, helping children build confidence, teamwork skills, and a love for performance. This is a fantastic opportunity for young actors to experiment, explore, and create memorable characters!

Whether your child is new to drama or already loves performing, they'll find a welcoming, supportive group here at Llama Drama. We're eager to get started and hope they'll join us on this creative journey!

You can book in for this term via:
llamadrama-iow.co.uk or llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io

 4.15-5.15pm

 Fridays



 St Mary's Catholic Primary School
(open to all)

 £30 per term (only £5 per session!)


Get in Touch!

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